

# Parish of the Sacred Heart

**SUNDAY 4TH APRIL 2021**

## The Season of Easter

*‘This day was made by the Lord: we rejoice and are glad’*

**A very holy and blessed Easter to you all.**

Date	Time	Service	Intentions
Sun 4th Apr	9.15am	Easter Sunday	People & parish Joyce Callaghan
	11.15am	Easter Sunday	
Mon 5th Apr	10.00am	Easter Monday	Private Intention
Tues 6th Apr	10.00am	Easter Tuesday	Sister Teresine RIP
Wed 7th Apr	10.00am	Easter Wednesday	Patricia O’Brien RIP
Thu 8th Apr	10.00am	Easter Thursday	Holy Souls
Fri 9th Apr	10.00am	Easter Friday	Vincent O’Rourke RIP
Sat 10th Apr	5.30pm	Easter Saturday	People & Parish

### Question of the Week

How have I come to believe? How can I witness to the resurrection to this era?

### Confessions during Easter

Sat 5.00pm-5.20pm

Weds 9.30am - 9.50am

On reasonable request

All Masses and Liturgies are now being live-streamed. [CLICK HERE](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqZLydKWQ6CqG2utRNBeKmA) or go to <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqZLydKWQ6CqG2utRNBeKmA>

### This weeks scripture references

Acts 10:34,37-43

Colossians 3:1-4

Psalms 117(118):1-2, 16-17, 22-23

John 20:1-9

### EASTER:THE OTHER SIDE OF THE CALVARY

*'I saw the tomb of the now living Christ,*

*I saw the glory of Christ, now risen.*

*I saw the angels who gave witness;*

*The clothes too which once had covered head and limbs.*

*'Christ, my hope has risen.*

*He will go before his own into Galilee'*

(Culled from Sequence)

My dear friends, looking at the gospels, we can boldly say that Easter is the great day of the Lord's resurrection. It is the day when the power of darkness was overthrown by the power of light; the day the Good News of the resurrection of the Lord was announced to the world. It is a great day when the tomb of Jesus was found empty; the stone rolled out; the day the angel of the Lord was found in the tomb to give the Good News to Mary Magdalene and the Apostles that the Lord is risen and showed them the empty tomb. It can also be said to be the great day when Mary Magdalene met Jesus on her way with the news that he is alive and asked her to go and tell his brothers (the Apostles) that he will meet them in Galilee. It is a great day when Jesus broke the power of death and of the grave and walked away safely as he promised. It is a great day when Jesus fulfilled his promise to his followers that he will rise on the third day. We can go on and on and enumerate what Easter is all about because it is a wonderful day, the day the Lord had made and we rejoice and are glad.

Easter is wonderful day when we witness the other side of the Calvary story which assures us that all hope is not lost. On Good Friday, Jesus was unjustly condemned to death by the Scribes and Pharisees and the elders. He was betrayed, rejected and justice denied him. He was bitterly treated; given the crown of thorns and allowed to die through the pains of the cross. But on Easter Sunday, Christ proved his innocence. He defeated death, fulfilled his promise and walked out of the tomb untouched. The Good Friday event of betrayal, agony, abandonment and hopelessness gave way to the good news of Easter, ushering in the other side of the cavalry message.

The other side of the Calvary story is that of joy, love and happiness which we all share at Easter over the victory of Christ. It reminds me and all of us that the cross does not go without a crown. As such, we are called not lose hope, for if there is no Good Friday, there will be no Easter. Every 'Good Friday' shall come to pass and the joy of Easter will take its place. But we must not forget that as Christians, we are the resurrection people. We need faith to surmount the hurdles, the crosses of this present time to be with the Lord at the end of our lives for all things shall one day come to pass away. That is why Christians are called at a time like this to look up to their resurrection time. They are called to look intently at the cross of Christ and momentary crosses of their life and say with faith and hope: it shall one day come to pass. Those suffering loneliness, rejection, persecution and abandonment can now look intently at the risen Lord and at his or her embarrassing condition and say with confidence: it shall one day be over.

Today, the furloured and unemployed experiencing challenges at the moment can as well look intently at the risen Lord and at his or her ugly situation and say with lively hope: it shall come to pass. Today, those who are discouraged, distressed and crossed over the event of the past months of the pandemic should rise up and know that it shall one day come to pass away. Christ has risen and that is the other side of the Calvary story. Darkness does not last. It gives way to the light when it comes. God who had risen Jesus from the dead is still in charge. He did it before. He will do it again. He is the guarantee of ultimate victory. Ours will not be different especially when we put our faith, hope and trust in him. With great faith in the resurrection, every cross shall come to pass away, 'for all things work unto good for those who love God' (Rom 8:28).

Happy Easter to you all!



### Easter Offerings

The Easter offering is your personal gift to your priests, and along with the Christmas offering make up a large percentage of their allowance.

Envelopes are provided at the back of the church and can either be placed in the offerings box or posted through the presbytery letter box.

If you are going to make your offering by cheque please make the cheque payable to 'PRCDTR Sacred Heart Parish Exeter'.

### Standing Orders

If you wish to make your regular offerings via standing order, please email the parish office for a S.O form which will be emailed to you for you to fill out and send to your bank. If you need a paper copy posted to you please email the office

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

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### **The Pope's Intentions**

**Universal Intention— Fundamental rights.**

**We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.**

### Triduum and Easter Liturgies

**Please note that we are now full for all the Triduum and Easter services. Please do not try and attend if you haven't booked, there are no spaces.**

**All our Masses are now being streamed on YouTube. Go to;**

**<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqZLYdKWQ6CqG2utRNBeKmA>**

**Or [CLICK HERE](#)**

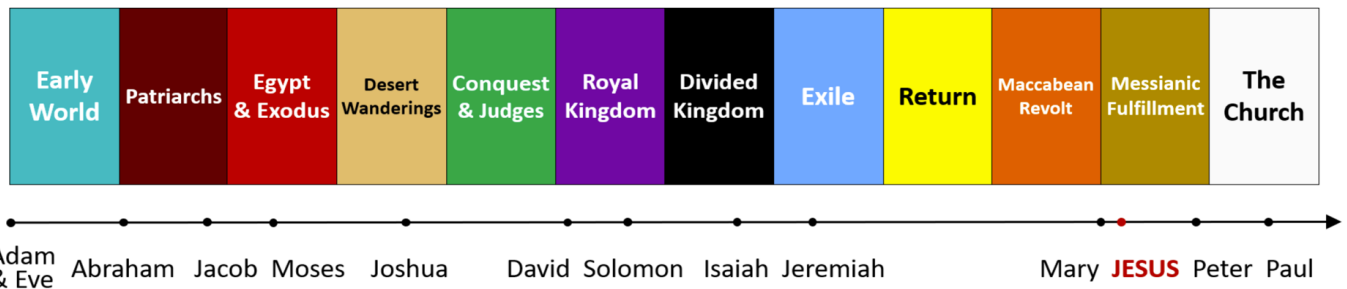
### Safeguarding

Please see the link to the work of the Elliot Review Implementation Group,

[www.catholicsafeguardingproject.org](http://www.catholicsafeguardingproject.org)

## THE BIBLE TIMELINE COURSE

### 12 Periods, One Story!



Bookings are now open for the next Bible Timeline Course. It fills quickly. Understand the Bible from start to finish, the Old and New Testament, with this **FREE OF CHARGE**, worldwide-famous course delivered online LIVE by Mauro Lannicelli. Starts on 7th April 2021 at 7pm (Eight Wednesday evening sessions). Info & Registration: [www.comeandsee.org](http://www.comeandsee.org)

### Discernment weekend for men aged 30 to 55

The Beda College in Rome is running a discernment weekend for men between the ages of 30 and 55 from Friday 3rd September to Sunday 5th September 2021. It takes place at St Beuno's Spirituality Centre in North Wales. The weekend is for men who are not already in touch with the Vocations Director, Fr Ralph, and is a first step for those who may be exploring the possibility of priestly vocation in later life. Information and registration forms are at: <https://www.pathwaystogod.org/courses-events-retreats/discernment-weekend-older-men-1>

### A Precious Place of God's Grace – the next step.

Bishop Mark has invited International speaker Michael Dopp to present to the clergy and laity of our diocese. Drawing on the themes of missionary discipleship that are emphasized in the document, we will explore how to concretely live this out in our own lives, as a parish, and throughout the diocese. Join us on Sat 1st May, for the two part presentation 11am – 12noon. 1pm – 2pm. Please register via the following link and you will receive a further link to join the session:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/a-precious-place-of-gods-grace-michael-dopp-on-missionary-parishes-tickets-145433789379?utm-medium=discovery&utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&aff=escb&utm-source=cp&utm-term=listing>



## CTaX

CTax now have a website for you to access all the up coming events. Please go to [www.ctax.btck.co.uk/Comingup](http://www.ctax.btck.co.uk/Comingup) regularly as the information is constantly being updated.

## GIFT Growing In Faith Together **March update**

We met with parents via zoom on Saturday 6th March to discuss one of our next God Calls Resources: Prophets and Heroes. This month families are supported to focus on Prophets and Heroes:

- Who do we see as modern-day prophets and heroes?
- How can we as parents be a prophetic voice in our families?
- How can we remain faithful to God and encourage our families to be faithful in the everyday events of family life?

**WHAT IS GIFT?** GIFT is for all families of faith: for families who have already made their Holy Communion or for families with children who are looking forward to receiving this sacrament; for families with older children who want to be confirmed in their faith; for families with younger children who want to experience and grow in faith in a simple and enjoyable way.

**BEDTIME CHATS** - All of the Bedtime Chats can be found on the Blessed Sacrament Website GIFT page: <https://www.blessedsacrament.org.uk/parish-life/gift/>

**GET IN TOUCH** - Our next parents zoom session is on Saturday 10th April. If you would like to join us, please get in touch with Maria [exeter-pastoral-assistant@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:exeter-pastoral-assistant@prcdtr.org.uk)

## Baptism Preparation Courses 2021

Are you looking to have your child baptised? We look forward to spiritually supporting you in preparation for this important sacrament and welcoming you and your family into our parish family. Courses are delivered via zoom over two consecutive Saturday mornings from **10:30-11:45**. The next course dates for 2021 are: **17/24 April**, 10/17 July, and 9/16 October. Please get in touch with Fr Kieran to let him know you would like to prepare to have your child baptised.

## Wednesday Word Scripture Reflection

Wednesday Word meets online via the Zoom app on Wednesday at 2.00pm and reflect together on the Gospel for the coming Sunday. If you would like to join and receive email notifications, please email: [exeter-pastoral-assistant@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:exeter-pastoral-assistant@prcdtr.org.uk)

## Newsletter Attachments

Look and Ichthus PDF's (Children's Sunday Sheets)

### 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.

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