

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

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# NEWSLETTER

**25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)**  
**Sunday 20 September 2020**  
**Home Mission Sunday**



**YEAR OF THE WORD**  
**2020**  
***THE GOD WHO***  
***SPEAKS***

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## 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.**

Please let the Parish Office know that you would like to come to a particular Mass. Sometimes there are spare seats at some of the weekday Masses, but there is no guarantee that there will be a seat available. You may make a "rolling booking" for a particular Mass, but please let the office know if you are not able to come, so that the place may be released for someone else.

## Home Mission Sunday

This weekend is Home Mission Sunday and there will be a second collection to support the work of the Home Mission Office of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, which supports parishes and projects to spread the Gospel in our own country.

## The Season of Creation and the World Day of the Poor

During the Season of Creation we are being asked to take concrete steps to care for the gift of creation and for the Earth, our common home. You can find useful information and resources on the [Bishops' Conference Website](#), and the [Diocesan Website](#) and on [Facebook](#), and at <https://cafod.org.uk>. On Saturday 24 October, 10.30am-12.30pm Bishop Mark invites you to take part in an online event - *How are we reaching out to the poor and marginalised?* to reflect on World Day of the Poor. Read more about it and register to take part at [Caritas Plymouth](#). Booking is essential.

## "Let us return to the Eucharist with joy!"

Bishop Mark has asked that the recent Letter from Cardinal Robert Sarah, the Prefect of the Vatican Congregation for Divine Worship, on the celebration of the liturgy during and after the COVID-19 pandemic, be made available to all parishioners and so it is attached to the Newsletter. In his letter, approved by the Holy Father, Cardinal Sarah gives an encouraging exposition of the importance of returning to church and to the celebration of the Eucharist.

## Annual Parish Financial Report

The Report for the Financial Year 2019/2020 is attached to the Newsletter. Special thanks to Margaret Found, our Parish Treasurer, for her unstinting work on our behalf, and to Siobhan Gilroy, the Parish Gift Aid Organiser.

## Catholic Nonviolence Days of Action

In support of the Season of Creation, this is the first year for the Catholic Nonviolence Days of Action, organised by Pax Christi International, between 21 September (International Day of Peace) and 2 October (International Day of Nonviolence and Gandhi's Birthday), to encourage solidarity actions around the world to promote and celebrate nonviolence. In his [Message for the World Day of Peace](#) in 2016, Pope Francis asks God "to help all of us to cultivate nonviolence in our most personal thoughts and values" so that it may "become the hallmark of our decisions, our relationships and our actions, and indeed of political life in all its forms".

Amongst the most pressing issues facing our world today is climate change and the need for Governments and every individual to take decisive and immediate action to avert a climate catastrophe. Working alongside other groups within the Church and in society at large, a new group *Catholics for Christian Climate Action* is being launched on 4 October, the feast day of St Francis of Assisi, to call for:

- (1)** full divestment from fossil fuels by 2022 by all Catholic organisations, such as dioceses and religious orders;
- (2)** the Catholic Church in England and Wales to aim for net zero carbon emissions in its own operations by 2030 at the latest, in line with a similar decision already made by the Church of England;
- (3)** the Catholic Church in England and Wales to educate Catholics and the general public on the need to push the UK Government to aim for zero carbon emissions by 2030 at the latest.

When reflecting on what concrete steps you feel called to take to protect God's precious gift of creation, supporting the aims of *Catholics for Christian Climate Change* might be an example of one way of responding to the Holy Father's invitation to "make active nonviolence our way of life".

Over the next year or so, it is planned to explore with the parish ways in which we can become a community committed to nonviolence in all its forms and in all the many areas of our life, within the limits imposed on us by COVID-19. In the meantime, during these first days of Catholic Nonviolence Days of Actions, you are invited to make your own personal commitment to nonviolence using the "Vow of Nonviolence" attached to the Newsletter.

## Preparing for First Holy Communion and for Confirmation

Although the new cohort will not start until the New Year, would parents who would like their children, aged 7 and over, to be prepared to receive the Sacraments of First Confession and First Holy Communion in 2021, please give their details to Canon Kristian or Deacon Michael, or directly to the Parish Office as soon as possible.

We are also planning to start the preparation of those wanting to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. If you are 13yrs or older – or have a young person of this age – and would like to be confirmed, please have a word with Canon Kristian or Deacon Michael, or contact the Parish Office ASAP.

### **One Hope Project – Exploring your relationship with God**

Are you aged between 14 and 25? Would you like to work with One Hope Project to explore who God is and how God is part of your life? There will be four sessions starting on Wednesday 30 September on Zoom from 7.30pm-8.30pm. You will need to book in order to get the log-in details. Feel free to bring a friend. Email: [saskia.hogbin@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:saskia.hogbin@prcdtr.org.uk).

### **Chrism Mass**

The annual Chrism Mass, during which the Sacred Oil of Chrism is consecrated and the Holy Oils of Catechumens and of the Sick are blessed, which would normally have taken place during Holy Week but was postponed due to COVID-19, will be celebrated by Bishop Mark in the Cathedral this Tuesday, 22 September, at 12noon. Due to the continuing restrictions, the Mass will be broadcast on [YouTube](#) and you are warmly invited to take part online. Direct links can be found on the [Diocesan website](#) and on the [Cathedral website](#).

### **200 Club**

Canon Kristian will make the September draw after 6.00pm Mass on Saturday.

### **Mass Times this week**

#### **Saturday 19 September - Weekday**

- Vigil Mass of Sunday at 6.00pm

#### **Sunday 20 September – 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)**

- Holy Mass at 10.00am and at 11.30am (*pro populo*)

#### **Tuesday 22 September – Feast of the Dedication of the Cathedral**

- Holy Mass at 9.00am *Geoffrey Xavier RIP*

#### **Wednesday 23 September – St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)**

- Holy Mass at 12noon

#### **Thursday 24 September – Our Lady of Walsingham**

- Holy Mass in Polish at 6.30pm

#### **Friday 25 September - Weekday**

- Holy Mass at 12noon

#### **Saturday 26 September – Weekday**

- Vigil Mass of Sunday at 6.00pm