



Parish of the Sacred Heart

SUNDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER

PSALTER 1 Year A 2 Twenty-Fifth Week in Ordinary Time

Response to Psalm: *The Lord is close to all who call him.*

Confession Times

9.30am - Wednesdays

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5.00pm - Saturdays

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By appointment

Date	Time	Service	Intentions	Fr Kieran's Intentions
Sun 20th Sep	9.15am 11.15am	Holy Mass Holy Mass	People & Parish Tadeusz Wyroba (RIP)	
Mon 21st Sep	10.00am	Holy Mass - <i>St Matthew—Apostle and Evangelist</i>	Tadeusz Wyroba (RIP)	
Tues 22nd Sep	10.00am	Holy Mass - <i>Dedication of the Cathedral</i>	Mary & Fred Collier (RIP)	Private Intention
Wed 23rd Sep	10.00am	Holy Mass - <i>St Pius of Pietrelcina</i>	Jozeh Prywata RIP (FM)	
Thur 24th Sep	10.00am	Holy Mass - <i>Our Lady of Walsingham</i>	Pauline Cummins (RIP)	Private Intention
Fri 25th Sep	10.00am	No Mass		Private Intention
Sat 26th Sep	5.30pm	First Mass of Sunday	Tadeusz Wyroba (RIP)	Private Intention

This weeks scripture references

Isaiah 55:6-9

Psalms 144

Philippians 1:20-24.7

Matthew 20:1-16

THE GENEROSITY OF GOD

‘Are you envious because I am generous’ (Mt 20:16)

The key message in today’s gospel reading is in the phrase: ‘Are you envious because I am generous?’. The parable is more of generosity than justice. Besides, it is not about ordinary generosity but that of God which exceeds anything we can think of. It is extraordinary which is comforting as well as challenging too because we are being called to imitate it while shunning jealousy in our lives.

Many people like the earlier workers at the vineyard consider Jesus action in the parable as unfair because it seems to favour the latecomers at the expense of those who came earlier, worked hard and put in more hours. But we need to know the background of the parable before we judge for there were scarcity of work and many labourers. That is to say that Jesus favoured the workers. He was generous to them all by offering them a job and paying the agreed amount for a day work.

In my culture, we have real people like those Jesus described in the parable. They are mainly farmers, artisans and other skilled labourers. They are not employed because there is little or no employment. Such people only depend on their daily income for a living. They get up every morning and move to city centre/market square where they wait for people to hire them for different services for a day pay. They are ready to do any type of job because they only depend on that for a living with their families. Any day they are not hired, they and their families will go hungry and scarcity of work cannot be described. That is a kind of place where Jesus had gone to get workers to work in his vineyard. That is to say he knew their condition and everything about them very well. He knew they were very poor and did not let them down by offering them a job and paying the agreed amount. He placed the workers at equal pedestal for everyone is his favourite. But those who were hired earlier could not understand that and were angry with him out of jealousy. Such can happen to any of us. We can be jealous over other people’s talents, gifts, favours etc. This is what we need to checkmate in our lives as Christians.

Jesus told the parable because of the criticisms from the Pharisees against him for being in love with sinners. The vineyard in the parable represents the kingdom of God. Those hired late represent the sinners while those hired earlier represent the

Pharisees and the Jews. And the parable is meant to demonstrate to the Pharisees how God treats everyone as his favourite for they were angry with Jesus for putting them in the same pedestal with sinners and for giving them the same reward. I am sure if those who were hired earlier were not aware of what reward the latecomers received, they would have gone home happily. But because they knew, they were upset and jealous. Hence the question: 'Did I cheat you? Or are you jealous because I was generous?'

We often resent the good fortunes of others out of jealousy because we often think they are better off. We often think that our neighbours are more beautiful than we are or more talented than we are. But there is no yardstick of measuring goodness if not by world standard. If we are to judge by God's standard, we may discover that we are well off as they are because God balances every equation for the good of everyone. God's ways are not our ways as his thoughts are not our thoughts. Therefore, we must stop comparing ourselves with others. We must accept ourselves as we really are. We must work hard not be carried away by what people think about us but what God thinks about us and the love we have for each other.



Universal Prayer Intention -

Respect for the planet's resources

We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered but shared in a just and respectful manner.

Brass cleaning session 23rd September

Volunteers needed please for the above. Socially distanced brass cleaning after the 10am Mass.

One Hope Project

Are you aged between 14 and 25, fancy working with One Hope Project to explore who God is and how He is part of your life. There will be 4 sessions starting on Wednesday 30th September. Session will run through ZOOM 7.30 – 8.30. You will need to book in order to get the log in. Feel free to bring a friend. Please book your place here; youth@prcdtr.org.uk

YOUR PARISH NEEDS YOU!



It's lovely to see the Mass numbers growing, thanks be to God. This does mean though that there is more cleaning to do. Ideally we would like 4 cleaners for every Mass at the weekend, currently there are only two. So we are appealing for some more cleaners. It's not onerous, all we ask for is your commitment to a rota.

If you can help, please speak to Martin Overy or Fr's Kieran and Cyriacus. It would be a very sad day indeed to have to cancel Holy Mass in these unprecedented times due to a lack of committed cleaners.

Thank you in anticipation.

St Nicholas Catholic Primary School - Reception 2021 Admissions

We are now taking Reception tour bookings for those interested in Reception 2021 admissions. Due to COVID restrictions we are offering 6 tours over 2 days and are strictly limiting the numbers to 15 people per tour.

The dates are either Wednesday 21st October or Wednesday 18th November and on each day we are offering tours at 9.30am, 1.30pm or 6pm.

Please email the school (head@stncls.uk) with your preferred date, time and the numbers coming. We look forward to meeting you and showing you our lovely school.

Chrism Mass - 22nd September 2020

The Bishop will be celebrating the postponed Chrism Mass this Tuesday 22nd at 12noon at the Cathedral and this will be live streamed. If you can, please join in this Mass where the Sacred Oils are blessed. The Diocesan Website and the Cathedral Website will have direct links to the Chrism Mass this year which will also be streamed on Facebook.

For the direct link to the Chrism Mass on the Cathedral Website, please go to the following web address and then you just click on the large box which says; MASS YOUTUBE LIVE

www.plymouthcathedral.co.uk

Alternatively, the direct link is

www.youtube.com/c/plymouthdioceserc

Accommodation Required

A student, 18 years old is looking for accommodation. She is about to start her first year at Exeter University where she will be studying Liberal Arts. She is keen to find lodgings locally and is happy to pay the going rate.

The student is Catholic and hopes to be able to join our parish community in due course. If you can help, or if you know someone who may be able to help, please let our Parish Secretary, Karmen know who will arrange for further details to made be available. Thank you.

Parish Track & Trace Forms

Thanks to all parishioners attending Masses for completing the Parish Track & Trace forms - the system is working fairly well and fortunately we haven't had to make use of it so far. However there does tend to be quite a bit of congestion around the entrance to the church while people are filling out the forms, so please can we urge you, whenever possible, to complete the form **BEFORE you come to Mass - blank forms are available on the Parish Website and the Facebook page for you to complete and print at home - if you don't have a printer then pick up a sheet of blank forms from the stewards at the church and fill them out at home.**

Thank you, Martin.

Message from Finance Committee re Church Finances

Thank you so much to those of you who have enquired about setting up a standing order so we can continue to pay the bills. In these troubling times it is comforting to know how much people care about our beloved church. If others wish to make a standing order, please email: exeter-sacredheart@prcdtr.org.uk. We understand that during these difficult times, other people may be buying your essentials and you therefore need to keep your cash available to pay these kind volunteers, so please feel free to post a cheque written out to 'PRCDTR Sacred Heart Parish Exeter' and put in an envelope marked for the attention of the finance department, to the Presbytery if this is easier. If neither of these options are suitable for you please put aside your weekly cash offerings and/or gift aid envelopes until masses resume.

Jean Northman - Rest in Peace

Of your charity please pray for the repose of the soul of Jean Northman who died last week.

Jean's funeral Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday 29th at 10am, as you know due to current restrictions, the Mass can only be attended by family.

Caritas—Reach Out to the Homeless

To help you get inspired, each month between September – December we'll be featuring a different issue to highlight the key needs of rough sleepers we work with.

To get us started, we're launching our September Sleeping Bag Appeal.

You can get involved by:
Dropping off a secondhand (clean!) sleeping bag at our centre: <https://bit.ly/3IJS0sH>

Purchasing a sleeping bag from our Amazon Wishlist for delivery straight to us: <https://goo.gl/LYDetR>

Donating the cost of a sleeping bag (£30) (or an amount of your choosing towards a sleeping bag): <https://bit.ly/2YzDkvu>

Fundraise for sleeping bags by “lending a hand” and doing a job for a neighbour or friend: <https://bit.ly/2YzDkvu>

THIS IS MY HOME

STP

Homelessness is a continued, significant issue in Exeter. This autumn, we're asking people to help support rough-sleepers by joining our **September Sleeping Bag** appeal.

FIND OUT HOW: <http://dppetrocks.org.uk/hands-for-homelessness-appeal/>

DONATE: <http://dppetrocks.org.uk/hands-for-homelessness-appeal/>

#HandsForHomelessness
Registered charity no: 1090155


Bedtime Chats

Please check the Parish Website for this weeks Bedtime Chat Sheet.

Caritas—World Day of the Poor

This will be the first Diocesan-wide online event that Caritas has put together, so any support you can offer would be most appreciated. I understand that online events won't work for many people but unfortunately we have had to take the decision that we will not be able to hold a face to face event at St Rita's as we had hoped. Nonetheless I hope that those who are happy to join online will come along and participate and that before too long we will be able to organise something face to face. For more information please go to the following website;

<https://www.plymouth-diocese.org.uk/worlddayofthepoorevent/>



**You are invited to join
Bishop Mark O'Toole
at an online event to reflect on
World Day of the Poor**

**How are we reaching out to the
poor and marginalised?**

**Saturday 24 October 2020
10.30 – 12.30**

booking essential. Please register [online](#)

or email:

caritas@prcdtr.org.uk



50% off the BreakThrough Online Course

All marriages go through periods of stress and disillusionment. It's important for all of us to be proactive in keeping our marriages healthy by healing any hurts we may have accumulated and resolving any resentment.

SmartLoving BreakThrough is an online course that teaches participants how conflict arises, and how to take simple steps to heal the wounds and restore hope.

- **Learn how arguments happen:** manage them better or avoid them altogether
- **Understand your internal drivers:** and how your spouse is triggering you
- **Process the pain of past injuries:** making you stronger and less reactive
- **Restore hope for your relationship's future:** with practical strategies

Private | Confidential | Effective

We are offering a 50% off discount until September 30, 2020.



Wednesday Word is back!

Wednesday Word has begun meeting again via zoom every Wednesday from 2:00-3:00. We'd love you to join us. Each week we reflect on the Sunday Gospel; it is not necessary to commit to every week. If you would like more information or to receive weekly zoom links, please get in touch with Maria Exeter-pastoral-assistant@prcdtr.org.uk

Exeter Foodbank—Food Shortages



Can you help by donating the following?

- * Potatoes (tinned)
- * Rice Pudding (tinned)
- * Microwaveable Sponge Puddings
- * Toiletries (shower gel/deodorant/shampoo)

Current Collection Points - Sainsbury's (Alphington/Pinhoe/Guildhall); Tesco (Exe Vale); Co-Op (Heavitree/ST Thomas); Waitrose (Gladstone Rd)

GIFT

Our monthly Autumn sessions of GIFT have begun this weekend.

These 30 minute zoom meetings will help familiarise parents with the 'God calls' resources by focusing on: introducing parents to the structure/format of the resources; exploring the catechetical/faith teaching and answering any questions parents may have; supporting parents in how to deliver the session over the next month.

Following the zoom call, parents will be emailed the session resources to complete with your families over the next month.

GIFT is for all families; if you'd like to join us, please get in touch with Maria (Exeter -pastoral-assistant@prcdtr.ogr.uk). Future GIFT zoom dates are scheduled for the 3rd October, 7th November and 5th December.

Covid-19 New Government Social Restrictions

You will be aware that the Government has announced new measures banning social gatherings of more than 6 people in a range of settings. The Bishop has confirmed that this new measure does not apply to places of worship.

Can you share with us your interest or expertise in IT?

We sometimes need a technician to oversee the smooth running of some of our parish online events and are looking for a few individuals to support us in running these zoom meetings. If you are skilled in IT, or interested in being trained up, we'd love to hear from you. Please email Maria: Exeter-pastoral-assistant@prcdtr.org.uk

CAFOD APPEAL

CAFOD is working to help communities to rebuild, and survive the effects of coronavirus in the long-term within developing countries. Working closely with local partners on the ground in Peru to reach those affected by the Coronavirus, prioritising people living in poverty, those in isolation, and those who are unemployed.

CAFOD is working in Niger to reduce the impact of Coronavirus by improving hygiene and informing remote communities methods to repel the virus.

India has suffered flooding in Assam due to monsoon rains we are currently providing emergency assistance to those in need.

Christine Allen, CAFOD's Director, addressing the recent Beirut disaster said: "CAFOD expresses its deepest sympathies and prayers to the families of the victims, as well as to the people Lebanon." CAFOD's network of local experts and volunteers are on the ground in Beirut helping communities survive.

Please donate to CAFOD: www.cafod.org.uk

or through our local CAFOD Exeter Catholic Churches Coronavirus Appeal at JustGiving

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/CAFODInternationalCoronavirusAppealExeter>

Vacancy: Vicariate for Clergy Administrator

The Diocese of Plymouth is looking to appoint the following position.

Vicariate for Clergy Administrator (part time) – 1 post

Location: Home based but within travelling distance to St Boniface House, Ashburton, Devon

Salary: £11.14 per hour (Actual Salary - £9,268.00 per annum)

Hours: 16 hours per week

The Vicariate for Clergy Administrator will work under the supervision and direction of the Secretary to the Episcopal Vicar for Clergy to provide appropriate administrative support to the Vicariate for Clergy to ensure the smooth running of clergy administration.

Copies of the job description and application form are obtainable from Jan Holton on 01364 645383 or by email to recruitment@prcdtr.org.uk. The last date for applications is Monday 28 September 2020 and interviews will be held on Monday 12 October 2020 at St. Boniface House, Ashburton.

Online donations

It is now possible to make your weekly loose plate offering and other donations on-line. ****All donations are anonymous.****

Please use this link to make your online donation;

<https://givealittle.co/campaigns/f94e8739-d2fd-4ce6-9fca-60470ef39403>

Alternatively, you can go to the website; **<https://www.sacredheartexeter.org/>**
Scroll down to the 'Parish News' section and click the highlighted 'Donate Here' text.

There is also a link on our Facebook Page; **<https://www.facebook.com/Sacred-Heart-Catholic-Church-Exeter-422138011310698>**

If you need further guidance please email the Church Office.



Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in this Holy Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you Sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever. Amen.

Contact Details

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