

PARISH OF ST JAMES & ST BONIFACE
with St John's RC Primary School
The Catholic Community in the Heart of Mid Devon

NEWSLETTER

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

Sunday 26 July 2020



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2020
THE GOD WHO
SPEAKS

Parish Clergy:

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Parish Office Hours

The Parish Office is normally open on:

Monday to Thursday from 10.00am-1.00pm

Friday from 10.00am-1.00pm

Rosie, the Parish Secretary, is there to deal with all routine parish administrative matters, as well as to help with any other pastoral enquiries.

During these hours it is possible either to visit the Office, which is situated next to the Presbytery, being careful to observe the necessary social distancing rules, or to contact Rosie by telephone. Emails can be sent at any time, although these will only usually be answered during Office hours. The contact details can be found on the front of the Newsletter.

Masses at St James

Mass is celebrated at St James on:

Tuesday at 10.00am

Wednesday at 12noon

Thursday at 6.30pm

Friday at 12noon

Saturday at 6.00pm

Sunday at 10.00am and 11.30am

It is very important that you let the Parish Office know that you would like to come to a particular Mass. At the moment there are sometimes spare seats at some of the Masses so you can chance turning up without booking, but there is no guarantee that there will be a seat available

Although the wearing of face coverings in church has not been made obligatory if social distancing remains at 2 metres, the Government has said this week that they are "strongly recommended". Until we need greater seating capacity, we will retain the 2 metre rule in St James and therefore it is entirely your decision whether or not to wear a face covering when at Mass.

At least two Stewards (three on Sundays) need to be present at each Mass to ensure the observance of social distancing, to take the details of those present, if necessary, and to sanitise the church afterwards. **We need to have more volunteers to become stewards, so that the responsibility can be shared across the parish community.** Please contact Canon Kristian or Rosie if you can offer some of your time. Thank you to those parishioners who have stewarded on an 'ad hoc' basis and are 'on call' if needed for one-off cover slots, and those parishioners who are stewarding on a regular weekly basis. We could do with a third person to steward the 11.30 a.m. Mass on Sunday.

A Huge Thank You ...

... to Christine Pickford, our very own Sewing Bee, for her tireless efforts in making such wonderful face masks for the Parish. There seems to be a colour and pattern to suit all tastes, so we can colour co-ordinate ourselves when we need to don them. Christine is not charging for the masks, but is donating any money they bring in to charity. It is a suggestion that perhaps a donation of £2.00 per mask, for those who are able, would be appropriate.

Youth Events in the Diocese

Saskia Hogbin, the Diocesan Youth Events Worker, has asked that the following be put in parish newsletters for our young people:

“On 26 September there will be Zoom workshops for young people to discuss the future of our planet and ways we can teach others to look after it. We plan to share a prayer service at St Peter’s, Crownhill, later that day. Bookings will be taken in September.

In October there will be a series of five sessions exploring Faith, Music and Creativity. One Hope Project will lead three of the discussions. These are aimed at young people aged 13-21.

Lastly I am looking for young people across the diocese to help put together a short film of prayer and reflection. We are looking for people to sing as well as those that will share thoughts, reflections and read prayers. The theme will be ‘My Spiritual Journey: Living through COVID-19’.

If you are interested in any of these events or have ideas for any future events, please email youth@prcdtr.org.uk.”

Imaginative Contemplation of the Gospel

A handout to help us to pray with this Sunday’s Gospel using our imagination is attached to the Newsletter. There is an opportunity to pray this Gospel together in our weekly on-line prayer group. Contact monika.manser@btinternet.com for the Zoom access details. All welcome.

Dial-a-Mass

For those who do not have a computer or access to the internet, the Diocese of Middlesbrough in conjunction with the Knights of St Columba have set up a telephone service on which you can listen to a recording of Sunday Mass, which is available from 12noon each Sunday until the following Sunday. The Mass tends to last approximately 45 minutes and only costs the price of a local call. The Knights of St Columba cover the additional 34p that each call costs.

The number to call is **01642 130120**.

200 Club

There will be a draw in August. Those members that pay annually will be credited for the four months not drawn and those that pay monthly will not owe for those months. For the August draw, those who pay monthly are asked either to leave the money in a clearly marked envelope at the presbytery or to send a cheque to the Parish Office, made payable to the "*Parish of St James and St Boniface*". Any queries, please contact Simon Coombs (01884) 258331 or email sicoombs@aol.com.

Parish Giving

Lockdown has been a difficult time financially for many of our parishioners and so we are truly grateful for those who have continued to give their parish offerings by way of Standing Order. Your offerings are important to sustain the life of the parish. There are baskets at the entry and exit to the church for those who contribute by using Planned Giving Envelopes or cash.

Along with other parishes of our dioceses, we are also exploring the possibility of introducing "cashless giving" by means of a "Tap and Donate" system similar to the contactless pay methods that are now used in many shops and services. Further information will be forthcoming when the details are finalised.

Mass Times and Online Events this week

Saturday 25 July

- Vigil Mass of Sunday at 6.00pm

Sunday 26 July – 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Holy Mass at 10.00am and at 11.30am

Tuesday 28 July - Weekday

- Holy Mass at 10.00am

Wednesday 29 July – St Martha (Patron of innkeepers, cooks, dieticians)

- Holy Mass at 12noon - *Sam Hancock RIP (anniv)*

Thursday 30 July – St Germanus of Auxerre, Bishop

- "Coffee Morning" on Zoom at 11.00am
- Holy Mass at 6.30pm – *Helena and Val (birthdays), Clementina Caterina Bizzari RIP (anniv)*

Friday 31 July – St Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

- Holy Mass at 12noon

Saturday 1 August – St Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor

- Vigil Mass of Sunday at 6.00pm (18th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

*** Congratulations to **Anna Zuboviča** and **Robert Radtke** ***
who were married at St James on Saturday 25 July!