

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

NEWSLETTER

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (B)
Sunday 21 March 2021



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Coming to Church

With the gradual easing of the national lockdown restrictions, those parishioners who do not fall into the “very vulnerable” category may wish to start coming to church again for Mass.

When in church, please observe the social distancing rules, wear a face covering (unless you are exempt) and sanitise your hands frequently. Please also 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.

National Day of Prayer and Reflection on the Covid-19 Pandemic

The Prime Minister has designated this Tuesday, 23 March, as a National Day of Reflection to mark the anniversary of the first national lockdown with a minute’s silence at 12noon and doorsteps vigils of light at 8.00pm.

A [Statement](#) from the Presidency of the Bishops’ Conference of England and Wales has welcomed this initiative, but has asked that we also make it a Day of Prayer, with an encouragement for all Catholics to pay a visit to our churches and pray for the many needs, hopes and sorrows that have emerged over the last year.

Therefore, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for private prayer after Mass in St James until 2.00pm and then at St Boniface from 5.30-7.00pm. Offers of assistance from our stewards to ensure that social distancing and sanitising rules are followed during these times would be greatly appreciated.

Preparing for Holy Week

This year we will have the joy of being able to celebrate Holy Week and the Easter Triduum together, albeit in a modified form due principally to the need to maintain social distancing. Rosie has been dealing with a deluge of bookings this week and the **only Services in the Easter Triduum with spaces still available** are the **Good Friday Service at 12noon in St Boniface**, the **Good Friday Stations of the Cross at 7.00pm in St James** and the **Easter Sunday Masses at 10.00am (St James) and 11.30am (St Boniface)**. All the other Services are now fully booked.

The Bishops’ Conference of England and Wales has issued [Guidance](#) with regards to how the Holy Week and Easter Triduum ceremonies are to be celebrated this year. Many of the usual liturgical actions have had to be curtailed or omitted due to Covid restrictions.

Sacrament of Penance

Canon Kristian will be available for the celebration of the **Sacrament of Penance** this Sunday 21 March, 3.00-5.00pm and next Saturday, 27 March, 10.00am-12noon, in St James.

CAFOD Lent Challenge - Walk for Water

Our parish team of dedicated walkers is continuing the CAFOD "Walk for Water" challenge, and has clocked up an impressive 2.4 million steps and has raised the fantastic sum of £900 so far. With two more weeks of the challenge to go, let's see if we can reach our goal of £1000 as our contribution to help provide access to clean water for our sisters and brothers who are deprived of this basic human right.

If you have yet to contribute, please visit the [Just Giving Page](#) set up for our Parish Team and give what you can.

The third Lent Newsletter from our Parish CAFOD Group focuses our attention on a number of important global issues and on two upcoming international governmental conferences, one of which will be held in Cornwall within our own diocese.

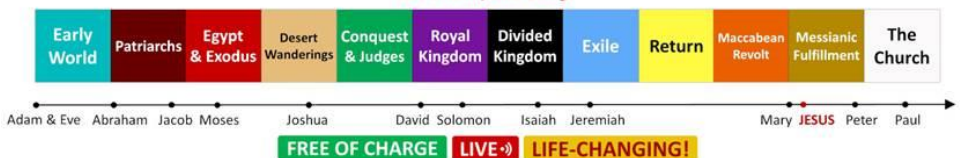
Sacrament of Confirmation

Bishop Mark will be coming to our parish on Sunday 11 July to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation. If there is any adult parishioner who did not receive the Sacrament when they were younger, perhaps now is the time to complete your Christian initiation and be confirmed! Even if you are unsure whether you want to do this, do please have a word with Canon Kristian.

Scripture Course

The Bible Timeline Course

12 Periods, One Story!



Understand the Bible from start to finish, the Old and New Testaments, with this FREE, worldwide famous course delivered online LIVE by Mauro Iannicelli. The course starts on Wednesday 7 April at 7pm and runs for eight Wednesday evenings. More information and registration at www.comeandsee.org.

"A Precious Place of God's Grace" – The Next Step

Back in January, Bishop Mark launched the document "A Precious Place of God's Grace" to help us reflect on the changes that will need to happen in the pastoral structures of our diocese over the next five years. When circumstances permit, there will be opportunities for us to do this together as a parish.

In the meantime, the Bishop has invited the internationally renowned speaker, Michael Dopp, to present two online formation sessions on Saturday 1 May, 11.00am – 12noon and 1.00pm – 2.00pm, for our clergy and laypeople together, on the missionary discipleship themes in the document, to help us explore how to carry out this mission concretely in our own lives and as parish and diocesan communities. Register to take part via the following [link](#).

200 Club

Congratulations to Margaret Roberts who won the £30 prize and to Bridget Tosh who won the £20 prize in the March draw. Thanks to those parishioners who have recently paid their monthly or annual subs. If you wish to know where you stand with your payments, please contact Simon Coombs (01884) 258331.

Holy Mass and Events this week

Saturday 20 March – Lent Weekday

- Holy Mass at 6.00pm (Vigil Mass)

Sunday 21 March – Fifth Sunday of Lent

- Holy Mass at 10.00am *Pro Populo* and at 11.30am (St Boniface)
- Sacrament of Penance 3.00-5.00pm

Tuesday 23 March – Day of Reflection and Prayer on the Pandemic

- Holy Mass at 10.00am *Holy Souls in Purgatory*
- Exposition of Blessed Sacrament 10.30am-2.00pm at St James and 5.30-7.00pm at St Boniface

Wednesday 24 March

- Holy Mass at 12noon (St Boniface)

Thursday 25 March – Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

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

Friday 26 March – Lent Weekday

- Mass at 12noon

Saturday 27 March – Lent Weekday

- Sacrament of Penance 10.00am-12noon
- Holy Mass at 6.00pm (Vigil Mass)

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