



# The Parish of the Holy Family



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## WELCOME TO THE PARISH OF THE HOLY FAMILY

**Our Mass times are displayed below and you are most welcome – please do check the website as times may vary or change**

**Please pray for** parishioners, family & friends, especially those who are sick, those undergoing medical procedures and in hospital and those feeling isolated in these challenging times. Please let me know if you are aware of anyone that would like to receive Holy Communion at home

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)** is available by making an appointment with me, via the Parish Office.

**MASS INTENTIONS** If you would like a Mass celebrated for a particular intention; for someone who is ill or a loved one who has died; in thanksgiving for an answer to prayer or perhaps a private intention, contact Jane in the parish office who will help you find a date and time which suits you. It is traditional to make an offering at the same time. This is simply what you can afford and would like to give. Please note that to comply with GDPR rules we need the permission of the person named if it is to be made public unless they are deceased. *Fr. Philip*

### FOR MASS TIMES IN LOCAL PARISHES Please contact them directly

<b>Sidmouth</b>	Church of the Most Precious Blood 5 Radway, Sidmouth EX10 8T	Tel	01395 513340
<b>Exeter</b>	Sacred Heart 25 South Street, Exeter EX1 1EB	Tel	01392 272815
<b>Exeter</b>	Blessed Sacrament 29 Fore St, Heavitree, Exeter EX1 2QJ	Tel	01392 274724

**Mass Live streaming** from Blessed Sacrament Exeter. Please go to the parish Facebook page Catholic Exeter—see <http://www.blessedsacrament.org.uk/> You don't need a Facebook account to watch the Masses, simply ignore the request from Facebook to log in.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR MONTHLY OFFERINGS** and for your continued generosity to the parish. Many of you know that we are currently not encouraged to count and bank cash donations so the most efficient way for you to give is by standing order. Most of you have now started using this method and we are incredibly grateful. It saves us time and eliminates the need to count cash and make journeys to the bank in these difficult times and it's a coronavirus free transaction!! Mandate forms are available by emailing the parish office. Thank you!

# Mass Times in the Parish this month

**Check out Pope Francis' daily tweets on Twitter** 'Monks and nuns are the beating heart of the proclamation of the Gospel: their prayer is oxygen for all the members of the Body of Christ, the invisible force that sustains the mission'



## Fourth Week of Easter Psalter 4

<b>Saturday 29 April</b>	5.00 pm	Parish
<b>Sunday 30 April</b> <i>World Day of Prayer for Vocations</i>	10.00 am	Archibald Dominic & Eliza Smith Sligo RIP (F)
<b>Tuesday 2 May</b> <i>St Athanasius Bp Dr</i>	<b>No mass</b>	
<b>Wednesday 3 May</b> <i>St Philip and St James Apostles</i>	<b>No Mass</b>	
<b>Friday 5 May</b>	<b>No Mass</b>	

## Fifth Week of Easter A Psalter 1

<b>Saturday 6 May</b>	5.00 pm	Parish
<b>Sunday 7 May</b>	10.00 am	Jim Gegg RIP
<b>Tuesday 9 May at St. Peter, Prince of Apostles</b>	<b>No mass</b>	
<b>Wednesday 10 May</b>	<b>No mass</b>	
<b>Friday 12 May</b>	2.00 pm	Jaime & Annette's intentions

## Sixth Week of Easter A Psalter 2

<b>Saturday 13 May</b>	5.00 pm	Nicholas Cant RIP
<b>Sunday 14 May</b>	10.00 am	Parish
<b>Tuesday 16 May at St. Peter, Prince of Apostles</b>	11.00 am	Philip Thomas Ringrose RIP
<b>Wednesday 17 May</b>	11.00 am	Anna Walsh RIP
<b>Thursday 18 May</b> <i>The Ascension of the Lord</i>	11.00 am	Sr. Dolores Murphy 70 years religious life.
<b>Friday 19 May</b>	2.00 pm	Alex Quane RIP

## Seventh Week of Easter A Psalter 3

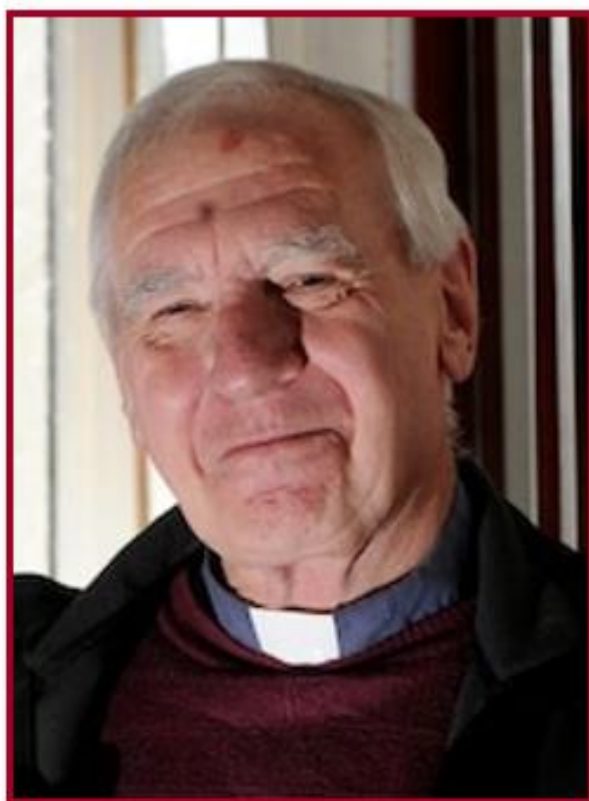
<b>Saturday 20 May</b>	5.00 pm	Anna Walsh RIP
<b>Sunday 21 May</b> <i>World Communications Day</i>	10.00 am	Parish
<b>Tuesday 23 May St. Peter, Prince of Apostles</b>	11.00 am	
<b>Wednesday 24 May</b> <i>St Aldhelm of Sherborne Bp</i>	11.00 am	UCM
<b>Friday 26 May</b> <i>St Philip Neri Pr</i>	2.00 pm	Sr. Patricia Mary Mahoney 75 years religious life
<b>Saturday 27 May</b> <i>Vigil of Pentecost</i>	5.00 pm	Sr. Gabrielle Higgins 75 years religious life.
<b>Sunday 28 May</b> <i>Pentecost Sunday</i>	10.00 am	Paish

THE PARISH OF THE HOLY FAMILY

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF

## **Bishop Christopher**

who died on April 1st. 2023



### **Reception of the Body**

Sacred Heart Church, Exeter  
Thursday May 4th. at 5.00.p.m.

### **Requiem Mass**

Sacred Heart Church, Exeter  
Friday May 5th. at noon

The mass will be live streamed at -

[Sacred Heart livestream address:](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqZLydKWQ6CqG2utRNBeKmA>

## Obituary: Bishop Christopher Budd

Hugh Christopher Budd was born in Romford on the 27<sup>th</sup> May 1937 to John and Phyllis Mary Budd. He was one of six children of whom his sister Jean is his only surviving sibling. The relationship with his siblings was of great importance to him and this closeness continued even when the circumstances of his own training and post ordination responsibilities meant the family were not physically near to each other.

Having begun his education at Hornchurch and moving to the Salesian College at Chertsey in 1949 he then moved to Cotton College a junior seminary in 1953, moving on to St Thomas's Seminary, Grove Park before moving finally to complete his studies at the Venerable English and Welsh College in 1956. Here he remained until his ordination in the Church of Our Lady of the Snows at Palazzola on the 8<sup>th</sup> July 1962.

After further studies to become a Doctor of Theology, he remained in post at the College as the tutor in Theology until 1971 during the massive changes which were happening in the Church and which, as a seminary professor, he was hugely important in enabling to become a part of the priests formation at that time. From here he returned to England, not to parish life but to the role of Theology Lecturer at Newman College until 1976 at which time he was appointed as Head of Training for the Catholic Marriage Advisory Council, a role he continued until his appointment as Rector of St John's Seminary, Womersley in 1979.

This important role in the formation of men (who are now leading members of the Church both as clergy and laymen) he fulfilled with great integrity and understanding for 6 years. Finally, after so many years of working outside of parishes but helping others to work within them, it seemed like he might now be able to enjoy a more pastoral life as he was appointed as Administrator of Brentwood Cathedral, his home diocese in 1985 but, after a few short months, this was brought to an end when he was called by Pope John Paul II to become the eighth bishop of Plymouth succeeding Bishop Cyril Restieaux who had himself carried the crozier for many years previously.

Little did Bishop Christopher know that he was to be the Bishop of this very sprawling, rural diocese for some 28 years. In that time he proved himself to be a man of great compassion and understanding, one who sought to involve himself in the life of this very unique corner of the United Kingdom. His work with his fellow Christians can never be underestimated, forging links and relationships, which have stood the test of time. As recognition of this, the Anglican Diocese of Truro invited him to take up a chair as an honorary canon, which he was very happy to accept. It reinforced the vision he held of a Church bearing witness to the truth of the Gospel by working and praying together wherever it was possible without compromising the integrity of any of those involved.

This strong sense of empathy and integrity stood him in great stead in the many areas of the wider Church and world in which he was called to minister. He was a member of the Department for Social Justice of the Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales and, between 2002 and 2010, a Director of the Catholic Agency for Social Concern, now a part of Caritas. He was also, for many years, the Chairman of the Catholic Bishops Joint Committee on Bio- Ethical issues for the whole of the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland.

In his long and sincere ministry to the people of the Plymouth Diocese he had to steer through waters that were new and uncharted. The falling number of priests, dwindling congregations, the international clerical abuse scandal, all these Bishop Christopher had to encounter, as did all bishops of any diocese anywhere in the western world. These he faced with honesty and a genuine humility.



He sought to inspire and enable his people and his clergy through opportunities to meet and reflect together. The RCIA summer school in 1991 was a highlight of liturgy, reflection and learning which had a profound effect on parishes across the three counties and still does today. The Diocesan Assembly in 2004, though not of the same level of overall effect, gave people a real sense of being listened to and heard.

His involvement in Pilgrimage with his people took him to Taize, Lourdes, Landevennac, Oberammergau and Fulda in mainland Europe as well as journeying to the Holy Land. These pilgrimages often continued his ecumenical spirit and were signs of this commitment. His visiting of the diocesan priests working abroad most especially in Kenya but elsewhere in the world reinforced that sense of the universality of the Church. And his special concern for the poor informed his mission and ministry and from this developed a draft mission statement and covenant with the poor.

Bishop Christopher was, and continued to be into his retirement, a man of genuine goodness. A kind man, a man of gentle humour and humble gratitude for whatever he received. His priests did not dread his visitations as perhaps some priests in other diocese and in other times may have done. His desire was always to encourage and enable. He knew his priests and sought to be a father and, as much as a bishop can be, a friend. He loved his people and they, in so many ways, reciprocated the sentiment.



When, after 2 years beyond his retirement age, he was finally able to lay down his crozier he stepped into retirement. He chose to retire on the 9<sup>th</sup> of October 2013, the Feast Day of St John Henry Newman. He then began to enjoy the quiet pastoral life that he had never been free to enjoy throughout his long and varied ministries spent enabling others to minister in the very places he was not free to. He was always ready to supply for priests in their parishes to enable them, that word again, to find time for relaxation and recuperation. He lived in peaceful retirement in the winter on St Mary's in the Scillies or in the spring and summer at the Catholic Church In Lyme Regis. It was only in the last year that he withdrew from the winter residence when his health began to become more of an issue. His patience with the various treatments he underwent as he struggled with his cancer was an inspiration in itself. His lack of self pity, his good humour and humility to the last was a blessing to all those who cared for and loved him.

He will be greatly missed by so many, he was a true example of genuine faith, genuine hope and genuine love. He died in the early hours of Saturday April 1<sup>st</sup> aged 85. May he rest in peace and rise in glory. By Fr Mark Skelton

## VOCATIONS SUNDAY 30th April 2023 60th World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Let us Pray...

God our Loving Father, you called me by name through the sacrament of Baptism to holiness. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, you made me the temple of the Holy Spirit.

Lord, are you calling me to be a priest, religious, consecrated, married or single?

Grant me the grace to respond to the calling 'Go out to the whole world and proclaim the Good News to all the nations.'

Guide me in every step I take in life and lead me in every decision I make in responding to your call. Make me and mold me into the living image of Christ your Son, who was ever close to those in need. I make this prayer through Christ our Lord, Amen.

[www.ukvocation.org/vocations-sunday](http://www.ukvocation.org/vocations-sunday)

### ENCOUNTER - DISCIPLESHIP - MISSION

In 1964, Pope Paul VI, launched the Vocations Sunday, which since then we celebrate on the fourth Sunday of Easter, also called as Good Shepherd Sunday. This year it is on the 30th April 2023, which marks the 60th Anniversary of World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

As Catholics and people of God we all know that God is calling us and has a plan for each of us. He called each of us by name through our Baptism to holiness. He continues to call and cry out to us each day to be his disciples, some to the married life, some to the priesthood, some to religious life or to live as kind single people. There is nobody who is not being called. What is God calling you for?

Along with the whole Church, let us pray for vocations today. Let us take time to stir the hearts and minds of the people around us to think about the topic of Vocation. The National Office for Vocation (NOV) invites you to talk and encourage young children, grandchildren, students, family members to respond generously to the calling of the Lord.

If you can donate to support vocations, please email: [giving@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:giving@prcdtr.org.uk) Telephone: 01364 645460 Thank you



**The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord on Thursday 18th May is a Holyday of Obligation. Mass will be celebrated at Holy Ghost at 11.00 am.** Please check the other churches in our Diocese for alternative mass times.

*“But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth.” And when he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, and said, “Men of Galilee, why*

*do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”*  
*Acts of the Apostles 1:8-11*

*The ascension of the Lord signified the completion of his time on earth, which is celebrated by the Church forty days after the Resurrection and ten days before the Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit.*

*Our Lord Jesus Christ gave us hope by promising that “when I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also” (John 14:3).*

## RISE TO OUR CAUSE

**on Ascension Thursday, 18 May 2023  
at Buckfast Abbey**

- **Holy Mass at midday**
- **2 course lunch**
- **Guest speaker—**  
Rear Admiral Chris Snow CBE,  
Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Devon
- **Raffle**

**Please join the Catholic Children’s Society  
(Plymouth) to help vulnerable children and  
families**

**TICKETS £30**

01364 645420—[ccs@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:ccs@prcdtr.org.uk)  
or through your parish



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**50 DAYS AFTER EASTER, Pentecost is the Feast Day of Holy Ghost Church, a day which we traditionally celebrate together. Let us remember our parish family, pray for each other, and pray for the courage to step out of our usual comfort zones to spread the Good News we have been freely given.**

*'Taking a closer look at the day of Pentecost, Pope Francis said that the first*

*task of the Church is proclamation. The Spirit does not want the Apostles to be locked in upper rooms where it is easy to "nest". Rather, He "opens doors and pushes us to press beyond what has already been said and done, beyond the precincts of a timid and wary faith."* Pentecost 2020

*'The Church of Christ is always, so to speak, in a situation of Pentecost: she is always gathered in the Upper Room in prayer, and at the same time, driven by the powerful wind of the Spirit, she is always on the streets preaching'* (St. John Paul II. June 8, 2003).

The Youth Events E-Newsletter is a great way to keep in touch with Diocesan youth events.

To get in touch please email **Saskia:**  
[youth@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:youth@prcdtr.org.uk)

Tel 01364645401



Thank you for your donations to dandeliontime - *the focus of our Lenten Appeal this year.*

*There are still some leaflets in the Cloister for you to pick up if you can contribute towards this excellent cause.*

[www.dandeliontime.org.uk](http://www.dandeliontime.org.uk)  
[info@dandeliontime.org.uk](mailto:info@dandeliontime.org.uk)

Charlton Lane, West Farleigh,  
Maidstone, Kent, ME15 0NY  
Tel 01622 814001

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[dandeliontime.org.uk](http://dandeliontime.org.uk)

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Elmscroft Cottage, Charlton Lane,  
West Farleigh, Kent. ME15 0NY

**Vision: 'To Live the Gospel by following Christ's Command to love our neighbour as He loved us'**

Caritas Diocese of Plymouth's annual review <https://heyzine.com/flip-book/1b4e58a4d0.html> sets out our work across the Diocese in 2022 and our plans for 2023. Caritas aims to be a witness to the Gospel by encouraging and initiating Catholic social action. We support the network of charities, schools and parishes to help those who are poor, vulnerable and marginalised. Our work is informed by [Catholic Social Teaching \(CST\)](#) inspired by the Gospels and the words of Jesus Christ. Our focus is on education and formation; encouraging and supporting parishes and schools to reach out with those in difficult circumstances including children and families, those who are elderly, isolated or vulnerable, refugees and migrants and those who are homeless. We work closely with and through existing Catholic and other partner charities. [SVP](#), [Stella Maris](#) and [CCS\(P\)](#) are part of our managing committee and help guide our path. If you have any questions, would like to get more involved or would like support in developing local projects, please get in touch: [Caritas@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:Caritas@prcdtr.org.uk) 01364 645421.

**OUR GOSPEL SHARING GROUP...** *'You are invited to join us at Gospel Sharing in which we read through the readings for the following Sunday Masses and then share our thoughts on what "these readings say to us". The discussions that follow are friendly and informal and very helpful to our understanding of the scriptures. We meet in St. Anne's Cloister on **TUESDAY AFTERNOONS at 2.00pm** for about an hour.*

**Praying together** ...there is a new Ecumenical charismatic prayer group now meeting at Holy Trinity Church on the third Monday of the month at 2.30 pm. All welcome. Next meeting Monday 20th March

Zoom out



St. Rita's Centre, Honiton, Devon

## FEAST OF ST. RITA OF CASCIA

### Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2023

Mass at 12 noon  
followed by the Blessing and  
Distribution of Roses for the sick  
3pm Benediction

Principal Celebrant:

Monsignor Canon Daniel McHugh

You are all very welcome to join us, hot drinks available all day. Please bring a packed lunch.

Two shops will be open that day for sale of religious articles; you can also make your order on our website and collect your items on site on the feast day.



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**Our '2 person' cleaning team desperately needs your help!!**. They aim to come on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of every month after the morning mass for about an hour. Everyone welcome, do come and stay for coffee afterwards. Thank you for supporting them – even once!

**UCM Meetings** are every two weeks at 2.00pm in the Holy Ghost church hall, Exmouth. We welcome new members. Next meeting on 4th May a Talk By Bill Morrell. May 18th Flower Demo. 1 June Talk by the Exmouth Food Bank

**THE KNIT & NATTER GROUP meet again on 1st May** in Holy Ghost Hall do pop in and join them. Knit n Natter future date for your diary is June 5th. All welcome. No knitting qualifications required!!

**The Craft Club** meet monthly 10.00 am –

12.00 pm in Holy Ghost Hall. The next date is 3rd June. New members welcome – watch this space for more dates.

**Donations for votive candles** - please help us by operating a 'credit system' to eliminate coin-counting. May we suggest a minimum £5 note for 6 months (30 candles) or £10 note for 12 months (60 candles). THANK YOU

**Coffee is being served! Do join us after mass on Sundays and at St. Peter, Prince of Apostles** on the first Tuesday of the month. We are working hard towards being a coin-free parish so on the occasions where refreshments are paid for, a pre-paid loyalty card (costing £10.00.) will provide for coffee-tea-biscuits for 6 occasions.



# Living Theology 2023



Friday 16th June - Sunday 18th June 2023

The theme for the weekend will be:

## *'The Future of the People of God - The Synodal Church & Ecclesial Ethics'*

Dr. Liam Hayes, Director, Centre for Ecclesial Ethics, Margaret Beaufort Institute of Theology, Cambridge & priest of Brentwood Diocese

Dr. Anna Abram, Principal, Margaret Beaufort Institute of Theology, Cambridge

From 5.00pm on Friday 16th June 2023 finishing after lunch on Sunday 18th June, the residential cost covers bed and full board (two nights, Friday, Saturday) plus all lectures and plenaries, with access to Ammerdown's extensive facilities. **Cost:** £330 single occupancy, £290 p.p for two people sharing.

**Non-residential:** Covers lectures, plenaries, liturgies, communal living during the day, lunch and evening meal, but does not include bed or breakfast. **Cost:** £190

**Please email [ltammerdown@gmail.com](mailto:ltammerdown@gmail.com) with any enquiries & for booking form.**



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**THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS OF FOOD & TOILETRIES TO THE FOOD BANK.** There is a basket in St. Anne's Cloister for you to leave your gifts.

**Are you planning a Baptism this year?** Please contact the Parish Office for 'what to do next'. I am particularly grateful to Jacqui Doak for her help in preparing parents to bring their child for Baptism.

**As a Parish, the safety of our children is paramount. Please accompany your children at all times.** Sad though it may seem to have to point out, there could be dangers when children are left unsupervised in the parish grounds. Sad though it seems to have to draw attention to this, there is not only the risk of a traffic accident if a youngster were to run into the road but we must also be aware that there are individuals who do not have the wellbeing of children as a priority.



## Marriage Matters

### June 17, Midday, A Mass for Marriage.

We will have a Mass to celebrate marriage again this year at Plymouth Cathedral.  
Please pray for this event and save the day.

Send us your anniversary dates to add to the Order of Service - whether you have been married for one week or sixty + years.

Let us know too when your wedding is planned to take place if you are engaged.  
Light refreshments will be provided and (not so light) wedding cake.  
For more information please contact me on

[deborah.vanKroonenburg@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:deborah.vanKroonenburg@prcdtr.org.uk)

### Marriage Sponsors

Are you a married couple, committed to the Catholic vision of marriage and family?  
To learn more about being a Sponsor Couple to engaged couples preparing for this vital vocation, two free Webinars are available through *SmartLoving*.

Wednesday, 3 May - 11.00 am

Tuesday, 6 June - 11.00 am

Please contact me for more information or to Register for one of these days. Contact me too if you would like to find out more about *SmartLoving Marriage* resources, including Catholic Marriage Preparation; Marriage Enrichment and *Breakthrough* resources for marriages in stress.

Other resources to support marriage and family life are now also available from *Sycamore* Marriage Enrichment: "Growing in Faith Together": for Engaged and Married Couples (4 weeks).

<https://www.sycamore.fm/pathways/b-formation-pathways/growing-in-faith-together/>

*Franciscan online* also offer workshops on marriage and family life and parish marriage ministry. Contact me for access to their workshops, webinars and the Catechetical Review.  
An example is given here in a free online article for non-subscribers -

<https://review.catechetics.com/way-and-witness-holy-marriage>

I also recommend Loving4Life marriage retreats, for more information on these see  
<https://www.loving4life.co.uk> or contact [jane.deegan@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:jane.deegan@dioceseofshrewsbury.org)

# AN INVITATION TO FAMILIES IN OUR PARISH

## FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST COMMUNION 2023

I am very grateful to Fr. Jonathan and the Exeter parishes for inviting us to engage with **GIFT**.

**GIFT** is an exciting way of supporting families to engage with their faith. Whether you are already engaged with your faith and the Church, looking for a way to become more engaged or **seeking the Sacraments for your child, GIFT is for you**. Encouraging you to pray, talk about faith issues, and have more family time together is good, but we believe it is not enough. We want to provide a place for you to learn what engaging with your faith actually looks like and then give you the opportunity to do it!

**Saturday family sessions** Families are invited to come along on the first Saturday of each month (mostly) at St. Nicholas Catholic Primary Academy, Ringswell Avenue, Exeter EX1 3EG. The sessions are engaging, spirit-filled and fun, and they are for all the family – even Grandma! We celebrate Mass, enjoy a time of fellowship and refreshment before sharing catechesis and activities. Each month we explore a different topic e.g., The Saints, Epiphany, Lent, Holy Week.

### **Faith Formation for parents**

Each month we gather online (Zoom) with parents and catechists to explore our faith. These sessions are designed to help parents grow in their own faith, enabling them to lead their family on their journey of faith.

### **Virtual Resources**

We also send home resources each month which families use on their own, exploring aspects of our Catholic faith.

### **Join the GIFT Family**

To register for GIFT and to receive regular updates and information about our family catechesis, please complete the form on the website. We look forward to welcoming you.

<https://www.blessedsacrament.org.uk>

### **GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER**

For more info contact:-

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Telephone: 01392 274724

Email: [exeter-heavitree@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:exeter-heavitree@prcdtr.org.uk)

<https://www.blessedsacrament.org.uk>

Please let me know if you when you will be starting.

God bless you

*Fr. Philip*

**Forward Planning**      Wednesday 7 June 2.00 pm

Fr. Philip invites you to join him for coffee & cake (or tea if you prefer!) on Wednesday 7th June at 2.00 pm. He would like to chat to you informally about funeral planning. You will have the opportunity to ask questions and make an appointment with him if you wish to talk personally about your funeral requests.



