



## *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.

Third Week of Lent – Year B2, Psalter 3	
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March 6pm – Vigil Mass of the Third Sunday of Lent	Valerie Dobson RIP
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March – Third Sunday of Lent 8.30am – said Mass 10.00am – family Mass	Harry McDermott RIP Skitch family
<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March – 10am Service of the Word Followed by ‘Soul Listening’ prayer workshop</b>	
<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March – 10am Stations of the Cross</b>	
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March – 10am Mass	Violet and Francis Reen RIP
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March – 10am Mass	M. Timmons
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> March 6pm – Vigil Mass of the Fourth Sunday of Lent	Widdicombe family
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> March – Fourth Sunday of Lent 8.30am – said Mass 10.00am – family Mass	Ann Newman Burke RIP Mafalda Manna RIP

**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 note the Parish Office is usually open Wednesday and Friday mornings, 9am to 12 noon.*

*Fr. Ralph's day off is usually on a Monday.*

### **This Week's Sunday Gospel: The Cleansing of the Temple (John 2:13-25)**

According to John, this scene took place at the beginning of Jesus' ministry, on the first of Jesus' four visits to Jerusalem. At each subsequent visit the Temple authorities lay in wait for Jesus, increasingly keen to eliminate him, but unable to do so till his Hour had come. The other gospels place both this incident and all other scenes of Jesus in Jerusalem as the final climax of Jesus' ministry. Whichever is correct, the incident is the basic cause of Jesus' arrest and his tortured death. By his action Jesus had demonstrated that the worship carried out in the Temple had become vain in God's eyes owing to its lack of integrity and must be superseded. To the Temple authorities this was intolerable, and he must be removed. Again, Jesus demanded a complete reversal of standards. His puzzling saying about building the Temple anew in his body was at last understood by his disciples after his resurrection when they realised it meant the Temple that was his Body, the Church. The material building which had been the centre of worship was no longer important. Henceforth all worship would take place in any place, but within the Christian community. The community - or the Church - was now the place of sanctification and of prayer to God. What does it mean to think of the Church as Jesus' Body? What does it mean to you to be a member of Christ's Body, the Church?

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Parish Priest: Fr Ralph Candy

*Fr Ralph writes...*

**Fr. JOHN SMETHURST RIP:** Sincere thanks to all who made the celebration of Fr John's Requiem Mass such a reverential and appropriate gathering for our clergy and laity. Special thanks to Robert and his choir, formed especially for the day, to Trevor and to Kevin who assisted on the sanctuary with great aplomb, to Gail who acted as our charming host to the clergy and family, and to the CWL who served light refreshments before and after Mass with a lovely smile. God bless you all!

**JOHN OWEN RIP:** it's with great sadness that I announce the death of John, son of the late Deacon Joe, who died quite unexpectedly on Monday. Due to a UTI, and the onset of sepsis, his death was unforeseen and came as a complete and brutal shock to us all. I know John was a much-loved member of our community and will be greatly missed. I also know many of you are suffering upon hearing the news of his sudden and tragic death. I know I am. Thankfully, I was able to bless his body and pray over him at his home, including the prayer of commendation. Details of John's funeral will be published next week, but please pray for his faithful and gentle soul.

**CIRCLE OF FRIENDS:** Wednesday March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2pm, in the Meeting Room. All are welcome.

**SOUL LISTENING WORKSHOP:** An interactive prayer workshop led by Julia Beacroft for the Year of Prayer. Join us on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March at 10am** starting with a **Service of the Word** in church.

#### **Romero Trust and CAFOD Joint Event in the Diocese**

Friday, 8<sup>TH</sup> March, 6.30pm Mass, 7.15pm talk.

*Blessed Sacrament Parish, 29 Fore Street, Heavitree, Exeter EX1 2QJ*



March marks the forty-fourth anniversary of the martyrdom of Archbishop and Saint Oscar Romero in 1980.

The Romero Trust commemorates the life and legacy of St Oscar Romero, annually with a keynote talk at St Martin in the Fields in London; this year CAFOD and the Romero Trust are pleased to offer we have been able to host a talk here in the Diocese of Plymouth, with other talks also in Leeds and Glasgow.

Keynote speaker will be international speaker Raymond Perrier, Director of the Denis Hurley Centre in Durban, South Africa. He will be speaking on 'Prayerful & Prophetic Resilience in the Face of Injustice: Archbishops Oscar Romero and Denis Hurley'.

Raymond is an inspirational speaker and will be speaking on 'Prayerful & Prophetic Resilience in the Face of Injustice: Archbishops Oscar Romero and Denis Hurley'.

*If possible, please let us know if you will be attending. For more information call: 01752 258 768 or email: [plymouth@cafod.org.uk](mailto:plymouth@cafod.org.uk)*

#### **A ZOOM LENT COURSE 2024 Friday's at 7pm**

The Parish of All Saints in Teignmouth is again organizing a series of Lenten Talks on Zoom to which anyone is welcome.

8 March -The Woman at the Well, Mrs Deborah Fisher

15 March -The Man born blind, Fr Ignatius Raj SDM

22 March - The Raising of Lazarus, Mr Gerard Gillespie.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83445840521?pwd=K3lKRfVGbnY0eEMzc3pVMVhOcnFCdz09#success>

Meeting ID: 834 4584 0521 Passcode: 862737

**SUNDAY COLLECTION:** 24/25<sup>th</sup> February £645.27. Thank you for your generosity.