

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

NEWSLETTER

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
Sunday 15 November 2020
World Day of the Poor



YEAR OF THE WORD
2020
THE GOD WHO
SPEAKS

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Our Churches are Open for Private Prayer

Because of the national lockdown to combat the spread of the Covid-19 virus, Masses open to the public are not permitted by law until the situation is reviewed on December 2.

However, apart from the transfer back to St James of the time for Mass on Wednesdays, our churches will be **open for private prayer** at the times that were established for Mass in order to maintain a rhythm of prayer in our parish community. On **weekdays** the church will be open for **half an hour** at the established time and at the **weekend** times for **one hour**. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed on the altar as a focus for prayer. Making the effort to come to pray in church is also a concrete sign that we value the gift of having our churches there for us.

There is no need to pre-book to come along for private prayer and you can come and stay for whatever time you wish within the time that the church is open.

Both St James and St Boniface have their own QR code for use with the NHS App and these are posted at the entrance and exit of each church. We have been asked to continue to take people's details manually as well.

Daily Joint Act of Prayer for an End to the Pandemic

We are invited, together with people of all faiths throughout the country, to participate in a joint act of prayer at **6pm** each day, wherever we happen to be, for an end to the Covid pandemic. Bishop Mark recommends that at this time we should pray the **Angelus**, which is attached to the Newsletter.

November – Month of Prayer for the Holy Souls

Due to the lockdown, it will not be possible for everyone to get to church during this month, so a sheet is attached to the Newsletter for you to write down the names of those you would like to be remembered. These can be returned by email, posted through the presbytery door or left in the pots placed in front of the altars in both churches when they are open for private prayer. At a Mass he celebrates at the end of November, Canon Kristian will read through the sheets and pray especially for all those named.

Second Collection for the Day of Life

The annual second collection for the Day for Life, which goes to support the Church's work to protect the dignity of every human life from the womb until natural death, takes place next weekend. Donations can be left in the baskets at the entrance to the church or given using our contactless facility.

Worldwide Hour of Eucharistic Adoration

Due to the pandemic, the International Eucharistic Congress, which this year was due to take place in Hungary, was cancelled. The Archbishop of Budapest-Esztergom has asked Catholics throughout the world to hold an hour of Eucharistic Adoration on Saturday 21 November, the Vigil of the Solemnity of Christ the King, to pray for each other and for the Congress which will now hopefully take place in September 2021. There will be two opportunities to do this: 11am-12noon and 6.00pm-7.00pm, both at St James.

News from *Caritas Plymouth*

On 24 October *Caritas Plymouth* held a Diocesan event to prepare for this weekend's World day of the Poor. We heard about some of the wonderful work that is happening across the Diocese and also learned about areas of unmet need where we might do more to reach out to those who need support. We would invite those unable to attend to find out more about what was discussed and to get involved. Go to <https://www.facebook.com/plymouthdiocese/> to view the videos. If anyone would like to get involved in our work they can email caritas@prcdtr.org.uk.

Caritas Plymouth is preparing a short video each week for the next eight weeks to offer a reflection on each chapter of the Pope's recent Encyclical *Fratelli Tutti*. The reflections are all on the Diocesan Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/plymouthdiocese/videos>.

A short note about funds available for individuals struggling with the current Covid-19 situation is attached to the Newsletter and also posted on the diocesan [website](#).

IICSA Report on Child Sexual Abuse in the Catholic Church

You will certainly be aware that the [Report](#) from the Independent Inquiry on Child Sexual Abuse regarding the Catholic Church in England and Wales was published on Tuesday. Whilst acknowledging the all- too-slow progress that has been made by the Church in recent years, the Report highlights grave shortcomings, and serious failures in leadership, which have led to the shameful abuse of children by priests and others in the Church community, causing life-changing and lifelong damage to the victims of this abuse.

Along with the **Statement from the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales**, a **Pastoral Message from Bishop Mark** is attached to the Newsletter, together with an important **list of contacts** for those who have either suffered sexual abuse themselves or wish to report sexual abuse. The Statement made by Cardinal Vincent Nichols can be viewed at <https://youtu.be/x3rgeY8ZWtc>.

Sacramental Preparation 2021

Parents who would like their children (aged 7 and over) to make their **First Holy Communion** in 2021 are asked to fill out the [Application Form](#) and to return it to the Parish Office as soon as possible. If you are 12 or older – or have a young person of this age – and would like to be **confirmed** by the Bishop in July 2021, please complete the [Application Form](#) and return it to the Parish Office as soon as possible.

Fund-raising

Raffle tickets for **Canon Kristian's Christmas cake** are on sale, £1 each, by cash or contactless payment. Due to the current lockdown, there will not be a **200 Club** draw this month, but two draws will take place in December. A poster of **Christmas novelties** available for purchase at the church is attached to the Newsletter. Orders can also be emailed to the Parish Office and Margaret Found will put them together for you ready to pick up at church. Payment can be made by cash, cheque or card via our contactless facility.

Times of Opening for Private Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday 14 November - Weekday

- 6.00pm-7.00pm

Sunday 15 November – 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

- 10.00am-11.00am
- 11.30am-12.30pm (St Boniface)

Tuesday 17 November – St Hilda of Whitby and St High of Lincoln

- 10.00am-10.30am

Wednesday 18 November – Weekday

- 12noon-12.30pm

Thursday 19 November - Weekday

- 6.30pm-7.00pm

Friday 20 November - Weekday

- 12noon-12.30pm

Saturday 21 November – Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 11.00am-12noon & 6.00pm-7.00pm

Attachments to the Newsletter

- ❖ Angelus Prayer *and* Holy Souls List
- ❖ Worldwide Hour of Eucharistic Adoration Poster
- ❖ Contact Information for Covid-19 Funding *and* CHAT Christmas Foodbank Appeal
- ❖ IICSA Statement of Bishops' Conference, Pastoral Message from Bishop Mark and List of Safeguarding Contacts
- ❖ Christmas Novelties Poster *and* Guidance for Setting Up a Standing Order
- ❖ CAFOD Campaigns Update October 2020
- ❖ Imaginative Contemplation Leaflet on Sunday's Gospel