



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

Sidmouth	Church of the Most Precious Blood 5 Radway, Sidmouth EX10 8T	Tel	01395 513340
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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 'Let us renew our commitment to pray and to work for peace, especially in martyred Ukraine, Palestine and Israel, Sudan, Myanmar and every place where people suffer from war.'

Twenty Eighth Week of Ordinary Time B2 PS4

Friday 11 October	NO MASS	
Saturday 12 October	5.00 pm	
Sunday 13 October	10.00 am	Parish
Tuesday 15 October at St. Peter, Prince of Apostles	NO MASS	
Wednesday 16 October	NO MASS	
Friday 18 October	NO MASS	

Twenty Ninth Week of Ordinary Time B2 PS1

Saturday 19 October	5.00 pm	John Walker RIP
Sunday 20 October <i>World Mission Day</i>	10.00 am	Parish
Tuesday 22 October at St. Peter, Prince of Apostles	NO MASS	
Wednesday 23 October	NO MASS	
Friday 25 October	2.00 pm	Joyce RIP

Thirtieth Week of Ordinary Time B2 P2

Saturday 26 October	5.00 pm	
Sunday 27 October	10.00 am	Parish
Tuesday 29 October at St. Peter, Prince of Apostles	11.00 am	John & Ina & Jim Kilcoin RIP (F)
Wednesday 30 October	11.00 am	Claude Mandeville Wright RIP (F)
Friday 1 November <i>All Saints</i>	2.00 pm	

Thirty First Week in Ordinary time B2 PS3

Saturday 2 November <i>All Souls</i>	10.30 am 5.00 pm	
Sunday 3 November	10.00 am	Parish
Tuesday 5 November at St. Peter, Prince of Apostles	11.00 am	
Wednesday 6 November	11.00 am	
Friday 8 November	2.00 pm	
Saturday 9 November	5.00 pm	

A WARM WELCOME TO ALL

If you are a visitor, please do join us for complimentary coffee & a chat after mass on Sunday. Children are very welcome here and there are age-appropriate mass books for them in St Anne's Cloister. Please pick one up.

**A VERY BIG
THANK YOU
TO
EVERYONE**



**FOR MAKING MY JUBILEE
OF PRIESTHOOD
SO VERY SPECIAL
WITH YOUR CARDS, GIFTS,
GOOD WISHES,
BEAUTIFUL FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH,
PIE & PROSECCO PARTY
AND ESPECIALLY YOUR PRAYERS**

In 2024, World Mission Sunday will be celebrated on Sunday 20 October

Donations go, in their entirety, to support churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in countries where the Church is new, young or poor.

Pray with the Global Church World Mission Sunday is our chance to show love and solidarity to our brothers and sisters overseas who share our faith. In offering our prayers, we join with missionaries everywhere in communion and compassion to support them in spreading the Good News, and by giving a donation we respond to Christ's call to feed the hungry and clothe the naked.

Missio is responsible for coordinating World Mission Sunday and provides new, young or poor dioceses with the essential support they need on their journey to becoming self-sufficient. 'We work through local bishops, churches and missionary congregations to ensure that resources are distributed equitably and justly – on the basis of need. The money goes directly from England and Wales to the bishops in the mission territories – local Church directly helping local Church!'

How can I help?

By phone

If you prefer to donate over the phone, please call **020 7821 9755** during office hours.

By cheque

Please make payable to Missio and send to Missio, 23 Eccleston Square, London SW1V 1NU

By bank transfer

Account Name: Missio Sort Code: 16-00-16 Account Number: 10824230
Reference: Please include your postcode as a reference.

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If you would like your donation to go towards a specific area of our work please email us and let us know at info@missio.org.uk In your email, please provide your name, contact details and donation amount.

Your gift will reach missionaries and communities who need our help as soon as possible. Thank you <https://missio.org.uk/>

MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR WORLD MISSION DAY 2024

20 October 2024

Go and invite everyone to the banquet (cf. *Mt 22:9*)

Dear brothers and sisters!



The theme I have chosen for this year's World Mission Day is taken from the Gospel parable of the wedding banquet (cf. *Mt 22:1-14*). After the guests refused his invitation, the King, the main character in the story, tells his servants: "Go therefore to the thoroughfares, and invite to the marriage feast as many as you find" (v. 9). Reflecting on this key passage in the context of the parable and of Jesus' own life, we can discern several important aspects of evangelization. These appear particularly timely for all of us, as missionary disciples of Christ,

during this final stage of the synodal journey that, in the words of its motto, "*Communion, Participation, Mission*", seeks to refocus the Church on her primary task, which is the preaching of the Gospel in today's world.

1. "Go and invite!" Mission as a tireless going out to invite others to the Lord's banquet

In the king's command to his servants we find two words that express the heart of the mission: the verbs "to go out" and "to invite". As for the first, we need to remember that the servants had previously been sent to deliver the king's invitation to the guests (cf. vv. 3-4). Mission, we see, is a tireless going out to all men and women, in order to invite them to encounter God and enter into communion with him. Tireless! God, great in love and rich in mercy, constantly sets out to encounter all men and women, and to call them to the happiness of his kingdom, even in the face of their indifference or refusal. Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd and messenger of the Father, went out in search of the lost sheep of the people of Israel and desired to go even further, in order to reach even the most distant sheep (cf. *Jn 10:16*). Both before and after his resurrection, he told his disciples, "Go!", thus involving them in his own mission (cf. *Lk 10:3; Mk 16:15*). The Church, for her part, in fidelity to the mission she has received from the Lord, will continue to go to the ends of the earth, to set out over and over again, without ever growing weary or losing heart in the face of difficulties and obstacles.

I take this opportunity to thank all those missionaries who, in response to Christ's call, have left everything behind to go far from their homeland and bring the Good News to places where people have not yet received it, or received it only recently. Dear friends, your generous dedication is a tangible expression of your commitment to the mission *ad gentes* that Jesus entrusted to his disciples: "Go and make disciples of all nations" (*Mt 28:19*). We continue to pray and we thank God for the new and numerous missionary vocations for the task of evangelization to the ends of the earth.

Let us not forget that every Christian is called to take part in this universal mission by offering his or her own witness to the Gospel in every context, so that the whole Church can continually go forth with her Lord and Master to the "crossroads" of today's world. "Today's drama in the Church is that Jesus keeps knocking on the door, but from within, so that we will let him out! Often we end up being an 'imprisoning' Church which does not let the Lord out, which keeps him as 'its own', whereas the Lord came for mission and wants us to be missionaries" (*Address to Participants in the Conference organized by the Dicastery for the Laity, Family and Life,*

18 February 2023). May all of us, the baptized, be ready to set out anew, each according to our state in life, to inaugurate a new missionary movement, as at the dawn of Christianity!

To return to the king's command in the parable, the servants are told not only to "go", but also to "invite": "Come to the wedding!" (*Mt 22:4*). Here we can see another, no less important, aspect of the mission entrusted by God. As we can imagine, the servants conveyed the king's invitation with urgency but also with great respect and kindness. In the same way, the mission of bringing the Gospel to every creature must necessarily imitate the same "style" of the One who is being preached. In proclaiming to the world "the beauty of the saving love of God made manifest in Jesus Christ who died and rose from the dead" (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 36), missionary disciples should do so with joy, magnanimity and benevolence that are the fruits of the Holy Spirit within them (cf. *Gal 5:22*). Not by pressuring, coercing or proselytizing, but with closeness, compassion and tenderness, and in this way reflecting God's own way of being and acting.

2. "To the marriage feast". The eschatological and Eucharistic dimension of the mission of Christ and the Church. In the parable, the king asks the servants to bring the invitation to his son's wedding banquet. That banquet is a reflection of the eschatological banquet. It is an image of ultimate salvation in the Kingdom of God, fulfilled even now by the coming of Jesus, the Messiah and Son of God, who has given us life in abundance (cf. *Jn 10:10*), symbolized by the table set with succulent food and with fine wines, when God will destroy death forever (cf. *Is 25:6-8*). Christ's mission has to do with the fullness of time, as he declared at the beginning of his preaching: "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand" (*Mk 1:15*). Christ's disciples are called to continue this mission of their Lord and Master. Here we think of the teaching of the Second Vatican Council on the eschatological character of the Church's missionary outreach: "The time for missionary activity extends between the first coming of the Lord and the second..., for the Gospel must be preached to all nations before the Lord shall come (cf. *Mk 13:10*)" (Ad Gentes, 9).

We know that among the first Christians missionary zeal had a powerful eschatological dimension. They sensed the urgency of the preaching of the Gospel. Today too it is important to maintain this perspective, since it helps us to evangelize with the joy of those who know that "the Lord is near" and with the hope of those who are pressing forward towards the goal, when all of us will be with Christ at his wedding feast in the kingdom of God. While the world sets before us the various "banquets" of consumerism, selfish comfort, the accumulation of wealth and individualism, the Gospel calls everyone to the divine banquet, marked by joy, sharing, justice and fraternity in communion with God and with others. This fullness of life, which is Christ's gift, is anticipated even now in the banquet of the Eucharist, which the Church celebrates at the Lord's command in memory of him. The invitation to the eschatological banquet that we bring to everyone in our mission of evangelization is intrinsically linked to the invitation to the Eucharistic table, where the Lord feeds us with his word and with his Body and Blood. As Benedict XVI taught: "Every Eucharistic celebration sacramentally accomplishes the eschatological gathering of the People of God. For us, the Eucharistic banquet is a real foretaste of the final banquet foretold by the prophets (cf. *Is 25:6-9*) and described by the New Testament as 'the marriage-feast of the Lamb' (*Rev 19:9*), to be celebrated in the joy of the communion of the saints" (*Sacramentum Caritatis*, 31).

Consequently, all of us are called to experience more intensely every Eucharist, in all its dimensions, and particularly its eschatological and missionary dimensions. In this regard, I would reiterate that "we cannot approach the Eucharistic table without being drawn into the mission which, beginning in the very heart of God, is meant to reach all people" (*ibid.*, 84).

The Eucharistic renewal that many local Churches are laudably promoting in the post-Covid era will also be essential for reviving the missionary spirit in each member of the faithful. With how much greater faith and heartfelt enthusiasm should we recite at every Mass: “We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your resurrection, until you come again”!

In this year devoted to prayer in preparation for the Jubilee of 2025, I wish to encourage all to deepen their commitment above all to take part in the celebration of Mass and to pray for the Church’s mission of evangelization. In obedience to the Saviour’s command, she does not cease to pray, at every Eucharistic and liturgical celebration, the “Our Father”, with its petition, “Thy kingdom come”. In this way, daily prayer and the Eucharist in particular make us pilgrims and missionaries of hope, journeying towards everlasting life in God, towards the nuptial banquet that God has prepared for all his children.

3. “Everyone”. *The universal mission of Christ’s disciples in the fully synodal and missionary Church.* The third and last reflection concerns the recipients of the King’s invitation: “everyone”. As I emphasized, “This is the heart of mission: that ‘all’, excluding no one. Every mission of ours, then, is born from the heart of Christ in order that he may draw all to himself” (*Address to the General Assembly of the Pontifical Missionary Societies*, 3 June 2023). Today, in a world torn apart by divisions and conflicts, Christ’s Gospel remains the gentle yet firm voice that calls individuals to encounter one another, to recognize that they are brothers and sisters, and to rejoice in harmony amid diversity. “God our Saviour desires everyone to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth” (*1 Tim 2:4*). Let us never forget, then, that in our missionary activities we are asked to preach the Gospel to all: “Instead of seeming to impose new obligations, [we] should appear as people who wish to share their joy, who point to a horizon of beauty and who invite others to a delicious banquet” (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 14).

Christ’s missionary disciples have always had a heartfelt concern for all persons, whatever their social or even moral status. The parable of the banquet tells us that, at the king’s orders, the servants gathered “all whom they found, both good and bad” (*Mt 22:10*). What is more, “the poor, the crippled, the blind and the lame” (*Lk 14:21*), in a word, the least of our brothers and sisters, those marginalized by society, are the special guests of the king. The wedding feast of his Son that God has prepared remains always open to all, since his love for each of us is immense and unconditional. “God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have life eternal” (*Jn 3:16*). Everyone, every man and every woman, is invited by God to partake of his grace, which transforms and saves. One need simply say “yes” to this gratuitous divine gift, accepting it and allowing oneself be transformed by it, putting it on like a “wedding robe” (cf. *Mt 22:12*).

The mission for all requires the commitment of all. We need to continue our journey towards a fully synodal and missionary Church in the service of the Gospel. Synodality is essentially missionary and, vice versa, mission is always synodal. Consequently, close missionary cooperation is today all the more urgent and necessary, both in the universal Church and in the particular Churches. In the footsteps of the Second Vatican Council and my Predecessors, I recommend to all dioceses throughout the world the service of the Pontifical Mission Societies. They represent the primary means “by which Catholics are imbued from infancy with a truly universal and missionary outlook and [are] also a means for instituting an effective collecting of funds for all the missions, each according to its needs” (*Ad Gentes*, 38). For this reason, the collections of World Mission Day in all the local Churches are entirely destined to the universal fund of solidarity that the Pontifical Society of the Propagation of the Faith then distributes in the Pope’s name for the needs of all the Church’s missions.

Let us pray that the Lord may guide us and help us to be a more synodal and a more missionary Church (cf. *Homily for the Concluding Mass of the Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops*, 29 October 2023).

Finally, let us lift our gaze to Mary, who asked Jesus to perform his first miracle precisely at a wedding feast, in Cana of Galilee (cf. *Jn 2:1-12*). The Lord offered to the newlyweds and all the guests an abundance of new wine, as a foreshadowing of the nuptial banquet that God is preparing for all at the end of time. Let us implore her maternal intercession for the evangelizing mission of Christ's disciples in our own time. With the joy and loving concern of our Mother, with the strength born of tenderness and affection (cf. *Evangelii Gaudium*, 288), let us go forth to bring to everyone the invitation of the King, our Saviour. Holy Mary, Star of Evangelization, pray for us!

FRANCIS

Rome, Saint John Lateran, 25 January 2024, Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul

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All Saints' Day is celebrated on **1st November** and is a **Holy Day of Obligation**. It gives us an opportunity to remember all saints and martyrs, known and unknown, throughout Christian history.

All Souls' Day is marked on **Saturday 2nd November** and is an opportunity for us to commemorate all the faithful departed. Mass will be

celebrated at Holy Ghost at 10.30 am. In his homily (1.11.13) Pope Francis looked out at the thousands of people who had gathered and said 'we reflect and think about our own future and about all those who have gone before us and are now with the Lord. The Lord God, beauty, goodness, truth, tenderness, the fullness of love -- all that awaits us, and all those who preceded us and died in the Lord, are there in heaven with God'

You Can Help Your Marriage – Are you frustrated or angry with your spouse? Do you argue ... or have stopped talking all together? Retrouvaille helps married couples through difficult times. Register now for next programme starting **8th - 10th Nov**. Call 0788 7296983 or Email: retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com www.retrouvaille.org.uk

***** BOOK NOW *** for our Advent Day of Reflection at Buckfast Abbey.** Do join me on Tuesday 3rd 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 PRCCTR Holy Family Exmouth for £29.00. 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 1st & 2nd December. If you would like to do this, then please contact Northgate directly and make a reservation. Closing date for bookings is 21st November.



The Beauty of Holiness for Pilgrims of Hope

Parish Day of Reflection
Buckfast Abbey
Tuesday December 3rd.
9.30. – 3.30.

Our response to
the Love of God
in prayer and worship
following the
Second Vatican Council Decree
Sacrosanctum Concilium



TO BOOK YOUR PLACE, PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE
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PLEASE RESERVE ADULT PLACES

NAME/S.....

I ENCLOSURE A CHEQUE PAYABLE TO PRCCTR HOLY FAMILY EXMOUTH FOR £29.00



Launchpad is a social enterprise, training adults with learning challenges in catering and hospitality. They aim to support our trainees to improve their confidence, motivation and develop social skills to achieve their personal goals and ultimately seek employment. They are based at Seachange, the Budleigh health Hub, at the heart of the local community. They also run a cafe 'Wesley's' from the Temple methodist church hall, where they also provide a community fridge / larder in order to fulfil their aim to reduce food waste and support the local community.

We support Launchpad by inviting you to the next Parish Family Breakfast

**Book your place for the parish 'fry up' on Sunday 24 November,
after the 10.00 am Mass.**

If you would like to make a reservation, please give us a cheque payable to PRCDTR Holy Family Exmouth

Only £12.00 adults & £6.00 for children.

Limited spaces will be on a first come basis and all proceeds will go to Launchpad.

I invite you to consider helping us set up and facilitate the event – please call the office if can help us. Thank you

PARISH BIG BREAKFAST

PLEASE RESERVE ADULT PLACES
PLEASE RESERVE CHILD PLACES

NAME.....

I AM VEGETARIAN

YES/ NO

Dei Verbum - the Word of God: "How can we know anything about God with certainty? Why should we trust what the Church tells us about God? How do we make sense of the Bible?" In preparing for the Jubilee year 2025, Pope Francis has asked us to explore the key documents of Vatican II and one of those documents is Dei Verbum. Come and join us with Sister Hyacinthe, who as a Dominican, will guide us through the text and inspire us with a love of God's Word. Come to Schiller Hall, **Buckfast Abbey on Saturday 19th October**. The day will take place at Schiller Hall, **Buckfast Abbey on Saturday 19th October**

To reserve a place contact: deborah.vankroonenburg@prcdtr.org.uk or visit: <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=ImGab5THgECYLxFSFnRJd76Dt pj19ZZEhXH6wK1wfpJUOTVVMzY3SUg0UU0RE85Mk1DUVpGVlpBSS4u>



WE'RE LOOKING FOR A BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION APPRENTICE

Launch Your Career with a Dynamic Business Administration Apprenticeship!

We have an exciting and unique opportunity available for an Apprentice to join our administration teams. This role is ideal for someone with the desire and drive to succeed and learn in busy, friendly and supportive departments. You will assist with all aspects of the daily administration across our property, finance and social action teams.

What You'll Do:

- Gain hands-on experience across Property, Finance, and Social Action teams.
- Manage phone calls, filing systems, and project monitoring.
- Prepare reports, handle data requests, and support social media and event administration.
- Schedule meetings, coordinate travel, and create engaging content using tools like Canva.

What You'll Gain:

- Comprehensive training with Focus Training (SW) Limited for a Level 3 Business Administrator qualification.
- Skills in communication, IT, organisation, and creative problem-solving.
- On-the-job training to support job role

Requirements:

- GCSEs in English and Maths (grade 4).
- Strong attention to detail, organisational skills, and a creative approach.
- Empathy towards working in a faith-based environment.

There is scope to continue to gain a further recognised qualification in the future if this is of interest to the candidate and is appropriate to the organisation.

Hours: Monday- Friday 8:30am - 4:30pm or 9:00am - 5:00pm . To include college attendance 1 day per week.

Salary: £15,470 a year. £8.50 per hour with staged increase upon completion of apprenticeship.

Location: St Boniface House, Ashburton, TQ13 7JL

Closing date: Monday 30th September

The contact for this apprenticeship is:

Maria Gammon at Focus Training (SW) Limited
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WE'RE LOOKING FOR A FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING APPRENTICE

Kickstart Your Finance Career with a Rewarding Apprenticeship!

We have an exciting and unique opportunity available for an Apprentice to join our Finance team. This role is ideal for someone with the desire and drive to succeed and learn in a busy, friendly and supportive department. You will assist with all aspects of the daily accounting for purchase ledger and finance administration for the department.

What You'll Do:

- Manage supplier invoices and credit notes.
- Reconcile accounts and resolve discrepancies.
- Support the finance team with various administrative tasks.
- Handle payment queries and assist in quarterly/year-end close processes.

What You'll Gain:

- Hands-on experience with daily accounting and finance operations.
- Regular training with Focus Training (SW) Limited for a Level 2 AAT qualification.
- Skills in communication, IT, organisation, and problem-solving.

Requirements:

- GCSEs in English and Maths (grade 4).
- Strong attention to detail, IT skills, and a team-oriented approach.
- Empathy and openness to working in a faith-based environment.

We are seeking an individual with a desire to complete multiple AAT qualifications and potentially remain as a permanent member of the finance department thereafter although this is not a requirement.

There is scope to continue to gain a further recognised qualification such as CIMA in the future if this is of interest to the candidate and is in line with the requirements of the organisation.

Hours: Monday- Friday 8:30am - 4:30pm or 9:00am - 5:00pm . To include college attendance 1 day per week.

Salary: £15,470 a year. £8.50 per hour with staged increase upon completion of apprenticeship.

Location: St Boniface House, Ashburton, TQ13 7JL

Closing date: Monday 30th September

The contact for this apprenticeship is:

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The Holy Family Ladies and Friends will be meeting on the following Thursdays:
17th October, for The Rosary, led by Jenny.

7th November, we'll be making Christmas cards with Lorraine.

21st November, we have Sister Clare, with readings from the Wartime Diary of Sr Mariuccia, and bringing the Statue which also survived the internment camp.

5th December, is modelling Snowmen from icing paste with Lorraine!

And "Be Prepared" for **19th December** - please bring a suitable Poem or Reading to share, accompanied by some music and singing with Derek for Advent.

All meetings are from 2 to 4pm in the Church Hall and all are welcome

Can you spare an hour to come and help our lovely cleaning team once a month? They meet after the 11.00 am mass to polish the church and stay for a coffee and chat afterwards. The next date is 6th November – do come along if you can.

THE KNIT & NATTER GROUP meet in Holy Ghost Hall do pop in and join them. All welcome. No knitting qualifications required!! Next meeting 4th November



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.

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

Our Story: Our Mission Do you want to discover your true purpose, meaning and identity in your life with Christ? Are you aware of the part you are called to play in salvation history? In response to Pope Francis' call to be "Pilgrims of Hope" for this forthcoming Jubilee year, Fr. David Marsden will lead us through this inspirational day. Come to Schiller Hall, Buckfast Abbey on Saturday 2nd November 10am (tea/coffee) 10.30-3pm.(Mass at 12noon). To reserve a place contact: plymouth-crownhill@prcdtr.org.uk or, <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=ImGab5THgECYLxFSFnRJd76Dtpj19ZZEhXH6wK1wfpJUNEk2RTIyM1REVIkwUVdNNzkzRkcyVUtLUy4u>

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.

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 Finance Committee would like to thank you for your support of our parish through your monthly donations. If you give regularly by bankers order, please can you consider increasing your donation - at the moment our income from monthly donations does not cover our outgoings and just a small increase from everyone would make a huge difference to meeting our costs. If you are a taxpayer, please speak to Wendy Davis who will be happy to explain how your donation can be boosted, at absolutely no extra cost to yourselves.



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**
bringing them to church each week.

A photograph of a tall, white lighthouse standing on a rocky island at sunset. The sky is a gradient of orange and pink, and the water reflects the warm colors. The lighthouse's light is visible at the top. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

„But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” (Acts 1:8)

Are you called to witness as a Permanent Deacon or as a Religious or as a Priest?

There is an opportunity to reflect on this with other discerners and others living out vocations as a Permanent Deacon, Religious or Priest.

If interested please join us at Honiton Retreat Centre, St. Rita's Centre, Ottery Moor Lane, Honiton EX14 1AP at our Diocesan Reflection Day starting 5pm Friday 1st November. Day delegates are welcome to join on Saturday 2nd November at 9am.

Please contact Fr Jacek KOSTUCH on Jacek.kostuch@prcdtr.org.uk to register interest and receive more details.

‘THE FAMILY IS THE PLACE WHERE PARENTS BECOME THEIR CHILDREN’S FIRST TEACHERS IN THE FAITH’ POPE FRANCIS 8TH APRIL 2016



Congratulations to our young people who have been preparing to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation, over recent months. I would like to thank all the parents for supporting them as 'First Teachers in the Faith'. It has been wonderful to see these young people receive the Sacraments over recent weeks. Preparation for the Sacraments is an ongoing journey and if your child has expressed an interest in knowing more then please speak to me. May God bless you as you journey together *Fr. Philip*



SUPPORT FOR PENSIONERS ON LOW INCOMES AN ESTIMATED 880,000 LOW-INCOME PENSIONER HOUSEHOLDS ELIGIBLE FOR PENSION CREDIT CURRENTLY FAIL TO CLAIM IT AND A DEADLINE IS APPROACHING. THE GOVERNMENT SAYS IT IS WORTH AN AVERAGE OF £3,900 A YEAR, BUT IT IS ALSO A GATEWAY TO OTHER FINANCIAL SUPPORT SUCH AS WINTER FUEL PAYMENTS. IF YOU KNOW A PENSIONER ON A LOW INCOME, PLEASE ENCOURAGE THEM TO CHECK IF THEY COULD BE ELIGIBLE FOR PENSION CREDIT. THIS CAN BE DONE ONLINE THROUGH WWW.GOV.UK/PENSION-CREDIT-CALCULATOR OR PEOPLE CAN GET ADVICE VIA PHONE ON WEEKDAYS - 0800 99 1234. THERE IS A LEAFLET WITH MORE DETAILS AND ADVICE AND YOU CAN GET A COPY BY EMAILING CARITAS@PRCDTR.ORG.UK OR CALLING 01364 645421.

CARE FOR CREATION DAY OF REFLECTION SATURDAY 19TH OCTOBER EVENT - TIVERTON

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YOU ARE WARMLY INVITED TO PLEASE SIGN UP TO THE DIOCESAN NEWSLETTER TO RECEIVE THE LATEST NEWS ABOUT AND FROM OUR BISHOP-ELECT PHILIP MOGER! WE WILL BE PUBLISHING SOME SPECIAL EDITIONS IN THE LEAD UP TO HIS INSTALLATION, WITH THE FIRST ONE COMING SOON : [HTTPS://EMAIL.WORKWITHGUSTO.CO.UK/H/T/A561A3216C433494](https://EMAIL.WORKWITHGUSTO.CO.UK/H/T/A561A3216C433494)

An Interview with our new Bishop of Plymouth



His Holiness Pope Francis has appointed Bishop Philip Moger as the new Bishop of Plymouth. James Abbott interviewed Bishop Philip Moger recently about his new appointment.

The following is a transcript of that interview:

James Abbott: "Bishop Philip Moger, some big news. You've been announced as the next Bishop of Plymouth by our Holy Father Pope Francis. I'd just like to start by asking you how you felt when you received that news from the Nuncio, the Pope's representative in the UK."

Bishop Philip Moger: "Well, I was surprised. I've only been a bishop for a year and a half. I moved to the Diocese of Southwark in February 2023 and into my current home in August of that same year. So I'm really just getting the last of the pictures on the wall when I have to move again."

James Abbott: "And tell me, what will you bring to the Diocese of Plymouth? Tell us a bit about your style and your character."

Bishop Philip Moger: "Well, when I believe that God was calling me to the priesthood, all I wanted to be and all I expected ever to be was a parish priest. And when I was rector of the Shrine in Walsingham, I tried to bring that, that style of ministry to that place and to Our Lady's Shrine. And I've tried to do that as an auxiliary bishop. Now clearly the ministry is different, but that's who I am really, a parish priest. So it's the idea of pastoral care; it's building up communities, uniting people, trying as a bishop to be a focus of unity in the diocese, bringing people closer to God and to each other."

James Abbott: "Now we can tell from that accent that you're a Yorkshireman. What's it going to be like, I mean you've as you say made many moves so far in fact, but how are you going to transplant that little bit of Yorkshire into the southwest of England?"

Bishop Philip Moger: "Well, I don't know, that will be a work in progress. Having moved from the Diocese of Leeds to East Anglia Diocese, then to Southwark and now to Plymouth, there's not much further to go apart from the Antarctic."

James Abbott: "And on a serious point, obviously the diocese has been without a Catholic bishop for a good time. Are you aware of the needs of the people to have their Catholic leader after this time?"

Bishop Philip Moger: "Yes, it's come to my attention that people are very keen to have a bishop, which I understand. I hope that I can be of service after all this time. Now, invariably there are a few months before the installation on the 9th of November."

James Abbott: "So, tell us a bit about how you can just get used to life in the southwest while carrying on as you are for the minute."

Bishop Philip Moger: "Yes, it will be a challenge of course, because mentally, although I'm living in London still, I'm going to be going up and down to the diocese for various things and to start moving some things. So I think it will be phone calls; it will be maybe Zoom meetings, no doubt there will be lots of stuff on the internet. I'm very well supported in the presence of Canon Paul Cummins who's been the very able diocesan administrator for the last two years and he's been a great help and support to me already."

James Abbott: "Now it's one of those parts of the country that many people know from annual holidays going down to the southwest, to the coast. But there are many, many people in the diocese, born and bred or live there permanently. How much of a focus is it that we remember it's not just a holiday destination?"

Bishop Philip Moger: "Yes, yes, I think you're right. There's certainly a challenge because the impression can be gained very easily that it's a place of great wealth and prosperity and everything in the garden is lovely and there is no doubt that it is a beautiful diocese. The counties of Dorset, Devon and Cornwall are very lovely, but nevertheless there are people who live there permanently who need to make their living there and that's not always helped if you only have people there in the summer or for the odd weekend. Communities thrive on constant engagement. So it will be a process for me of learning what things are like, getting to know people and getting to know places and that will take some time inevitably. And of course our Catholic faith has to grow and the next generation is very important."

James Abbott: "Obviously there are plenty of Catholic schools down in the Diocese of Plymouth. How important is that next generation in connecting and living their faith?"

"Oh, I think it's crucial. It always has been. I can remember people saying back in the 60s and 70s, before the Berlin Wall came down, that in Russia the only people in churches are old people, but they were saying that in the 20s, the 30s, the 40s. So somehow, the faith was retained and spread. Now, I think that we can always be discouraged by figures and facts and how many people we don't see at church, but I think the mission of our schools is to introduce children to Catholic living, to Catholic truth, and to the knowledge that God loves them. And that somehow in their lives, that is something they can pass on."

James Abbott: "And a quick word for the priests?"

Bishop Philip Moger: "I am a priest with you and you know that's the most important thing. I'm not some special being. God has called me to this ministry. I haven't chosen it myself, it's God's will and we're all in it together and I'm there to support you and to get to know you and to love you."

James Abbott: "And so finally, Bishop Philip, a message for the faithful of the Diocese of Plymouth. What would you say to them?"

Bishop Philip Moger: "Well I think I could do no better really than to use the words which are the theme for next year's Holy Year, that we be pilgrims of hope. There are many things both in our world and in our country and no doubt in our own lives that can dampen hope. but the Lord is with us. He has promised to be with us until the end of time. And so as we try to live our Catholic Christian lives and reach out to others and encourage others to come to know Jesus Christ, we have to be confident that the Lord is with us always."

Please remember Bishop Elect Philip, in your prayers as he prepares to move to our Diocese. He will be installed in the Cathedral on Saturday 9th November and the mass will be live streamed on the Diocesan website for all to see.

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