



# 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
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<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** 'When we encounter difficulties in living and proclaiming the Gospel, we may be tempted to grow discouraged. But Jesus grants us the grace we need to continue on the path of Christian life with faithfulness and perseverance'



## Twenty Fourth Week of Ordinary Time A1 Psalter 4

<b>Saturday 16 September</b>	5.00 pm	Parish
<b>Sunday 17 September</b>	10.00 am	Beatrice Peacock RIP
<b>Tuesday 19 September at St. Peter, Prince of Apostles</b>	11.00 am	Guild of St. Emilie de Rodat
<b>Wednesday 20 September</b> <i>Funeral Mass</i>	11.00 am	Marguerite Duncan RIP
<b>Friday 22 September</b> <i>Dedication of the Cathedral</i>	2.00 pm	Sr. Simone RIP

## Twenty Fifth Week of Ordinary Time A1 Psalter 1

<b>Saturday 23 September</b>	5.00 pm	Parish
<b>Sunday 24 September</b>	10.00 am	Josephine Mary Williams RIP (F)
<b>Tuesday 26 September at St. Peter, Prince of Apostles</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>	
<b>Wednesday 27 September</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>	
<b>Friday 29 September</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>	

## Twenty Sixth Week of Ordinary Time A1 Psalter 2

<b>Saturday 30 September</b>	5.00 pm	Parish
<b>Sunday 1 October</b>	10.00 am	Harry & Margaret Gerry RIP (F)
<b>Tuesday 3 October at St. Peter, Prince of Apostles</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>	
<b>Wednesday 4 October</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>	
<b>Friday 6 October</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>	

## Twenty Seventh Week of Ordinary Time A1 Psalter 3

<b>Saturday 7 October</b>	5.00 pm	Sheila & Walter Kevern RIP (F)
<b>Sunday 8 October</b>	10.00 am	Parish
<b>Tuesday 10 October at St. Peter, Prince of Apostles</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>	
<b>Wednesday 11 October</b>	11.00 am	For Maggie & Phil
<b>Friday 13 October</b>	2.00 pm	Sr Maria Herranz Embid RIP

**WELCOME TO ALL OUR VISITORS**

**Please join us for complimentary coffee & a chat after mass on Sunday**



"Walking with Jesus to be the best we can be"

Please pray for all our young people returning to school, college and university this month.

If you would like to see the latest news from St. Joseph's please click the link on our website.

NEW... Children's Liturgy Group - starting Sunday 3rd September during the 10.00 am Mass. This will continue the 1st Sunday of every month. My thanks to Mary & Bill Morrell for facilitating this for me.

## Diocese of Plymouth, Youth Events Youth Rally

Save the Date: 23rd September 2023



Groups of 6; Under 11's (min age 6) and 11 to 17  
Held at St Rita's, Honiton  
School, parishes or social groups welcome  
Contact Saskia: [youth@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:youth@prcdtr.org.uk) to express interest



## Diocese of Plymouth, Youth Events

Will you be in Year 8, 9, 10 or 11 in October 2023?

Fancy asking people about what life is like for them as a refugee or asylum seeker?  
Explore what Jesus meant by Love your neighbour as yourself.



**Social Justice Residential,**  
20th - 22nd October 2023, St Rita's, Honiton  
Contact Saskia: [youth@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:youth@prcdtr.org.uk) to express interest



Join us at the Youth Rally – please let me know if you would like to join a team.

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.



‘Constantly seek His face’ is the theme for our Advent Day of Reflection at Buckfast Abbey. Do join me on Tuesday 5th December and enjoy time for reflection, mass together and a tasty lunch in the Conference Centre. The costs are subsidised by the parish.

If you would like to come please make a cheque payable to PRCDTR Holy Family Exmouth for £28.00. Spaces are limited due to the size of the room available so will be offered on a *first come basis*.

There is the opportunity to stay extend your time at Buckfast and stay at Northgate House on the evenings of 4th & 5th December. If you would like to do this, then please contact Northgate directly and make a reservation.

Closing date for bookings is 24th November.

**Stay Awake, 2024!** Our all-age, all-day faith event is on **Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> April** at All Saints Church of England Academy, Wyke, Weymouth. Details later but please **save the date!**

**LADIES LUNCH CLUB...** on Wednesday 20 September, after the 11.00 mass – bring a packed lunch and lets’ talk about a starting a monthly lunch date for anyone and everyone. We can share ideas, choose where to go, and see if there is an appetite for ‘meeting & eating’ together once a month!!! All welcome & why not bring a friend along too!!

### ***Franciscan at Home***

Would you like to spend an hour a week online, sharing insights on the gift of Baptism, or exploring ‘what it means to be a disciple of our Eucharistic Lord’? These *Franciscan at Home* workshops centre on topics which are important to all of us and all are welcome. Join us in an online group, Mondays at 7.30 pm, Wednesdays at 7.00 pm, or both; beginning on September 11, to pray, listen and reflect.

More workshops are available in Truro on Thursdays (online) and Sclerder Abbey on Wednesdays (live meeting).

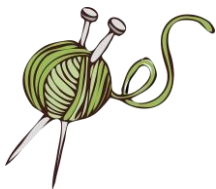
For a link or further information contact [deborah.vankroonenburg@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:deborah.vankroonenburg@prcdtr.org.uk)



**THANK YOU.** Our cleaning team would like to thank everyone who recently signed up to join them. They come on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of every month after the morning mass (excluding October) for about an hour. Everyone welcome, do come and stay for coffee afterwards. Thank you for supporting them – even once! See you on 1st November! This will be followed by a meeting in the dining room.

**COME AND MEET 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 an Ecumenical charismatic prayer group now meeting at Holy Trinity Church on the third Monday of the month at 2.30 pm (except August) All welcome.



**THE KNIT & NATTER GROUP meet again on 4th September** in Holy Ghost Hall do pop in and join them. All welcome. No knitting qualifications required!! Future diary dates.... 2nd October & 6 November

**THE CRAFT CLUB** meet monthly 10.00 am – 12.00 pm in Holy Ghost Hall. The next dates are 4th November and 2nd December. New members most welcome



**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.

**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.

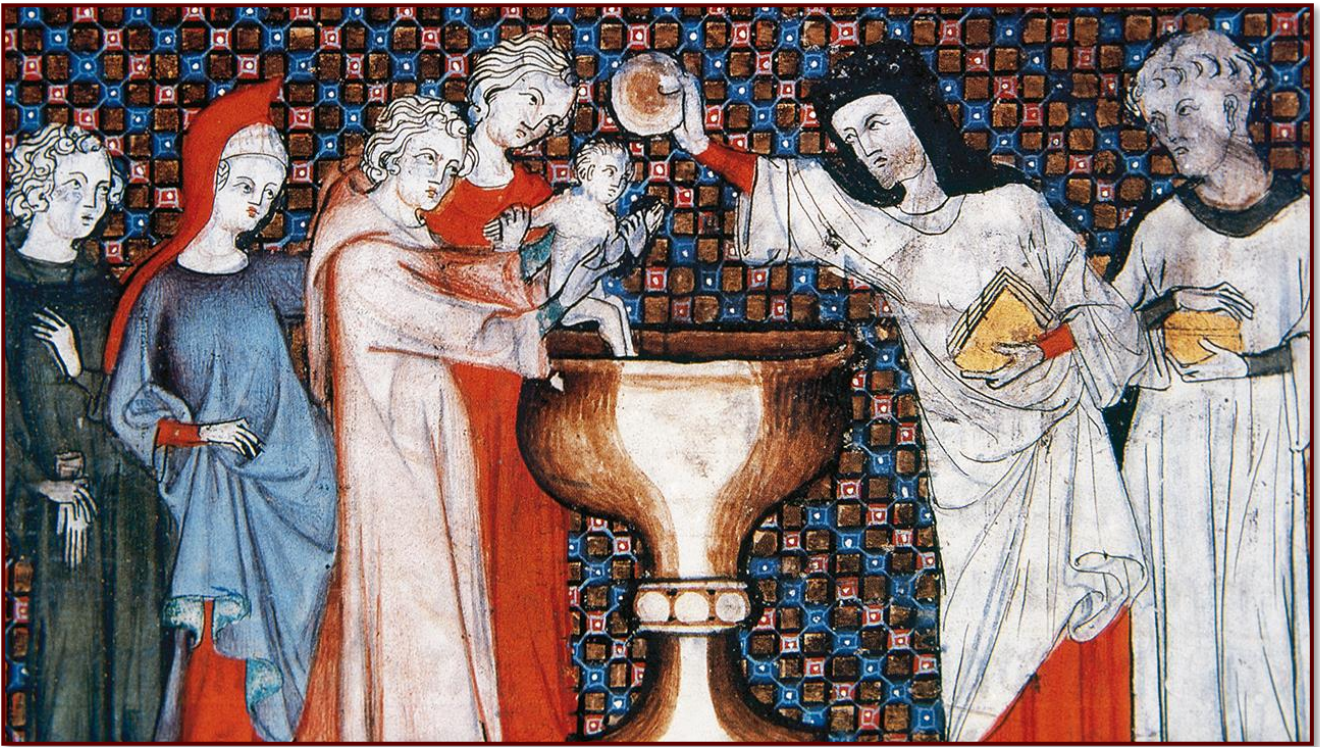


**Are you planning a Baptism this year?** Please contact the Parish Office for ‘what to do next’. I am particularly grateful to Jacqui Doak for her help in preparing parents to bring their child for Baptism.

**Health & Safety Notice** When you are in church, or on parish premises, please make sure that you are aware of the exits. In the unlikely event of having to vacate the church unexpectedly, during a service, please follow the instructions of the priest and our stewards. They will direct you to the nearest exit. Please vacate promptly. Thank you for helping us keep you safe



**The price of votive candles, like everything else, has increased** - please help us by operating a ‘credit system’ for your donations, 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**



*Thank you for signing up on the Ministry Sheets in St. Anne's Cloister last month. I would now like to invite you to join me to talk through the 'ins & outs' of each ministry. If you haven't added your name but are interested in helping than please do come to the meeting.*

*I will introduce the new **Structure of Ministries** within which each ministry will have patronage. I invite you to become **Guild Members** and ask you to look at the groups below and find out which Guild covers your particular ministry. I have listed the dates of the meetings that have already been put in my diary. Remember that....*

*'Holy Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit and the door which gives access to the other sacraments. Through Baptism we are freed from sin and reborn as children of God; we become members of Christ, are incorporated into the Church and made sharers in her mission'* *The Catechism of the Catholic Church §1213*

# New Parish Guilds

In the **Anglo-Saxon** and **Medieval** parish churches, **Guilds** began as an expression of membership and lay-piety. **Guilds** were originally voluntary, devotional associations, sometimes also called **Fraternities**. At the heart of guild was the **Patronage** of a particular **Saint** who was an *intercessionary agent*, representing the members before the **Throne of God**. **Guilds** ranged in size, but each had a **Purpose** in meeting the **Particular Needs** of the **Parish Church**, e.g. raising funds for the maintenance of altar lights, supporting the sick and caring for orphans and widows. **The Patron Saint** would be celebrated on his or her **Feast Day**, emphasizing both the **Social** and **Spiritual Benefits** of **Membership**



Fast-forward, then, one thousand years! The basic needs of a **Parish** remain the same or, at least, similar and **The Parish** relies, by and large, on the **Generosity of Volunteers** to provide an over-arching **Structure of Ministries** in line with **Church** and **State** requirements.



In response to your kind **Offer of Assistance** as a **Baptised Member** of **The Parish of The Holy Family**, I invite you to become **Guild Members** under the **Patronage of the Saints** and to have **Mass** celebrated for **Your Intentions** on the relevant **Feast Days** throughout the year.



Thank you!

May God bless you all.

*Fr Philip*

# Guild Meetings

## **Guild of St Benedict and Scholastica**

**Feast Day February 10th.**

Welcomers in St Anne's Cloister + Hospitality teams for social events + public notice boards curators + maintainer of coffee machines, fridges & freezers

### **Hospitality** **10.30.**

**PLEASE COME TO A MEETING ON Saturday 28th October at**

*Myra Adona  
Jenny Carman  
Carol Keay  
Jill Kirk  
Mary Lawrence  
Pauline Laycock*

*Brenda Mc.Clarnon  
Michael Mc.Clarnon  
Mary Morrell  
Elena Namitala  
Mary Nash  
Geraldine O'Boyle*

*Lorraine Richards  
Emma Richardson  
Mary Wakefield  
Anna Wicks  
Edith Woodward  
Stephen Woodward*

### **Welcomer**

**PLEASE COME TO A MEETING ON Saturday 28th October at 10.30.**

*Lynn Cook  
Diana Norman  
Michael Norman  
Joanna Maynard  
Cyril O'Boyle*

*Geraldine O'Boyle  
Roni Stevens  
Pauline Laycock  
Bill Morrell  
Caz Sismore Hunt*

*Mary Wakefield  
Anna Wicks  
Edith Woodward  
Stephen Woodward  
Thelma Norman*

### **Notice Boards**

**PLEASE COME TO A MEETING ON Saturday 28th October at 10.30.**

*Helen Enright  
Irene Walker*

## **Guild of St Joseph**

**Feast Day March 19th.**

Property maintenance + meter readings + H&S + recycling (to the tip) + keeper of First Aid boxes

**PLEASE COME TO A MEETING ON Sunday October 29th. at 11.45.**

*Sue Clarbull  
Lynn Cook  
Jaime Gill  
Maddelena Giuliani*

*Rob Keen  
Frank King  
Jill Kirk*

*Paul Lane  
Pauline Laycock  
Bill Morrell  
Fiona Tatchell*



## **Guild of St Dunstan**

**Feast Day May 19th.**

Music; Knit & Natter + Craft Club + Ladies' Lunch Club

## **Guild of St Thomas More**

**Feast Day June 22nd.**

Safeguarding Officers + Authorised Persons (Registrars) +  
Parish Office Admin. Support + Holy Greetings Card supplies +  
CAFOD Rep.

*John Ingham  
Siobhan Canham*

*John Dawson  
Susan Laithwaite*

*Sandi Forte  
Margaret Raby*

## **Guild of St John the Baptist**

**Feast Day June 24th.**

Readers at Mass + Gospel Sharing Group + Adult Formation

### **PLEASE COME TO A MEETING ON Saturday October 21st. at 10.30.**

*Dave Apperley  
Anthony Bernard  
Jenny Carman  
Mary Chaplin  
Jane Cheyne  
Lynn Cook  
Wendy Davis  
John Dawson  
Nicola Dustan*

*Helen Enright  
Chris Fox  
Philippa Howard  
Eric Howard  
Jacky Howle  
Frank King  
Mike Lamb  
Jacky Lee  
June Beard*

*Roger Lawrence  
Pauline Laycock  
James Madden  
Kate Sillars  
Caz Sismore Hunt  
Jenny Stone  
Teresa Walsh  
Dave Wells  
Stephen Woodward  
Carol Keay*

## **Guild of St Anne**

**Feast Day July 26th.**

Sacristans + brass cleaners + flower arrangers & maintenance +  
altar linen laundering

### **PLEASE COME TO A MEETING ON Wednesday October 25th at 11.45.**

#### Flowers

*June Beard  
Joan Brinkworth*

*Carol Keay  
Sheila Parker*

*Dawn Powell  
Anna Wickes*

#### Sacristans

*Lesley Aston  
Nicola Dustan*

*Helen Enright  
Eric Howard  
Philippa Howard*

*Eileen Jenkins  
Frank King*

## **Guild of St Lawrence the Deacon**

**Feast Day August 10th.**

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

**PLEASE COME TO A MEETING ON Friday October 27th. at 2.45.**

<i>Jane Cheyne</i>	<i>Jacky Howle</i>	<i>Maggie Raby</i>
<i>Sue Clarbull</i>	<i>Carol Keay</i>	<i>Lorraine Richards</i>
<i>Lynn Cook</i>	<i>Frank King</i>	<i>Kate Sillars</i>
<i>Wendy Davis</i>	<i>Susan Laithwaite</i>	<i>Caz Sismore Hunt</i>
<i>Jacqueline Doak</i>	<i>Clare Madden</i>	<i>Roni Stephens</i>
<i>Helen Enright</i>	<i>Anne McAlpine</i>	<i>Jenny Stone</i>
<i>Paul Fisher</i>	<i>Bill Morrell</i>	<i>Irene Walker</i>
<i>Eric Howard</i>	<i>Mary Morrell</i>	<i>Stephen Woodward</i>
<i>Sandi Forte</i>	<i>June Beard</i>	

## **Guild of St Clare**

**Feast Day August 11th.**

Church cleaners

**PLEASE COME TO A MEETING ON Wednesday November 1st at 12.15.**

<i>Lesley Aston</i>	<i>Maddelena Guiliani</i>	<i>Caz Sismore Hunt</i>
<i>Joan Brinkworth</i>	<i>Sarah Hall</i>	<i>Roni Stevens</i>
<i>Sue Clarbull</i>	<i>Jill Kirk</i>	<i>Fiona Tatchell</i>
<i>Pat Dowie</i>	<i>Paul Lane</i>	<i>Mary Wakefield</i>
<i>Willow Fraser</i>	<i>Pauline Laycock</i>	<i>Alison Wells</i>
<i>Jamie Gill</i>	<i>Clare Madden</i>	<i>Edith Woodward</i>
<i>Annette Gill</i>	<i>Bill Morrell</i>	<i>Stephen Woodward</i>
	<i>Maggie Raby</i>	

## **Guild of Ste. Emilie de Rodat**

**Feast Day Sept 19th.**

School Governors, fostering Links for Children in Church  
+ Baptism Preparation

**PLEASE COME TO A MEETING ON Sunday 5th. November at 11.15**

### **Foundation Governors**

<i>Lynn Cook</i>	<i>Bill Morrell</i>	<i>Rebecca Purchall</i>
<i>Nicola Dustan</i>		<i>Kate Sillars</i>

### **Baptism Preparation**

<i>Jacque Doak</i>	<i>Judith Greenway</i>	<i>Susan Laithwaite</i>
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## **Guild of St Matthew**

Finance Committee + Gift Aid admin.

**Feast Day September 21st.**

**PLEASE COME TO A MEETING ON Thursday November 2nd. at 12.30.**

*Revd. Terry Enright  
Wendy Davis*

*Lawrence Horn  
Anna Wickes*

*Mary Wakefield  
Lynn Cook*

## **Guild of St Luke**

The Sick and Housebound + Prayer Groups +  
Volunteers at The Open Door + Volunteers at The Larder

**Feast Day October 18th.**



## **Hospitality**

Picnic circa AD1300

**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.

## Exmouth Food Bank September 2023 News



### Summer demand and back to school!

We know that the summer holidays place additional pressure on families and during August we saw an increase in the number of people turning to the Food Bank for support for the first time. One Friday afternoon we were humbled to see the queue outside the Salvation Army Hall and in under an hour distributed 25 parcels that provided food for over 60 people.

The start of a new term is particularly expensive. As well as providing families with food, we are pleased to be working in partnership with Exmouth Stationery and Copy Centre to provide pencil cases for those with children beginning secondary school this September.

### Preparations for Harvest Festival

We are always really grateful for the support we receive during the Harvest Festival season. If you are planning to donate this year, please could you focus on the following priority items that are core to the parcels we provide and that we are currently short of:

- Tins of soup
- Tinned tomatoes
- Tinned baked beans and spaghetti
- Tinned meat meals such as stews, meatballs or curry
- Tinned cold meats such as ham or corned beef
- Tinned tuna
- Tinned fruit, rice pudding or custard
- Treats such as chocolates, crisps and sweets.

If you have a large donation or want to arrange a collection please contact us first either by telephone on 07787 758511 or by email at [info@exmouthfoodbank.org.uk](mailto:info@exmouthfoodbank.org.uk)



*Sue and Gill, volunteers at Exmouth Food Bank, accepting a kind donation from Exmouth A Cappella Choir.*

### Thank you to our supporters

As a Food Bank we could not function without the generous support of our surrounding community.

In addition to the physical items of food that are donated, we rely on financial donations which are used to purchase £4,000 worth of stock each month.

Thank you – you are **AMAZING!**



*An example of what £300 can buy – cheese, spread, eggs, toothpaste and longlife bread!*

# Youth Rally, 2023 Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September

St Rita's Honiton – 12-18.00

Join youth from across the diocese in fun, games and Challenges at St Rita's Honiton. Are you ready for the infamous obstacle course? Or are you keen to score lots of goals in the penalty shoot-out or netball challenge. They'll be bouncy castles, didi cars, sumo wrestling challenges and much more for you to have a go at. The event is open to anyone 7 years through to 16. Young people will be placed in teams of 6 from their parish or a nearby parish. The £8 contribution includes a BBQ and drinks.

To book: <https://forms.office.com/e/L2jn7EwXfH> or contact Saskia for further information: [youth@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:youth@prcdtr.org.uk)



'A **HUGE** thank you to all who contributed, with delicious cakes, raffle prizes etc and mainly for coming over to Budleigh to support the fund-raising Coffee Morning on 5th September' A tremendous £639.40 was

raised for the charity. My thanks goes particularly to Liz Beard and her team for organising this successful morning. Well done everyone.

**Donate to the Harvest Appeal now....**



Pakistan last year. That's how they met Meera. Meera gave birth to baby Marwi just as her home was destroyed by the floods.

When Dr Nasha and her team arrived in her village, Meera hurried to bring her children to the clinic and got them the life-saving medicines and treatment they needed.

Please give today or start a regular gift to CAFOD. Go to [cafod.org.uk/fastday](http://cafod.org.uk/fastday)

If you bring your mobile you will be able to scan a QR code and donate directly to the appeal. **THANK YOU**

**WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES – 23 SEPTEMBER 2023**

We are all invited to reflect on the challenges facing migrants and refugees and how we as Christians are called to respond. You can find a link to Pope Francis' Message and an inspiring story of our parish's answer to the call to Welcome the Stranger on the diocesan website <https://www.plymouth-diocese.org.uk/csstory/>

Dr Nasha and her medical team travelled hundreds of miles to treat people who needed medical help after disastrous floods hit



the Stranger on the diocesan

**THANK YOU** to everyone who support the appeal made by Steve Riedlinger on the weekend of 9/10 September. The total donated was £343.50 This will help towards funding over 5,000 projects in more than 140 countries around world, helping to support the Church in its mission, and bringing hope and solidarity to millions of people.



Aid to the  
Church in Need

ACN UNITED KINGDOM

From priests to catechists and seminarians to Sisters, you have contributed to enable them to help persecuted and suffering Christians live out their faith. Thank you

[HTTPS://ACNUK.ORG/](https://acnuk.org/)

## **WORLD DAY OF THE POOR 2023 – DAY OF REFLECTION AT ST RITA’S HONITON 14 OCTOBER 10.30-15.30 LUNCH INCLUDED**

**“Do not turn your face away from anyone who is poor” (Tob 4:7)**

All are welcome to come and spend the day at St Rita's from 10.30-15.30 to pray and reflect on Pope Francis's message for the 7<sup>th</sup> World Day of the Poor and how we are called to respond.

Caritas Diocese of Plymouth are thrilled to be joined by two thought-provoking guest speakers with national and international reputations - Jenny Sinclair, founder of Together for the Common Good and David Wells, a well-known author and popular motivational speaker from our own diocese. We are confident they will leave participants feeling uplifted. In this year's message, Pope Francis says *‘Let us thank the Lord that so many men and women are devoted to caring for the poor and the excluded; they are persons of every age and social status who show understanding and readiness to assist the marginalized and those who suffer. They are not superheroes but “next door neighbours”, ordinary people who quietly make themselves poor among the poor.*

Join us to celebrate those who give their time to others and reflect on how we reach out the hand of welcome. Places are limited for this FREE event so booking is essential. You can book by emailing [caritas@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:caritas@prcdtr.org.uk)

## **Evangelii Gaudium Sunday 17 September 2023 Preparing for the Jubilee Year in Faith and Prayer**

Evangelii Gaudium Sunday calls us to be joyous in proclaiming our faith. “Evangelii Gaudium” is Latin for “Joy of the Gospel”. The day supports the work carried out by the Mission Directorate on behalf of the Bishops’ Conference.

A key focus of work for the next few years is responding to Pope Francis’ calling of a Jubilee Year in 2025 with the theme *Pilgrims of Hope*. The Holy Father has invited the whole Church to prepare for the Jubilee in the two years prior through:

- Reflecting on the four Constitutions of the Second Vatican Council in 2023.
- Deepening our prayer life, with a special focus on the Lord’s Prayer, in 2024.

To support the Church in England and Wales in this important initiative the Mission Directorate has produced a series of videos on the four Constitutions which reflect on the Liturgy, the Word of God, the Church and on its role in the modern world. If you would like to know more or donate this weekend..... please see <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/evangelii-gaudium-sunday>

The end of year parish accounts will soon be available (subject to Diocesan approval) Please contact the Parish Office if you would like a copy.

# 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.

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### **GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER**

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

God bless you

*Fr. Philip*