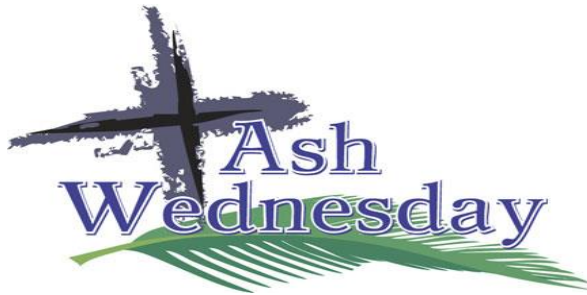


PARISH OF ST JAMES & ST BONIFACE
with St John's RC Primary School
A Catholic Community in the Heart of Mid Devon

NEWSLETTER

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
Sunday 14 February 2021



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Coming to Church during the National Lockdown

At this critical time in this wave of the Covid-19 pandemic, in order to halt the spread of the virus, the central message is **STAY AT HOME** and only go outside for essential journeys. This applies above all to those who are especially vulnerable to infection – the elderly and those with underlying medical conditions. Therefore, although most churches remain open for the time being, please think very carefully before venturing out to come to Mass, especially if you are included amongst those who are particularly vulnerable. Consider staying out home and taking part in Mass online or on the telephone, or simply join us in spirit in silent prayer or by reading the Mass texts.

When in church, great care must be taken to observe the social distancing rules, to wear a face covering (unless you are exempt) and to sanitise your hands frequently. Moreover, you should 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 to book a place, either by telephone on weekdays between 10.30-11.30am, or by email. There is no need to book a place at a weekday Mass but, on arrival at church, please give your details to one of the stewards.

Lent 2021

This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, the first day of the holy Season of Lent. Mass, with a modified form of the distribution of ashes, will be celebrated at 10am and 6pm at St James and at 12noon at St Boniface. For those who cannot get to church on that day, CAFOD will be broadcasting Mass at 7.00pm. You can register to take part [here](#).

Due to Covid restrictions, it will not be possible to observe many of the "normal" parish Lenten devotions and gatherings, but there are plenty of opportunities available online, some of which are included in the weekly newsletter. We will also be posting to as many households as possible the "*Walk with Me*" and "*Day by Day*" booklets, with a reflection for each day of Lent.

Ash Wednesday is an obligatory Day of Fast from food (for those between the ages of 18 and 59) and of Abstinence for meat (for those over 14).

Online Masses and Stations of the Cross

Many of you have already found places online where you regularly share in the Mass and other devotions. However, for those who are still looking, the Bishops of England and Wales have now put together a list of Catholic churches that broadcast [live Mass](#) in this country.

The Stations of the Cross will be broadcast by CAFOD on the Fridays in Lent, starting from Friday 19 February, at 11.00am. You can register to take part [here](#).

Lenten Bible Study Sessions

You are invited to join Mauro Ianicelli for six free Wednesday evening Bible Study sessions (17 February-24 March, 7.00pm-8.30pm), to break open each Lenten Sunday Gospel...before you go to Sunday Mass! He will walk you through the Gospel with in-depth teaching and stimulating questions. For information and registration go to www.comeandsee.org/lent.

Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation

Deacon Michael has been in contact with the families of the children and young people who are due to be preparing for the sacraments this year. You are certainly not forgotten and we will keep you updated with news of plans as soon as we can.

CAFOD Lent Challenge - Walk for Water - 40,000 Steps

This Lent, CAFOD is inviting us to join their "Walk for Water" challenge – 10,000 steps a day, every day, for 40 days. Money raised will go towards changing the fact that one in three people around the world do not have access to safe drinking water. If you would like to do this challenge as individual, then go to the CAFOD website and follow the instructions.

We would also like to set up a **Parish Team** for those who cannot manage to do this on their own, but would like to commit themselves to a smaller number of steps a day. If you would like to be part of the team, please contact Jane Trott on jtrott@cafod.org.uk with your details, to give Jane an idea of how many steps you think you could offer.

A [Just Giving Page](#) for the Parish Team effort has been set up and is open for donations. Amazingly, we are already over halfway to our target of £400, but we really need people to volunteer to share in reaching the number of daily steps!

Our Parish Choir Goes Virtual!

In an exciting initiative, some of our parish singing group are making individual recordings of hymns and songs which are then being skilfully combined by our parishioner and choir member, Rebecca Goldby. It is hoped that these will become a regular part of our Sunday Liturgy.

This week, *Praise my soul, the King of Heaven* will be played as the Entrance Hymn at 10.00am Mass at St James.

Marriage Encounter

The next online Marriage Encounter experiences are: Marriage Encounter 20 & 21 March and Engaged Encounter 17 & 21 April. The details are now available at www.wwme.org.uk.

200 Club

Father Kristian will make the February draw after the 6.00pm Mass on Saturday. A reminder that subs are due for some of you who pay monthly and annually. Cheques can be sent to the Parish Office. Please indicate that the cheque is for the 200 Club.

Important Notice for Parishioners from the EU

All EU citizens living in the UK are required by the government to apply through its Settlement Scheme to continue living, working and accessing services here. The deadline for applications is **30 June 2021**. Details and links can be found at www.gov.uk/eusettledstatus. Please bring this to the attention of friends, family members and fellow parishioners. **The Catholic Church in England and Wales stands in solidarity with all European citizens who have made their homes here. You are a much valued part of our parishes, schools and communities.**

Holy Mass and Events this week

Saturday 13 February – Weekday

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

Sunday 14 February – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Holy Mass at 10.00am *Janusz Michalowski RIP (anniv)*
- Holy Mass at 11.30am (St Boniface) *Terry Hills RIP*

Tuesday 16 February – Weekday

- Holy Mass at 10.00am

Wednesday 17 February – Ash Wednesday, Day of Fast & Abstinence

- Holy Mass at 10.00am
- Holy Mass at 12 Noon (St Boniface)
- Holy Mass at 6pm

Thursday 18 February – Lent Weekday

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

Friday 19 February – Lent Weekday

- Holy Mass at 12noon

Saturday 20 February – Lent Weekday

- Holy Mass at 6.00pm (Vigil Mass)

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