

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

NEWSLETTER

The Baptism of the Lord (B)
Sunday 10 January 2021



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Lockdown Restrictions

During this third lockdown Mass can continue, but great care must be taken to observe the social distancing rules, to wear face coverings (unless you are exempt) and to sanitise hands frequently whilst in church. Moreover, as it is not permitted to mix with people from outside your household or support bubble – even outdoors – in Tier 3 areas, please refrain from engaging others in extended conversation and maintain an appropriate distance from others at all times, both inside the church and outside in the carpark.

If you would like to come to **Mass at the weekends**, please contact the Parish Office, either by telephone on weekdays between 10.30-11.30am, or by email, so that we can ensure that there is a space for you.

As there are always spaces available, it is no longer necessary to book a place for at a weekday Mass. However, on arrival at church, please remember to fill in a track and trace slip or to give your details to one of the stewards.

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.

Pastoral Message from Bishop Mark

Attached to the Newsletter is a Pastoral Message to the Diocese from Bishop Mark, which he wrote on the Eve of the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord within the context of the imposition of the latest lockdown restrictions. Whilst expressing gratitude that we will continue to be able to celebrate Mass publicly, which is a fundamental source of strength and spiritual energy for our continued service of others, the Bishop acknowledges how we will all have to “dig deep” within ourselves and in our faith over these next few months. He invites us, in the words of St John of the Cross, to: “*Enter within yourself and work there in the presence of your Lord who is always there loving you*” and to look to the One who brings light to our eyes and strength to our weary limbs.

First Holy Communion Masses in January

At the **11.30am Mass at St Boniface on each Sunday throughout January**, a number of our children will be receiving their First Holy Communion. This will mean that space for parishioners to attend that Mass will be even more limited than usual, so do please make sure you check with the Parish Office that there is space available for you as, unfortunately, there is no “overflow” seating at St Boniface.

The children preparing for First Communion at St James will be celebrating their First Communion during two Masses which will take place at 3.00pm on Saturday 30 and Sunday 31 January.

Please keep our First Communion Children in your prayers

Sacramental Preparation 2021 – First Communion and Confirmation

Parents of children (aged 7 and over) due to make their **First Holy Communion** are asked to fill out an [Application Form](#) and 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 ASAP!

“Welcome the Stranger” Online Event

Caritas Plymouth and *Caritas Clifton* invite you to join Bishop Mark and Bishop Declan Lang for an evening of prayer, reflection and discussion on the issues facing refugees, migrants and those affected by modern slavery in the South West on 8 February, 5.00-6.30pm. Guest speakers include Nick Hanrahan from the Jesuit Refugee Service and Caroline Virgo from the Clewer Initiative. The event will take place via Zoom and you can register by following this [link](#) or emailing caritas@prcdtr.org.uk.

Youth “Dance Workshop” on the Wedding at Cana

On Monday evenings, 18 January - 8 February, 7.30-8.45pm on Zoom, young people are invited to join Saskia Hogbin, the Diocesan Youth Events Organiser, to reflect on the story of the Wedding at Cana and discover themes there – such as commitment, unconditional love and its consequences - to strengthen and think more about their faith and through which to create movement. Learn how to tell a story with your body, embody themes and have a great team-building experience. Contact Saskia on youth@prcdtr.org.uk to book your place.

200 Club

Canon Kristian will do the January Draw after the 6.00pm Mass this Saturday. Many of you pay your subs for the year in January and, although the 200 Club was suspended for four months last year, you may wish to continue to pay annually now. Please leave a cheque or money in an envelope marked “200 Club FAO Simon Coombs” on the stewards table in St James. Alternatively, a cheque can be sent to the Parish Office. Most of those parishioners who go to Mass in Cullompton have paid up until June, so your subs will be asked for later in the year via Teresa Cummings.

George Fitz-Costa RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of George Fitz-Costa who died this week, and also remember his wife, Jean, and their family in your prayers at this difficult time.

Devotion to St Joseph during the Year of St Joseph

Throughout the Year of St Joseph, Bishop Mark is asking all parishes to seek St Joseph's intercession every Wednesday, the day normally dedicated to him, and on the 19th day of each month. In particular, on those days, he asks that the prayer to St Joseph, given in the Holy Father's Apostolic Letter be said at Mass:

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.
Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.*

Holy Mass and Events this week

Saturday 9 January – Christmas Weekday

- Holy Mass at 6.00pm (Vigil Mass) *Pro Populo*

Sunday 10 January – Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

- Holy Mass at 10.00am *George Fitz-Costa RIP*
- Holy Mass at 11.30am (St Boniface)

First Week in Ordinary Time (I)

Tuesday 12 January – St Aelred of Rievaulx, Abbot

- Holy Mass at 10.00am *Brian Downs RIP*

Wednesday 13 January – Weekday

- Holy Mass at 12noon (St Boniface)

Thursday 14 January – Weekday

- Coffee Morning on Zoom at 11.00am
- Holy Mass at 6.00pm

Friday 15 January – Weekday

- Holy Mass at 12noon *Michael Hancock RIP (anniv)*

Saturday 16 January – Weekday

- Holy Mass at 6.00pm (Vigil Mass)