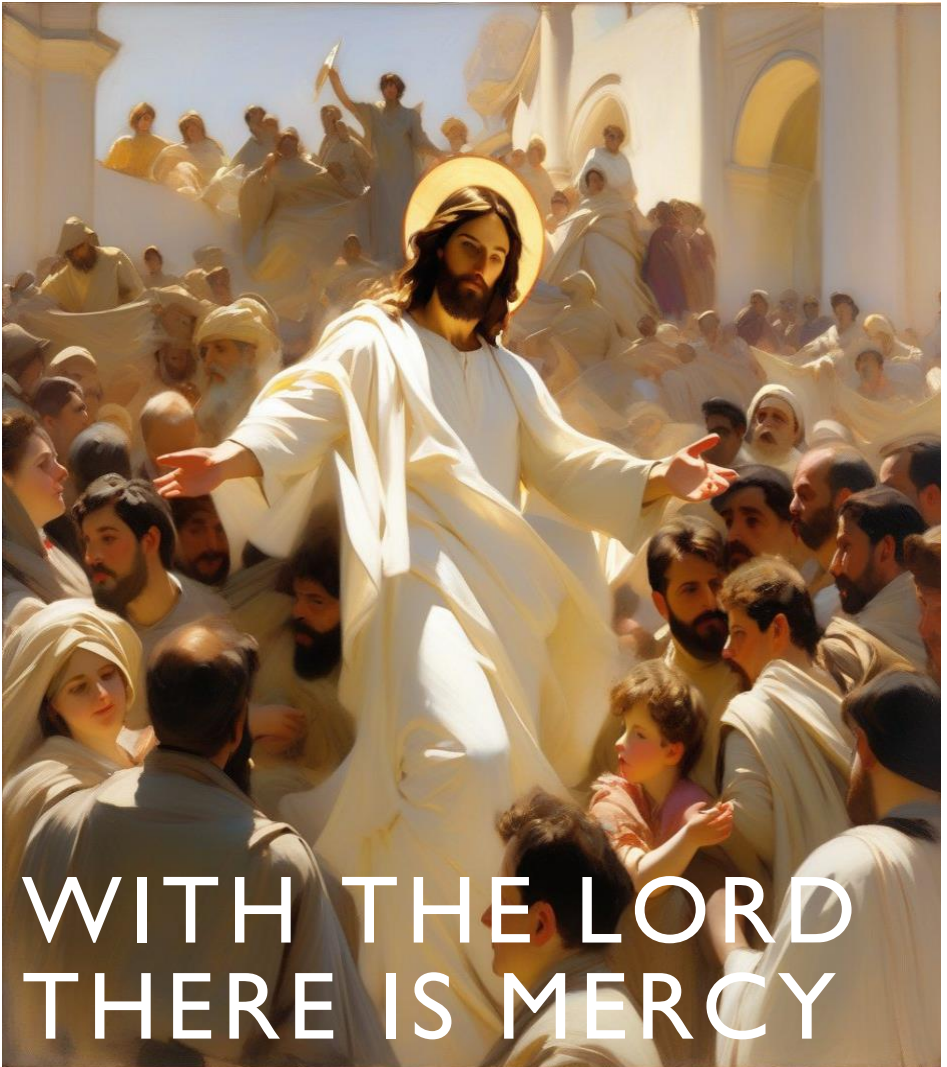


PARISH NEWS



BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH, HEAVITREE, EXETER
9 June 2024. Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Year B. Psalter 2



WITH THE LORD
THERE IS MERCY

A constant theme throughout human history has been the conflict between dark and light, good and evil. Our faith, of course, is no different: good and evil are opposed, and in real conflict, because the one cannot tolerate the other. Our own story of Creation tells of the origins of this conflict, where the evil of selfishness, pride and falsehood opens a doorway to the long story of the fight between God's will and sin.

In Jesus, good finds a new champion: the One who most perfectly unites the divine and human will, in whom there is no sin, takes up arms on our behalf to conquer sin and evil. By sharing in his life (by doing the will of God) we share in his final victory over evil on the cross, and so are strengthened and sustained in the continuing contest between sin and virtue. *Salford Office for Liturgy*

MASS TIMES

Sunday 9 June – Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8.45am *People of the Parish*

10.45am *Private Intention*

Followed by refreshments in St Richard Reynolds Centre

6.00pm *For the Catholic Parish Summit*

Tuesday 11 June

6.30pm *For a bishop for our diocese*

Wednesday 12 June – St Barnabas, Apostle

9.30am *Special Intention of Joan Ware*

Followed by refreshments in St Richard Reynolds Centre

Thursday 13 June – St Anthony of Padua, Priest & Doctor

9.30am *Private Intention*

No Adoration this evening

Friday 14 June

No Mass

Saturday 15 June

No Mass

Sunday 16 June – Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8.45am *Private Intention*

10.45am *People of the Parish*

Followed by refreshments in St Richard Reynolds Centre

6.00pm *For the young people of our parish*

Liturgy of the Word for Children

During term time at 10.45am Mass on Sunday.

Live stream Mass [Access the parish YouTube page at this link.](#)

Confessions Saturdays after 9.30am Mass.

NEWS & EVENTS

Blessed Sacrament at the Catholic Parish Summit

Next week Fr Jonathan and members of the Parish Vision Team are travelling to Harrogate to take part in the Catholic Parish Summit.

The conference will gather 1,000 parish leaders who will share the vision of a Church that is missional and apostolic at its very core. Its purpose is to equip leaders in parishes around the world so that more people will come to know Jesus.

Fr Jonathan will be hosting a breakout session on the experience of Sunday Worship and Maria Quinn will be hosting a breakout reflecting on Family Catechesis.

We hope that by meeting other communities who are engaged in parish renewal, we will be strengthened in the work of creating a community which is truly missional and fulfils the hopes of our Parish Vision. Please pray for us. You can become a prayer partner for the conference by visiting the link below.

We look forward to telling you all about it when we return.

[Find out more about the Catholic Parish Summit here.](#)

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Crediton

Sunday 9 of June at St Boniface Church, Park Rd, Crediton presided over by Canon Paul Cummins. Parishioners are warmly invited to the celebration of the Feast of Saint Boniface, Patron of our Diocese.

Pilgrims are invited to gather from 4.00pm at the Church for Vespers and Benediction. Light refreshments will be provided. For further information, please see poster or e-mail crediton@prcdtr.org.uk. Parking is available nearby for coaches.



Forget-me-not Bereavement Café

We invite anyone who has suffered a bereavement of any kind, at any time, to come along to our **Forget-me-not**

Bereavement Café for a cup of coffee/tea, cake and a chat.

The café will be held once a month on a Saturday morning (every fourth Saturday of the month) at 10.30am in the St Richard Reynolds Centre.

Come along, and maybe bring a friend with you who you think would also benefit from making contact with others in a friendly relaxed café. There is no need to book just come along on

Saturday 22 June. We look forward to seeing you.

Gardening at the Convent in Lynton

Last year we ventured to North Devon to help the Sisters of Mary Morning Star tend their wonderful, and very large garden. Please join us this year on **Saturday 29 June** as we head north once more to do what we can to help. If you would like to come with us, please let Catherine in the Parish Office know as soon as possible so the we can organise transport.

Exeter Street Pastors

There will be a commissioning service for our new street and prayer pastors at The Terrace in the Guildhall at **3.00pm on Sunday 9 June**.

It would be lovely to see you there to join with us and the night time economy, to celebrate this achievement of completing training and commissioning them as they start deploying. See the poster in the church porch.

Caritas Diocese of Plymouth

Caritas Anniversary Newsletter

This May marked the fifth anniversary of Caritas Diocese of Plymouth's launch. Read about the work they have done and continue to do [at this link](#). Alternatively, there is a copy of the newsletter in the church porch.

Caritas Event

'I was a stranger and you welcomed me' Matthew 25:35

Pope Francis calls on us to WELCOME, PROTECT, PROMOTE and INTEGRATE people fleeing from conflict and persecution.

We invite you to a Zoom event on **Thursday 13 June at 6.00pm** to reflect and explore what this can mean in practice, hearing from someone who has been through the asylum system, sustained and supported by her Catholic faith, and from people who have answered the call to help and support in different ways. We all have our part to play to enable people seeking asylum to live with dignity as their claims are decided. We all have the opportunity to make a positive difference: from the power of prayer, to the warmth of a welcome, to practical support, to donations, to supporting campaigns, to short-term hosting, together we can improve the lives of people forced to flee danger.

Refugee Week 2024

The theme this year is **Our Home**.

Please join us to reflect upon how we can make our churches and parishes a place of welcome and support for those forced to leave their homes in search of peace and freedom. [Please visit this link to register](#) or email caritas@prcdtr.org.uk

General Election 2024

Caritas Social Action (CSAN) are encouraging all Catholics to #RegisterToVote before 23:59 on the **18 June 2024** in preparation for the General Election. CSAN have launched a number of resources to help Catholics inform their conscience and navigate the political landscape at this time, find more at [this link](#).

Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth)

The latest "Children First" **newsletter** can be found in the church porch.

The CCSP has teamed up with Tozers Solicitors who have a long history of being legal advisers to the Diocese of Plymouth and CCSP and will be holding their first ever **Wills Week w/c 17 June 2024**. Tozers have offices in Exeter, Newton Abbot and Teignmouth and they have kindly offered us 10 appointments for our parishioners to make a simple will to provide security for themselves, their loved

ones, and the children of the future. Tozers have suggested a small donation be made to CCSP and they will then waive their usual fee which is considerably more. They have suggested a donation of £300 and this payment would be made to Tozers during the appointment and then they will ensure the payment is sent to CCSP. To request more information, or to book an appointment to make a simple will with a member of the team from Tozers, please email enquiries@tozers.co.uk or call **01392 207020**. Appointments during Wills Week will be offered on a first come first served basis, although if you are unable to make w/c 14 June, Tozers can offer a little flexibility in their appointment schedule.

Recycle your ink cartridges and help support CCSP. Please pop your used ink cartridges in the box situated in the Baptistry at Blessed Sacrament. Thank you.

Orange Box. De-clutter and help the children in our Diocese. There is an orange box in the St. Richard Reynolds Centre where items can be placed and every box filled will raise much needed funds for the CCSP.

Items that can be collected in the boxes include coins and bank notes, precious metals, medals and badges, costume jewellery, metals, watches, keys and locks, small antiques and collectibles.

The Shape of Authentic Hope:

In this difficult, disillusioned age, why do we *need* the Church?

In preparing for the Jubilee year 2025, Pope Francis has asked us to explore the key documents of Vatican II. Bill Keimig, Deputy Director of the Catechetical Institute Franciscan University of Steubenville, in his visit to the UK, will be speaking to us on the document on the Church (Lumen Gentium: A light to all peoples). Come and join us at **Schiller Hall, Buckfast Abbey on Wednesday June 26th 6-8pm**. The event will begin at 5pm with tea/coffee and chance to connect and chat with Bill and his team. To reserve a place contact: deborah.vankroonenburg@prcdtr.org.uk [or visit this link](#).

Plymouth Diocese Catholic Charismatic Renewal

Jesus is in the house! (Mark 2:1) **Come and encounter Him.**

A day of encounter for all ages, at St Cuthbert's Conference Centre, Buckfast Abbey **10.00am – 6.00pm on 29 June.**

Experience joyful praise and worship, ways of connecting to God's voice, prayer from the heart, workshops, prayer ministry, Adoration, and Mass. Hot and cold drinks included, optional two course lunch or bring your own packed lunch. Tickets available from Eventbrite [here](#). We want to make the day as accessible as possible for everyone so there is also a 'pay what you can' option for tickets. Please contact info@swccr.org.uk for more information or if you have any questions. We're really looking forward to sharing the day with as many of you as possible!

Please [click here](#) to read about what events are coming up in the diocese.

Diocese of Plymouth Newsletter

The newsletter for May can be accessed [at this link](#).

Catholic Bishops' Conference

The latest news from the Catholic Bishops' conference can be accessed [here](#).

End of Life Debate

In light of the calls being made for the legalisation of assisted suicide we are sharing links to Bishop Sherrington's statement on this topic as well as the ten-point summary on the Bishops' Conference webpage [here](#)
[10-point summary on assisted dying here.](#)

School Transport grants for the academic year 2024-25

The Diocese of Plymouth is now taking applications from parents/guardians wishing to apply for grants for transport to a Catholic or Catholic/CofE school situated in the Diocese of Plymouth. Applications for the academic year 2024-5 must be submitted in writing and be signed by the Parish Priest. Families will be notified at the start of the Autumn term if their application has been successful.

There are limited funds and not all applications may be successful.

You can obtain an application form from the parish office.

Bible Alive

There are 5 free copies of the latest editions of this publication in the church porch. Please help yourself. If you would like to make a contribution please put your money in the wall box marked 'books'.

General Election 2024

The Prime Minister has called a general election for Thursday, 4 July. There is a range of information and guidance on key issues of importance to us, as Catholics, to help inform how we vote. Gospel values inform how we look at the world as Christians. These values can also offer a different way of looking at politics, a way that puts the common good before self-interest.

The Catholic Bishops' Conference has guidance on issues such as criminal justice, poverty, migration, education, international relations, life issues and the environment [Please visit this link.](#)

CAFOD and SVP have also produced a joint resource 'Year of Encounter' with a range of questions to ask potential candidates [Please visit this link.](#)

If you haven't registered to vote in the general election, you must do so by 23:59 on Tuesday, 18 June 2024. If you are eligible, you can do so [by visiting this link.](#) You can also apply for a postal vote if eligible. Photo ID is necessary in order to be permitted to vote. [More information at this link.](#)

Plymouth Diocesan and Youth Pilgrimages to Lourdes

Here's your chance to join us at Our Lady's beautiful shrine this year; let's go and bring some blessings back for our diocese! **26 July** for 6 nights. Please see the posters on the notice board in the porch.

Local Ignatian Summer Retreats

A number of individually guided, Ignatian silent retreats are available locally in the diocese this summer. There has been a change from the original summer programme sent out earlier in the year.

Sclerder Summer Retreats

5 – 7 July (Fri – Sun) Weekend Retreat (£140)

5 – 9 July (Fri – Tues) Extended Weekend Retreat (£280)

The recommended donation includes full board & lodging. If anyone would like to go on retreat, but has difficulty meeting the cost, this can be offset if they get in touch.

Sclerder Abbey, a retreat house for our summer retreats situated near Looe in Cornwall has a large garden with views of the sea and pleasant rural walks nearby. Please contact Plymouth Diocesan Ignatian Spirituality Group at diocesan-ignatian-retreats@prcdtr.org.uk or phone 01752 769164 Or 07823 447637 for further information or booking form. See the poster in the porch.

Exeter Foodbank

Donations of the following priority items are especially needed: tins of meat, tins of vegetables, tins of fruit, jams and spreads, noodle and pasta snacks, small jars of coffee, rice pudding. There is a collection basket at the back of the church.

Please email Mark at info@exeterfoodbank.org.uk to find out how you can help.

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Laudato Si – Exeter

The Diocese is reminding us of Pope Francis's Letters, *Laudato Si'* and more recently *Laudate Deum*. The Holy Father uses words from the great Canticle of St Francis of Assisi to ask us to consider our care for the Earth and its diversity of life, and for people threatened by the very serious environmental problems we face together.

We propose to reflect on the Pope's teaching documents and what they might mean for our lives and wider social responsibilities, drawing on the strengths of all three Parishes. If this interests you, can you please share your name and contact details with Coral Mortier, Parish Secretary at South Street (Phone, email). Your support will help us organise a combined *Laudato Si'* meeting for Exeter. Watch this space for more details.

Diocese of Plymouth Summer Camps 2024

The Summer Catechetical Camps provide young Catholics of the Diocese of Plymouth opportunities to learn about their faith within a holiday atmosphere. Originally the vision of the Catholic Women's League, who organised and ran them for many years, they are now run by a dedicated team of volunteers, many of whom experienced camp for themselves.

Currently based in the grounds of Buckfast Abbey, this year's dates are:

Senior Camp (Yrs 7-10)	28 July – 2 August
St. Petroc's Camp (Yrs 11 & 12)	31 July – 2 August
Junior Camp (Yrs 3-6)	4 August – 8 August

Click [here](#) to download the information booklet and find out more.

Blessed Sacrament Music Collective



Praising God through music and song is an ancient tradition. David wrote his psalms as musical poetry of worship. In the church, praising

God in song is part of our ancient tradition. St Augustine famously said 'He who sings prays twice'. We want Blessed Sacrament to be a parish where music and song are central to our liturgy at all Masses. While there are a number of us, we still need more singers and musicians so that we can provide music at all of the Sunday Masses more regularly. This would also help when people are poorly or on holiday.

So, do you enjoy singing? Do you play an instrument?

There are no entry requirements except a desire to serve God and our parish by using your gifts. If you play the piano or keyboard, don't worry that there is only one keyboard in a group! There are now three of us that share the keyboard at different times. We need more! Guitars are on a rota as space is limited. There is a maximum of 3 at any Mass; but we need more if we are to meet our goal of music at every Sunday Mass!

We aim to play a range of music from traditional hymns of the church to modern worship music. We are currently exploring a digital music platform so that we can play from iPads in the future. We have had two very successful BS Collective music 'jams' since November. These are a chance to learn new music and get to know one another. The next 'jams' are:

Saturday 5 October - 10.30am - 1.30pm in the Richard Reynolds Centre

Saturday 23 November - 10.30am - 1.30pm in the church

We would love to hear from anyone who would like to play with us, whether you attend at the 8.45am, 10.45am, 6.00pm, or a mixture. We need your gifts and talents to help our parish lift their hearts and voices in praise and worship.

If you are interested in finding out more or coming to one of the 'jams', please email angelajfolland@gmail.com or angela.bosley@btinternet.com

St Nicholas School News

We can't believe it is the last half term of the year! It has flown by. Now the sun is shining there is much to look forward to before the summer break. We have sports day next week and an outdoor picnic on the school field. The Year 6 children will then go on their week-long residential at Kilve Court in North Devon where they will have adventures outdoors such as climbing high ropes, archery, swamp walks and exploring the beach. Once back they will start to rehearse their end of year play. We still have some spaces in our Nursery for 3-4 year olds from September. Please contact admissions@stncls.uk to find out more.

Plymouth Cast – We need you!

Plymouth CAST is a Catholic multi-academy trust of 34 schools and one nursery, spanning the Diocese of Plymouth. Our mission is to be a community of outstanding schools in which our pupils flourish in safe, happy, and stimulating environments and leave us with the knowledge and skills, personal qualities, and aspirations, to make the world a better place, inspired by the Gospel.

Plymouth CAST is currently recruiting to expand its Board of Directors. We are particularly interested in hearing from you if you have skills and experience in Finance, HR, and/or Education. Please contact the Clerk to the Trust Board for further information, Mrs Leah Paiano lpaiano@plymouthcast.org.uk

St Petrock's

St Petrock's has created a simple survey to help raise awareness of the issues faced by people without a home in Exeter, and we'd love it if this could be shared. We think it's the first opinion gathering poll of its kind in the city and hope it will provide valuable information about people's attitudes and knowledge about rough sleepers and the causes of homelessness, which will help inform our communications and fundraising plans.

We'd like as many people as possible to complete it as it will help us with our work, so please do share this post and/or pass on to colleagues so we can get as wide a picture of people's views.

If you include your email, we will enter you into a prize draw to win £50 of Petrock's Place vouchers - our vintage clothing shop in Paris Street!

Here's the survey! surveymonkey.com/r/FFLT3RV

PRAYER & LITURGY

Pope's June Prayer Intention [The Pope Video](#)

With this month's prayer intention, Pope Francis invites us to pray for those people who are fleeing from their own countries – our brothers and sisters who are forced to leave their homeland. The Pope Video, produced by the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network, helps us think about migrants: "Whoever welcomes a migrant welcomes Christ." As Christians, we cannot remain indifferent regarding the "walls separating

families, and the walls in hearts.” “A migrant needs to be accompanied, promoted, and integrated.” Let us together pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys fraught with danger and violence, may find welcome and new living opportunities in the countries that welcome them.

We commend to the Lord...

...all who have died recently. Please keep them and their family and friends in your prayers. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

Worship Thursdays

Adoration in church each Thursday 7.00-8.00pm. There will be no adoration this coming Thursday (13 June).

GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER

GIFT tots

An hour of fun faith for pre-school age children and their parents and carers. Come together to pray, sing, explore and create the Good News as we Grow In Faith Together. 2nd Friday every month at St Richard Reynolds Centre, Blessed Sacrament. 4th Friday every month at the Lower Room Sacred Heart. 10.15-11.15am.

Registration is Required.

The session on Friday 14 June in the St Richard Reynolds Room is cancelled.

GIFT tots will not meet throughout June, July and August. Our next session will be on Friday 13 September in the St Richard Reynolds Centre. If you and your little one(s) would like to join us please register using the link below.

[GIFT Tots Registration Form](#)

GIFT families and youth

GIFT is for primary and secondary aged families and supports them to live and grow as Catholics. It enables parents to prepare their children to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation, Holy Communion and Confirmation.

GIFT 6 July: Change of Venue/Time

GIFT and GIFT Youth will meet on 6 July at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church.

We will begin with Mass at 9.30am and our session will end at 12.00 noon.

We look forward to seeing you there. Register for GIFT and GIFT Youth:

[GIFT Registration Form.](#)

[GIFT Youth Registration Form](#)

GIFT youth socials

We ask that parents of any young person wishing to come to GIFT Youth socials have registered them before they attend. Please use the link above. This helps ensure everyone's safety. The next GIFT Youth Social scheduled for 21 June will not take place due to the SPREE Faith Festival. If you've signed up for GIFT Youth, details of the next session will be sent to you.

Wednesday Word Scripture Reflection

Prayerfully Preparing for the Proclamation of Sunday's Gospel

Wednesdays 2.00 – 3.00pm via zoom. We meet to pray, read, meditate and reflect on the upcoming Sunday's Gospel. We are a friendly and inclusive group from different walks of life, and we'd be delighted if you joined us. A weekly commitment is not necessary. Contact Maria exeter-pastoral-assistant@prcdtr.org.uk if you would like to join or have further questions about how the session runs.

The Call to Conversion

Explore how ordinary people in the Bible, just like you, were met by Jesus where they were and called to a better life through Him. The common theme in each story is the turning of all one's attention and energy towards an ever deeper, personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Join us every fortnight on Monday morning after the 10.00am Mass until 12.15pm in the Lower Room at Sacred Heart. Next meeting **Monday 17 June.**

Going into hospital?

If you, or someone you know is going into hospital for any length of time and would like the Chaplaincy team to know, please let the parish office know.

Getting Married?

Congratulations. If you are hoping to marry at Blessed Sacrament Church or any other place, including abroad, we require at least six months' notice. Please contact the parish office to arrange an appointment to meet with the parish priest.

Baptism Preparation Course

Are you expecting a baby and/or wish to have your child baptised? We look forward to supporting you in preparation for this important sacrament and welcoming you and your family into the community of the Church. Courses are over two consecutive Saturday mornings from 10.15-12.15 delivered via Zoom.

Forthcoming dates: **20 & 27 July** and **12 & 19 October 2024**. Godparents are especially welcome to attend the second Saturday session as the role of Godparents is explored. Click on the link at the end of this article to register. If you have any problems accessing this, contact Catherine in the parish office on 01392 274724 or exeter-heavitree@prcdtr.org.uk. We are now taking bookings for the July 2024 course. [Baptism Enquiry form](#)

THE WORD

Sunday 9 June – Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Genesis 3:9-15

I will make you enemies of each other: you and the woman, your offspring and her offspring.

Psalm Response: With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

We believe, and therefore we speak.

Gospel: Mark 3:20-35

It is the end of Satan.

Sunday 16 June – Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Ezekiel 17:22-24

I make low trees grow.

Psalm Response: It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10

Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing the Lord.

Gospel: Mark 4:26-34

It is the smallest of all the seeds; yet it grows into the biggest shrub of them all.

Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation DEI VERBUM

CHAPTER VI – SACRED SCRIPTURE IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

21. The Church has always venerated the divine Scriptures just as she venerates the body of the Lord, since, especially in the sacred liturgy, she unceasingly receives and offers to the faithful the bread of life from the table both of God's word and of Christ's body. She has always maintained them, and continues to do so, together with sacred tradition, as the supreme rule of faith, since, as inspired by God and committed once and for all to writing, they impart the word of God Himself without change, and make the voice of the Holy Spirit resound in the words of the prophets and Apostles. Therefore, like the Christian religion itself, all the preaching of the Church must be nourished and regulated by Sacred Scripture. For in the sacred books, the Father who is in heaven meets His children with great love and speaks with them; and the force and power in the word of God is so great that it stands as the support and energy of the Church, the strength of faith for her sons, the food of the soul, the pure and everlasting source of spiritual life. Consequently these words are perfectly applicable to Sacred Scripture: "For the word of God is living and active" (Heb. 4:12) and "it has power to build you up and give you your heritage among all those who are sanctified" (Acts 20:32; see 1 Thess. 2:13).

You can read *Dei Verbum* in its entirety by [visiting this link](#).

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Safeguarding

If you have any concerns about a vulnerable child or adult, please contact the parish office on 01392 274724 or by email: exeter-heavitree@prcdtr.org.uk

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Useful links

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