

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

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# NEWSLETTER

**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (B)**  
**Sunday 21 February 2021**



Walk for  
Water

**CAFOD** Catholic Agency for  
Overseas Development

**no one  
beyond reach**

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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. If you come within this group, please consider staying at 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, please observe the social distancing rules, wear a face covering (unless you are exempt) and sanitise your hands frequently. 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 10.00am-1.00pm, 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.

## A Wealth of On-line Resources for Lent 2021

A helpful selection of national and diocesan resources for Lent put together by the *Diocesan Vicariate for Evangelisation and Catechesis* is attached to the Newsletter. *Caritas Plymouth* has also developed some inspiring [resources](#) for individual, group and parish reflection during Lent 2021, including podcasts, links to websites and ideas for reflection, with a focus on Catholic Social Teaching.

## CAFOD Lent Fast Day

1 in 3 people globally do not have access to safe drinking water. CAFOD is working to overcome this injustice and the provision of water to the poorest communities around the world remains a significant part of its work. The annual Lent Fast Day this Friday, 26 February, is focussed on helping vulnerable communities around the world to have access to clean water.

Envelopes are available at Mass this weekend. Please return them next weekend. You can also donate using our contactless facility or online at [www.cafod.org.uk/give](http://www.cafod.org.uk/give). Finally, there is also the option to text **LENT 10** to 70460 to donate £10 or **LENT 20** to donate £20 etc. This text automatically opts you in to hear more about CAFOD's work and fundraising via telephone or SMS. Text LENTNOINFO to 70460 if you do not wish to receive this information.

The first of the Lenten series of CAFOD News Updates from our Parish CAFOD Group is attached to the Newsletter.

## **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](#).

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

We have formed a parish team to take on the CAFOD "Walk for Water" challenge – 10,000 steps a day, every day, for 40 days. If you would like to be part of the team, please contact Jane Trott on [jtrott@cafod.org.uk](mailto:jtrott@cafod.org.uk) with your details and give her 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 your donations to support their effort on behalf of the parish.

## **"Your Faith in Action" Talks for Young People**

We are all called by God to play our part in making the world a better place! But how? Join a community of young people (aged 13+) from across our diocese for 5 weeks of fun, faith and finding out about how to put your faith into action for the good of others from Monday 22 February to 22 March, 7.30 – 8.30pm on Zoom. Over the first two weeks the group will get to know each other and then meet a group of asylum seekers/refugees and learn from their experience. The subsequent weeks will flow according to the group's interest. For further information and to book a place please email: [youth@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:youth@prcdtr.org.uk)

## **"The Last Supper" – Online Drama Course for Young People**

This four week virtual course, starting on Wednesday 24 February, 7.00pm – 8.15pm, is a chance to explore the Last Supper through script, movement, drama and games. What were the disciples thinking and talking about as they prepared to arrive at a stranger's house for the annual Jewish feast? What did they talk about during the meal? How did they react when Jesus talked about one of the being a traitor? If you are in Year 6 or older and would like a place on the course, please email [youth@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:youth@prcdtr.org.uk)

## **200 Club**

Congratulations to Marie McAdams who won the £30 prize and to Kay Morris who won the £20 prize in the February draw.

## Right to Life UK Appeal to end Home Abortions

Since home abortions have been temporarily allowed during the pandemic, it has been extensively reported in the media that a number of significant problems have put the lives and health of many women in danger.

The UK Government has launched a consultation on whether to make the current temporary arrangement permanent. The consequences of this measure would be devastating to the care and protection of both unborn babies and their mothers. It is vital that as many people as possible take part to ensure the voices of the most vulnerable are heard.

Right to Life UK has set up an easy-to-use tool on their website that makes its simple to complete your submission. If you would like to take part and make a submission to this consultation before it closes at 11.59pm on 26 February, you can do so by visiting <https://righttolife.org.uk/ukconsultation>. It only takes two minutes!

## Requiescant in Pace

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Canon Kevin Rea, Deacon Leo Pilley, Deacon Joe Owen and of our parishioner Eunice Wheatcroft, who have all died recently. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

## Holy Mass and Events this week

### **Saturday 20 February – Lent Weekday**

- Holy Mass at 6.00pm (Vigil Mass)

### **Sunday 21 February – First Sunday of Lent**

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

### **Tuesday 23 February – Lent Weekday**

- Holy Mass at 10.00am

### **Wednesday 24 February – Lent Weekday**

- Holy Mass at 12 Noon (St Boniface)

### **Thursday 25 February – Lent Weekday**

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

### **Friday 26 February – Lent Weekday (CAFOD Lent Fast Day)**

- Holy Mass at 12noon

### **Saturday 27 February – Lent Weekday**

- Holy Mass at 6.00pm (Vigil Mass)

## January Giving

Tiverton: £2166.10 Cullompton: £527.00 Thank you for your generosity!