



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.

Fifth Week of Lent – Year B2, Psalter 1	
Saturday 16 th March 6pm – Vigil Mass of the Fifth Sunday of Lent	Ted and Josie Derbidge RIP
Sunday 17 th March – Fifth Sunday of Lent 8.30am – said Mass 10.00am – family Mass	Alfred&Cornelia Pearman RIP Frederick Patrick Wright RIP
Tuesday 19 th March – 10am Mass, <i>St Jospeh Solemnity</i> 6pm – Vigil for John Owen	Tommy Lamont RIP
* Wednesday 20 th March – 10am Requiem Mass	John Owen RIP
*Thursday 21 st March – 9.30am Mass	Fr. John Smethurst
Friday 22 nd March – 10am Mass	Winnie Snowden RIP
Saturday 23 rd March 6pm – Vigil Mass of Palm Sunday	Delores Gaynor RIP
Sunday 24 th March – Palm Sunday 8.30am – said Mass 10.00am – family Mass	Kathryn Slater Rudlfo Rossi 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: Exaltation through Suffering (John 12:20-30)

This moving gospel reading is the immediate prelude to the account of the Last Supper and the Passion. In it we witness how Jesus' dread (his soul is 'troubled') is mixed with confidence at what he knows is approaching. In the gospel of John there is no agony in the garden before Jesus' arrest, for in John the story of the Passion is so shaped that it is clearly understood as the triumph of the Son of Man. There is no mention of humiliation or mockery. Jesus remains in control from the beginning (when he permits the guards to take him into custody) until the end (when he calls out that he is ready to die: 'It is complete'). This is all about the hour of the exaltation of the Son of Man, when Jesus is raised up in every sense. All the more important, then, for John to show that, before the Passion, the cost for Jesus was real. He does this with this little dialogue in prayer between Jesus and his Father. This is John's equivalent to the prayer in the garden. The second reading from Hebrews is another variant on Jesus' prayer before his Passion. All these prayers express Jesus' very human fear, his unshakable commitment to his task and his loving confidence in his Father's care. Does Jesus fear death? Do you? What are the grounds for Jesus' confidence? Do you share this confidence?

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Fr Ralph writes...

ST JOSEPH: We interrupt Lent for this special celebration. Foster father of Jesus, patron of the universal church, Joseph enjoys widespread devotion among the faithful. Although his influence has been enormous, the New Testament records not a single word that issues from Joseph's mouth. In the gospel, a puzzled Joseph learns of the pregnancy of his betrothed and receives advice from an angel. This shows a very real example of a man trying to do his part while dealing with the struggles of family life.

JOHN OWEN RIP: John's Requiem Mass will be on Wednesday 20th March at 10am. A gathering will follow afterwards in the church hall; bring along some food to share, teas and coffee provided.

EASTER FLOWERS: a second collection will be taken this weekend and next for the decoration of the church at Easter.

EASTER SERVICES AT SACRED HEART: All are welcome.

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion 24 March, Mass on Saturday at 6pm. Sunday at 8.30am and 10am, **Chrism Mass Wednesday 27 March**, 12 noon at Plymouth Cathedral.

Maundy Thursday 28 March, 7.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by watching at the Altar of Repose. **Good Friday 29 March**, 10am Stations of the Cross. 3.00pm The Lord's Passion. **Holy Saturday 30 March**, 7.30pm The Easter Vigil. **Easter Sunday 31 March**, Mass at 8.30am and 10am

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions), Saturdays 16 and 23 March from 5.15pm – 5.45pm before Mass and there will be a **Service of Reconciliation** with priests from the Deanery at 6pm on Holy Week Monday, 25th March, at Sacred Heart Church, Paignton.

2B1 ON TUESDAY 26th March 7.30pm: Walking with Jesus. Come and worship in Holy Week. At 2b1, we worship in a relaxed atmosphere with friends from different churches. Held @ Goodrington Methodist Church. Goodrington Road, Paignton TQ4 7JT

GREAT BIG DIOCESAN QUIZ – save the date for Friday 10th May at 7pm. In aid of the Catholic Children's Society, Plymouth.

GUIDED AND VOCATIONS RETREATS AT BUCKFAST ABBEY: Guided retreats: Creation retreat 6th-10th May; Gardeners' Retreat 14th-18th October. Vocation Retreat: 17th-19th May. Visit www.buckfast.org.uk/retreats to book.

YOUTH ADVENTURE WEEKEND will be at Grangehurst, Buckfast Abbey, 24th – 26th May. Changing the location has meant that we can offer different adventure activities. We plan to offer caving amongst other activities. This year's theme is 'I am with you' Mt 18:20. In between activities and games, young people will have the chance to explore the scripture and consider ways to communicate with God. This weekend of aimed at 10 – 13 year olds. Cost £100. To book: <https://forms.office.com/e/DkVzq6hTJB>. Contact Saskia: youth@prcdtr.org.uk

A WARM WELCOME: New to the parish? You are most welcome. You are warmly invited to complete a New Parishioner form and return it the office. Should you be interested in signing up for Planned Giving or Gift Aid, please speak to Gail our parish secretary. **SUNDAY COLLECTION:** 9/10th March £645.27. Thank you for your generosity.