

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

NEWSLETTER

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

Sunday 9 August 2020



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SPEAKS

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Parish Office Hours

The Parish Office is open on:

Monday to Thursday from 10.00am-1.00pm
Friday from 10.00am-2.00pm

for all routine parish administrative matters, as well as to help with any other pastoral enquiries. During these hours it is possible to visit the Office, next door to the Presbytery, or by telephone or email. Emails will normally only be answered during office hours. Contact details 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 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

Due to an increase in the spread of COVID-19 in parts of the country, the wearing of face coverings is now **obligatory in places of worship from Saturday 8 August**. Therefore, anyone coming to church from now on is required to wear a face covering when inside the building.

Because of the introduction of face coverings, the distancing arrangement of the seating in the church has been changed in line with the "1 metre plus" rule to allow for more people to take part in Mass

Parish Tea Party

A Parish Tea Party will be held on Sunday 23 August, 3.00-5.00pm, in the Presbytery garden. This occasion will be an opportunity to meet and enjoy each other's company again (whilst, of course, observing the important social distancing rules and Health & Safety guidelines) after the months of separation due to the lockdown. A cream tea will be provided, but do feel free to bring your own cakes and scones with you if you would feel safer doing that.

Those who come are asked to bring their own chairs, plates and cups with them if at all possible, although some chairs will be available for those who cannot bring their own. We are hoping for sunny weather but, if it rains, there will be gazebos for shelter, so nothing should put you off!

It will be great to see the parish family together again and there is plenty of room in the garden for us to do this safely.

CAFOD Emergency Appeal for the People of Beirut

On the evening of Tuesday 4 August, two explosions at the port of Lebanon's capital city of Beirut sent an enormous shockwave across the city killing over 100 people and leaving more than 4,000 injured.

Rescue workers are still searching for many more missing people and parts of Beirut are now uninhabitable. Thousands of families were affected by the explosion. Many of them have slept in shattered homes or temporary accommodation, while also facing the deadly threat of the coronavirus pandemic. At least 300,000 homes have been damaged, and many are no longer habitable. The UN has estimated that the total damages could reach 3-5 billion USD.

Christine Allen, CAFOD's Director, said: "CAFOD expresses its deepest sympathies and prayers to the families of the victims, as well as to the people Lebanon, following the horrific explosions in Beirut. Local Lebanese organisations, that CAFOD works alongside, have told us of the widespread destruction that has swept the city, and how their volunteers are already on the frontlines. assisting in hospitals and helping the injured. This disaster has happened at a challenging time for Lebanon, as they deal with the coronavirus pandemic and the country's economic turmoil. This explosion threatens to push many who were already suffering further into poverty and hunger. CAFOD remains committed to supporting Lebanon at this difficult time."

Please join in praying for all those affected by these horrific explosions using the prayer for the People of Beirut is attached to the Newsletter.

[Donate to the CAFOD Beirut Emergency Appeal](#)

The Sisterhood of St Elisabeth, Minsk, Belarus

Representatives of the young and vibrant Orthodox Sisterhood of St Elisabeth's Convent in Minsk, Belarus, who dedicate themselves to a special ministry in an orphanage and with mentally challenged adults and children in a number of hospitals and rehabilitation centres, will be visiting the parish next weekend, 15/16 August, in order to sell icons, ceramics, decorations and other artefacts produced in the workshop of the convent. All the money which they raise goes to support their ministry. The Sisters spend many weeks travelling round Europe to raise much needed funds. They make a great sacrifice to do this and I am sure that we as a parish can show them our support.

The Sisters will be present in the entrance hall of the church throughout Saturday and until after 11.30am Mass on Sunday. It would be really great if you could come to meet them and buy something from them, even if you will not attending Mass over the weekend.

For further information about the Sisters and their work go to <https://obitel-minsk.org/> and <https://obitel-minsk.ru/en/convent/>.

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.

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 "PRCDTR Parish of St James and St Boniface". Any queries, please contact Simon Coombs (01884) 258331 or email sicombs@aol.com.

Parish Giving

We are truly grateful for those who have continued to give their parish offerings over these last difficult months. Your offerings are important to sustain the life of the parish. For those who do not give by Standing Order, there are baskets at the entry and exit to the church.

We will also soon be introducing a "Tap and Donate" system similar to the contactless pay methods that are now used in many shops and services.

Mass Times and Online Events this week

Saturday 8 August – St Dominic, Priest

- Vigil Mass of Sunday at 6.00pm

Sunday 9 August – 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Holy Mass at 10.00am and at 11.30am (*Pro Populo*)

Tuesday 11 August – St Clare, Virgin - Patron of Television

- Holy Mass at 10.00am

Wednesday 12 August – Weekday

- Holy Mass at 12noon

Thursday 13 August – Weekday

- "Coffee Morning" on Zoom at 11.00am
- Holy Mass at 6.30pm

Friday 14 August – St Maximilian Mary Kolbe, Priest and Martyr

- Holy Mass at 12noon

Saturday 15 August – Vigil of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- Vigil Mass of Sunday at 6.00pm