

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

NEWSLETTER

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
Sunday 27 September 2020
World Day of Migrants and Refugees



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2020
THE GOD WHO
SPEAKS

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Coming to Mass

Whilst we are limited in the number of people that can come to Mass due to COVID restrictions, please let the Parish Office know if you would like to come to a particular Mass, in order to be sure that there is a place. Sometimes there are spare seats at some of the Masses, but there is no guarantee that there will be a seat available. You may make a "rolling booking" for a particular Mass but, if you do, it is important to let the office know if you are not able to come to a particular Mass, so that the place may be released for someone else.

Re-Opening of St Boniface, Cullompton

From next weekend, we will be re-opening the church in Cullompton for Mass. The **11.30am Mass on Sundays** and the **12noon Mass** on Wednesdays will be moved from St James to St Boniface from then onwards. Due to the size of the church, space will be limited because of the requirement to social distance. A maximum of 22 people, depending on family "bubbles" can be accommodated. It is important to let the Parish Office know if you would like to attend Mass there, especially on Sundays.

First Holy Communion Preparation

The catechists will soon be making contact with those children and their families who were already preparing to receive the Sacraments of Penance and Holy Communion prior to the COVID lockdown. Sessions will be arranged both online and in small groups to complete this preparation to enable the children to receive First Communion in small groups at Sunday Masses over the coming few months.

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.

Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation

We are 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 as soon as possible. Due to the backlog for Confirmation caused by the COVID lockdown, it is not possible to say for certain at this point when the Bishop will be able to come to the parish but we are hoping it will be either in late 2021 or early 2022.


Peter's Pence Collection

Next weekend we are being asked to hold the annual "Peter's Pence" Collection, normally taken at Masses on the Solemnity of Sts Peter and Paul. This collection is our opportunity to contribute personally and directly to supporting the charitable works undertaken by the Holy Father Pope Francis.

The Season of Creation and the World Day of the Poor

During the Season of Creation we are being invited 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.

Harvest Bucket Challenge in aid of CHAT

A promotional poster for the Harvest Bucket Challenge. It features a red bucket filled with cleaning supplies: a white spray bottle, a pair of blue rubber gloves, a yellow sponge, a white cloth, and a blue brush. The background is a blurred indoor setting. The text is in a mix of red and black fonts, with some parts in italics. The CHAT logo is in the bottom left corner, and the location 'St George & St Paul Tiverton' is in the bottom right. A list of items needed is at the bottom.

Harvest Bucket Challenge!

This Harvest, help others by donating cleaning supplies to CHAT's foodbank.

How to take part:
Fill a bucket with cleaning supplies (new & unopened) then drop off at CHAT, at the collection boxes at Tesco or Morrisons, or at St. Paul's Church

**St George & St Paul
Tiverton**

Items needed:

- sponges and dishcloths
- kitchen cleaner
- tea towels
- washing up liquid
- bathroom & toilet cleaner
- dusters & polish
- antibacterial spray/wipes
- bleach
- bin liners

World Day of Migrants and Refugees 2020

The 106th World Day of Migrants and Refugees takes place this Sunday. As the title of his annual message the Holy Father has chosen "[Forced like Jesus Christ to flee](#)". The message, attached to the Newsletter, focuses on the pastoral care of internally displaced people, who currently number over **41 million worldwide!**

Southwest Celebrate Zoom Evenings

In place of the annual "Celebrate" Conference, Southwest Celebrate are offering a series of evening online Zoom meetings. A poster is attached to the Newsletter. Register at www.celebrateconference.org/back-to-basics-2020.

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.

200 Club

Congratulations to Rosaleen Stephenson, who the £30 prize, and to Jeanette Ingersent, who won the £20 prize, in the September draw. Those members who have been contacted about paying their dues, and who have not yet done so, are asked to make their payments as soon as possible.

Mass Times this week

Saturday 26 September

- Vigil Mass of Sunday at 6.00pm *Pro Populo*

Sunday 27 September – 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

- Holy Mass at 10.00am *Robert and Margaret Bolton RIP*
- Holy Mass at 11.30am

Tuesday 29 September – Sts Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels

- Holy Mass at 10.00am

Wednesday 30 September – St Jerome, Priest and Doctor

- Holy Mass at 12noon

Thursday 1 October – St Thérèse of Lisieux, Virgin and Doctor

- Holy Mass at 6.30pm

Friday 2 October – Guardian Angels

- Holy Mass at 12noon

Saturday 3 October – Weekday

- Vigil Mass of Sunday at 6.00pm

The **Pope's Prayer Intention for October** is for the laity's mission in the Church. He asks us to pray that, by the virtue of baptism, the laity – and especially women - may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church.