



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.

Fourth Week in Ordinary Time – Year B2, Psalter 4	
Saturday 27 th January 6pm – Vigil Mass of the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Fr O'Malley RIP
Sunday 28 th January – Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time 8.30am – said Mass 10.00am – family Mass	Antonietta Macari Pat Kelly RIP
Tuesday 30 th January – 10am Mass	Thanksgiving St. Rita
Wednesday 31 st January – 10am Mass <i>St John Bosco</i>	Jose and Meri Lujan RIP
Thursday 1 st February – 10am Mass	Holy Souls
Friday 2 nd February – 10am Mass <i>Candlemass</i>	Hugh Connors RIP
Saturday 3 rd February 6pm – Vigil Mass of the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Annakutty Chacko RIP
Sunday 4 th February – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time 8.30am – said Mass 10.00am – family Mass	Thomas Timmons The Parish

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: Jesus teaches with Authority (Mark 1:21-28)

The growing authority of Jesus is the theme of the early part of Mark's gospel and today's story is an excellent illustration of this. Jesus has already called the disciples. He calls and they simply follow; it seems that he is a total stranger to them, and yet has such authority that they drop everything to follow him. Now in the synagogue he teaches on his own authority. He does not quote the interpretations of others, as rabbinic teachers did, saying, "Rabbi X says this," "Rabbi Y says that". No, Jesus teaches, "I say to you...". He seems to be master even of the Law. But it is God's Law. Only God has authority over it, so who does Jesus think he is? On one level he is a teacher to be compared with Moses, one who is to come into the world, the teacher prophesied in today's first reading. But he is more than this. To confirm the power of his teaching, he shows what authority he has by overcoming an unclean spirit, wringing from it the snivelling protest, "Have you come to destroy us?" and the acknowledgement that he has a special link with God. What are the qualities of a good teacher? How does Jesus, the good teacher, reveal his authority?

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Fr Ralph writes...

PARISH QUIZZ – Saturday 3rd March, starting at 7pm in the parish hall. Tickets now on sale at back of church.

FEAST OF ST BAKHITA MODERN SLAVERY EVENT: Thursday 8th February 10.30-12.30, Church of the Assumption of Our Lady, Abbey Road, Torquay.

Modern slavery is a serious crime being committed across the UK in which victims are exploited for someone else's gain. It can take many forms including trafficking of people, forced labour and servitude. Victims are often hidden away, may be unable to leave their situation, or may not come forward because of fear or shame. This 2-hour event will hear from a range of speakers about modern slavery in our Diocese and how we are called to respond. There will be practical advice about what to look out for and what we can do if we have concerns. The event will take place on the Feast of St Bakhita, patron of victims of modern slavery, on Thursday 8th February from 10.30-12.30 at the Church of the Assumption of Our Lady parish rooms in Abbey Road, Torquay TQ2 5NJ and will be followed by a free light lunch. Please email caritas@prcdtr.org.uk or call 01364 645425 to register so we can plan catering.

SAVE THE DATE: 'Pray Without Ceasing' - An interactive prayer workshop led by Julia Beacroft for the Year of Prayer. Tuesday 20th February, starting at 10am in the church.

'Why should we pray?' 'Does God always answer our prayers?'

These two important questions are analysed and discussed along with tips to help us to pray. Contemplative prayer and imaginative contemplation are also explored with an opportunity to participate in an imaginative contemplation exercise with feedback and discussion. Guided group work in helping people to pray with others.

SAVE THE DATE: Soul Listening Workshop, **Tuesday 5th March**, starting at 10am with a Service of the Word in Church.

LENT RETREAT DAY ON THE SATURDAY 2nd MARCH 2024 AT ST RITA'S CENTRE, HONITON at 9.30am, led by Fr. Jacek Kostuch.

An opportunity for talks, Exposition, Adoration, Lunch followed by Mass and an opportunity for Confession. Charge for the day, including lunch (3 course meal), is just £25.00. Booking can be made by phone, email or online (www.stritascentre.org/events). If you have any questions, please contact Krista Radzina on 01404 42635 & Payment can be made on the day.

VACANCY – ASSISTANT TO DIOCESAN CARE OFFICER Location: St Boniface House, Ashburton, or a Plymouth Location. Hours: 21 hours a week. Actual salary for 21 hours is £14,400 - £15,400 Closing date: Monday 29th January **KEY RESPONSIBILITIES** Assist the Diocesan Care Officer for Clergy to provide care and support for the sick and retired clergy of the Diocese. Visits to Clergy in their home/care homes to assess their care requirements and/ or current living situation. Maintain regular contact through telephone or email to assess their care requirements and/or current living situation. Conduct risk assessments and check documentation requirements. Report to the Diocesan Care Officer for Clergy any observations or requirements following visits or contact with sick or retired clergy members.

CHURCH COLLECTION: 20/21 January £616-32. Thank you sincerely for your generosity as ever. Cheques can be made payable to Paignton RC Parish.