

Parish of the Sacred Heart and St Thérèse of the Child Jesus

Welcome to Mass! Do please join in the singing of congregational hymns and enjoy our fellowship.

Thirty-fourth Week in Ordinary Time – Year A1, Psalter 2	
Saturday 25 th November	Deceased members of the
6pm – Vigil Mass of Christ the King	Derbidge and Roche families
Sunday 26th November – Christ the King	Peter Koyikkava and
8.30am – said Mass	Brigit Jacob RIP
10.00am – family Mass	Mafalda Manna RIP
Tuesday 28 th November – 10am Mass	Violet Brown RIP
Wednesday 29 th November – 10am Mass St Cuthbert Mayne	Gail Candy RIP
Thursday 30 th November – 10am Mass <i>St Andrew</i>	Kit Robertson RIP
Friday 1st December – 10am Mass (with the school – readings	Shirley Hipwell
from 1st Sunday in Advent)	
Saturday 2 nd December	
6pm – Vigil Mass of First Sunday in Advent	Cecilia Rooney RIP
Sunday 3 rd December – First Sunday in Advent	
8.30am – said Mass	Joan Wiseman RIP
10.00am – family Mass	Mr and Mrs Peter Matassa

Sacrament of reconciliation: Saturday before Mass 5.15 – 5.45pm.

Pastoral visits for the anointing of the sick are permitted at home, in our care homes and in hospital, so do please contact the parish office as necessary to arrange a visit by the parish priest or EMHC.

*Please notify Fr Ralph or the Ecumenical Team Chaplaincy at Torbay Hospital should you require a visit by a Catholic Priest during your hospital stay, or Father will gladly anoint you before going into hospital.

This Week's Sunday Gospel: The Last Judgement (Matt. 25: 31-46)

This is the last of Matthew's great parables. The world is finally divided into 'the blessed' and 'the cursed'. The great dramatic scene here depicted is that of the Final Judgement of all, but we shall each of us at the moment of death face the judgement of our divine Lord in his glory. This confrontation will be an experience far more awesome and shattering than any description can express, and yet fulfilling and re-assuring. We will know at last in a naked way our own sin and also our own infinite value before the transcendent figure of the Lord. Two striking points are stressed in the parable. Firstly, we will be judged uniquely on our treatment of those in any kind of need. Not first of all on our prayer-life; not on our asceticism; not on penances undertaken; but on our respect for others - how far we look to see what they need and what we can give. The ten commandments of the Old Testament, the eight beatitudes of the New can be summarised in this way: speak the truth, be honest (including financially), honour father and mother (or children), hunger for justice, make peace. The second striking point is the reason for the first: that Christ is in each person. What we do to others, we do to Christ. What does it mean that Jesus is in all other people, especially the stranger, the sick, the comfortless, even those in prison? How does this teaching of Jesus change my attitude to people I despise or avoid or just ignore?

Fr Ralph writes...

<u>PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY</u> and <u>CONCERT</u>: Saturday 9th December 6.30pm onwards. Tickets priced at £10 are now available from Karen Parker (07446035904), £5 for children. Come along for a great evening and join in with songs from Roni's Eclipse Choir and Christmas music, raffle prizes and more. Food and light refreshments available. Bring your own alcoholic drinks.

<u>ADVENT TREE OF LIGHT</u>: this year we will be having an 'Advent Tree of Light' in remembrance of our loved ones at Christmas – we will be selling snowflakes, stars and hearts after weekend masses priced at 50p each for you to write the name of your loved one on.

KSC ADVENT LUNCH: Monday 11th December at the Livermead Cliff Hotel (gather at 12.30pm to be seated by 1pm). Total cost £27.50 and, to avoid being disappointed, fill in the menu and hand it in with the full amount by Friday 1st December. If you wish, you may pay by cash/cheque made out to 'Knights of St. Columba 329'. Menus available from KSC Treasurer, Harry Heighway. For more information contact Maurice on 07555536579. Donations (gifts) for the raffle most welcome!

The Diocese of Plymouth is looking to appoint the following position.

PARISH SECRETARY (PART TIME) - 1 POST

Location: Sacred Heart & St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Paignton Salary: £12.05 per hour (Actual Salary - £4,386.20 per annum)

Hours: 7 hours per week (2 mornings a week)

The Parish Secretary will manage the administrative, secretarial support and the office resources required to ensure the smooth running of the Parish and to enable the Parish Priest to carry out his Diocesan responsibilities. The post-holder will be required to have secretarial or administrative experience and will require good organisational skills together with experience of Microsoft Office, Church Hall Bookings and Invoicing, OPAS Accounts and Gift Aid, and excellent interpersonal skills.

Copies of the job description, person specification and application form are obtainable by calling Jan Holton on 01364 645383 or by emailing recruitment@prcdtr.org.uk. The last date for the receipt of applications will be Monday 4 December 2019 and interviews will be held during week commencing 18 December 2023.

CAFOD UPDATE:

Israeli-Palestinian Crisis – How we can help.

We join Pope Francis' urgent call for peace and an end to the violence in Israel and Gaza. CAFOD was shocked to hear from our partner at Caritas Jerusalem that a staff member along with her child and husband were killed when the hall adjacent to the St Porphyrios Church in Gaza was struck last week. Her sister and two children were also among the casualties. The hall provided refuge for 411 people and five Caritas staff members were present.

Please pray for all those who have lost loved ones, have been injured and displaced, and live in fear as the violence continues.

CAFOD has set up an Israeli-Palestinian Crisis appeal so that we can provide urgent, practical help to families who need it as soon as it's safe to do so.

Find out more about how we can help at <u>cafod.org.uk/emergencies</u>

<u>CHURCH COLLECTION</u>: 18/19 November £638-97. Thank you sincerely for your generosity as ever. Cheques can be made payable to Paignton RC Parish.