

**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

**Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (A)**  
**Sunday 22 November 2020**  
**Youth Sunday**



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

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due to Covid lockdown

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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.

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**.

## November – Month of Prayer for the Holy Souls

Thank you to all of those who have placed their Holy Souls Lists in the urns in church. During the celebration of Mass on 28 November, the last day of the Church Year, although none of you can be present physically, Canon Kristian will read through the sheets and pray especially for all those named.

## Collection for the Day of Life 2020 – “Choose Life”

The annual second collection for the [Day for Life 2020](#), which was to have taken place on 21 June, takes place this weekend. The theme for Day for Life 2020 is **Choose Life**, with a particular focus on protecting mothers and unborn children, and bringing hope and healing after abortion. Moses' invitation rings out loud and clear: *“See, I have set before you this day life and good, death and evil. ... I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse; therefore choose life, that you and your descendants may live” (Dt 30:15, 19).’*

Donations can be left in the baskets in church or given using our contactless facility.

## Bishops' Conference Statement on Safeguarding

Following the recent [Report](#) from the Independent Inquiry on Child Sexual Abuse regarding the Catholic Church in England and Wales and the [Final Report](#) of the Independent Review on Safeguarding Structures and Arrangements, the Bishops of England and Wales have issued a [Statement](#) acknowledging "*without hesitation, our failings, our mistakes, our lack of adequate cooperation*" and expressing their deep sorrow and asking forgiveness, especially from the victims and survivors of sexual abuse. The Bishops therefore commit themselves to the implementation of the recommendations contained in both reports.

Last weekend Bishop Mark issued his own [Pastoral Message](#) and asked that it be made available again this weekend in all our parishes.

## "A Precious Place of God's Grace"

Over the last few months Bishop Mark and the Bishop's Council have been reflecting on the future of our present parish structures in light of the recent teaching of the Holy Father and the departments of the Roman Curia on evangelisation and in the light of the specific challenges facing the Church in this country today. They have produced a document entitled "*A Precious Place of God's Grace*", which will form the basis of further reflection by the clergy and the people in our parishes in the New Year. The text of the document can be found [here](#).

## 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.

## Parish Giving

In October, the following amounts were received in parish giving:

	<b>St James</b>	<b>St Boniface</b>
Loose + SumUp:	£641.00 + £232.00	£140.30 + £10.00
Gift Aid Envelopes +SumUp	£80.00 + £70.00	£71.00 + £35.00
Standing Orders:	£1666	£495.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>£2698.00</b>	<b>£759.30</b>

## Fund-raising for the Parish and Donations to CHAT

**Easyfundraising** brought in £27.57 for the quarter to 30 September. This is an easy way of raising funds for the parish when buying from some of the most frequently used online sales websites. All you need to do is to [sign up](#). Why not take a look and join other parishioners who donate while they shop?

Some lovely [Christmas Novelties](#) as well as raffle tickets for **Canon Kristian's Christmas Cake** (£1 each) are on sale at the church. Orders for the Christmas Novelties 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.

Christine Pickford has kindly offered to make **bespoke face coverings** in "Christmassy" fabrics, £2.50 each. Samples of the materials can be found at the entrance to St James, together with an envelope to place your order. After covering costs, all proceeds will be donated to CHAT. You can also donate to the [CHAT Christmas Foodbank appeal](#) and make preparations to take part in the **Reverse Advent Calendar**.

## Times of Opening for Private Prayer and other Events

### **Saturday 21 November – Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

- 11.00am – 12noon (Worldwide Hour of Adoration)
- 6.00pm-7.00pm

### **Sunday 22 November – Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

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

### **34<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time**

### **Tuesday 24 November – St Andrew Dũng-Lạc & Comps, Martyrs**

- 10.00am-10.30am

### **Wednesday 25 November – Weekday**

- 12noon-12.30pm

### **Thursday 26 November – Weekday**

- 11.00am Coffee Morning via Zoom
- 6.30pm-7.00pm

### **Friday 27 November - Weekday**

- 12noon-12.30pm

### **Saturday 28 November – Prayer for the Holy Souls of the Parish**

- 6.00pm-7.00pm

**\*\*\*Frank Poole celebrates his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on Monday 23 November.\*\*\***  
**We send him our prayers and best wishes!**

