

**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

**27th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)**

**Sunday 4 October 2020**



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

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## Coming to Mass

As we are limited due to COVID restrictions in the number of people that can come to Mass at the weekends, it will no longer be possible to make "rolling" bookings for these Masses in order for the system to be fair for all parishioners. Therefore, it will be necessary to book a place through the Parish Office in order to be sure that there will be a space for you. Unfortunately, we are not permitted by law to exceed the maximum socially-distanced number allowed for each church. "Rolling" bookings will still be possible for weekday Masses.

## Re-Opening of St Boniface, Cullompton

From this weekend, St Boniface Church will be open again for Mass. The **11.30am Mass on Sundays** and the **12noon Mass** on Wednesdays will be moved from St James to St Boniface. A maximum of 22 people, depending on family "bubbles", can be accommodated, so it will be important to let the Parish Office know if you are intending to come to a particular Mass.

## NHS Test and Trace

Both St James and St Boniface have been issued with their specific QR code by the Government and are posted at the entrance and exit of each church. If you have downloaded the NHS Test and Trace App, please use the "check in" option each time you come to church. We have been asked to continue to take people's details manually as well, as there are some who are not able to download the App. The official guide to the App is attached to the newsletter.

## CAFOD Coronavirus Appeal – Survive, Rebuild, Heal

As next Sunday will be our Sunday of Thanksgiving for the Harvest, this Friday, 9 October, is the CAFOD Harvest Family Fast Day on which, this year, we are being asked to stand together with families in the poorest countries facing the worst of coronavirus. As Pope Francis reminds us: "Only together can we do this". A sheet from Jane Trott is attached to the Newsletter with information recently shared at a local CAFOD "Zoom" meeting by a Caritas worker from Sierra Leone about the work they are doing and the challenges they face.

Please take an envelope with you today and return it next week, completing the Gift Aid slip if you are a taxpayer. Alternatively, you can use our contactless "tap and donate" facility, give your donation directly to CAFOD online at [www.cafod.org.uk/give](http://www.cafod.org.uk/give), or text "CAFOD" to 70085 to donate £10. The text will cost £10 plus one standard rate message. If you do not want to receive further marketing communications on your telephone text "CAFODNOINFO".

## Retiring Collection for Peter's Pence

This 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. There is a basket by the entrance for this collection. Your donations can also be given using our contactless donation device.

## Preparation for the World Day of the Poor

In preparation for the World Day of the Poor, you are invited to take part in the first diocesan-wide online Caritas event on Saturday 24 October, 10.30am-12.30pm: "*How are we reaching out to the poor and marginalised?*" Bishop Mark will share thoughts about how we are reaching out, both spiritually and through acts of charity, to the poor and vulnerable. The event will also share messages from Pope Francis' Encyclical *Fratelli tutti* (issued today, 4 October) and from his COVID catechesis where he sets out his thoughts about how we need to respond to the changing world situation following the Coronavirus pandemic. Read more about it and register to take part at [Caritas Plymouth](https://www.caritasplymouth.org.uk) or email [caritas@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:caritas@prcdtr.org.uk). **Booking is essential.** For those who do not have internet access, there will be an option for people to dial-in to the event.

## 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 early in the New Year.

Although the new cohort will not start until the New Year, 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, are asked to 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.

## Rosary Whirlwind British Isles for Faith, Life and Peace

October is traditionally the month dedicated to Our Lady of the Rosary and the renewal of the traditional Catholic practice of meditation on the Mysteries of the Rosary. In union with nations all over the world who will be hosting similar events, we are being invited to take up our rosaries in an intensive Rosary Whirlwind Mission for the well-being of the British Isles. Further information from Fr Jon Bielawski, the Episcopal Vicar for Evangelisation and Catechesis, is attached to the Newsletter telling us how we can be involved in this initiative and giving specific dates, details and links to follow.

## Help for the Scottish National Shrine of Our Lady at Carfin

As with many churches and shrines across British Isles, the Scottish National Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes at Carfin, Lanarkshire, has been badly hit financially due to the cancellation of all events in 2020 and possibly in 2021. Just to maintain the grounds for all to enjoy at the Grotto costs £2500 a month. If you would like to become a supporter and to make a donation to the Grotto, visit the [Grotto website](#) and to the [Grotto Facebook Page](#).

## Mass Times and Events this week

### Saturday 3 October 2020

- Vigil Mass of Sunday at 6.00pm

### Sunday 4 October – 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

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

### Tuesday 6 October – St Bruno, Priest

- Holy Mass at 10.00am

### Wednesday 7 October – Our Lady of the Rosary

- Holy Mass at 12noon (St Boniface)

### Thursday 8 October – Weekday

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

### Friday 9 October – Feast of St John Henry Newman, Priest

- Holy Mass at 12noon

### Saturday 10 October – St Paulinus of York, Bishop

- 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.