

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (B)

LAETARE SUNDAY

Sunday 14 March 2021



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Coming to Church

With the gradual easing of the national lockdown restrictions, those of you 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.

Safeguarding Children and Adults at Risk

Spurred on by the devastating findings of the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse and the results of the review of the present safeguarding structures undertaken by Ian Elliott, these last few months have seen the start of some major developments in how the Catholic Church in England and Wales will fulfil its mandate to make the Church a safe place for everyone, especially for our children and any adults at risk. A new central body, the Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency, to promote, monitor and enforce the observance of good safeguarding practice and a National Tribunal Service, to carry out formal Church processes to investigate allegations, are being set up, along with many other changes.

Obviously, along with these changes in structure must go the more important and fundamental change in culture within the Church – "the winning of hearts and minds" – which must prioritise the well-being of the victim-survivor over the reputation of the institution and which truly listens to, and acts upon, the voice of the victim-survivor. Unless the failures of the past are owned, particularly by those in authority in the Church, and lessons learnt from them, no amount of structural change will make the Church the safe place that it should be, if it is to be faithful to the teaching of Christ and the values of the Gospel.

You can keep updated with developments on the [Bishops' Conference Website](#) and by going to <https://www.catholicsafeguardingproject.org/>.

Marie Morris RIP

The Funeral Service for Marie Morris will take place this Monday, 15 March, at 10.45am at the East Devon Crematorium in Whimple. Please pray for the repose of her soul and for those who mourn for her.

CAFOD Lent Challenge - Walk for Water - 400,000 Steps

Our parish team is dedicated walkers are continuing the CAFOD "Walk for Water" challenge, walking over 10,000 steps a day, each day for the 40 days of Lent, in solidarity with those who have to walk for miles every day just to access clean water.

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.

Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation

Bishop Mark will be coming to our parish on Pentecost Sunday, 23 May. 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 anyway.

Prayer for Africa

The violence in the Tigray region in **Ethiopia**, which began in November 2020, has driven more than one million people from their homes, triggering a humanitarian catastrophe with shortages of food, medicine and clean water. Reports are continuing to emerge of massacres and widespread human rights abuses. In his [message](#) to Bishop Tesfaselassie Medhin, Bishop Swarbrick, the lead bishop for Africa, reflected on continued barriers to communication between Tigray and the international community, but stated "*you will not be forgotten... the Church in England and Wales will continue to stand alongside you and everyone affected by this conflict.*" More information on the crisis can be found on the [CAFOD](#) website.

Yemen is also facing a major humanitarian crisis. More than five years of fighting has left 22.2 million people in need of humanitarian aid and protection. Yemen's health system is on the brink of collapse and so now the spread of coronavirus is likely to be devastating, not least because millions lack access to clean water and sanitation facilities. Famine is widespread. Here are [11 facts of the Yemen crisis](#) to reflect upon and pray about.

Following the abduction of 270 school girls by the jihadist group Boko Haram in 2014 – of whom 100 have never been found, the kidnapping of school children for ransom by criminal gangs has become endemic in **Nigeria**. The fourth mass abduction since December took place this week when around 30 students were kidnapped from a college in Kaduna in northwest Nigeria. Many of these kidnappings are related to the on-going persecution of Christians in some parts of the country. The case of [Leah](#) is all-too-common and perhaps can become the focus of our prayer and action. An article on the impact of persecution on the Catholic Church in Nigeria can be found [here](#).

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. Canon Kristian will be available for the celebration of the **Sacrament of Penance** on **Sun 21 March, 3-5pm** and **Sat 27 March, 10am-12noon, in St James.**

Praying to St Joseph in the Year of St Joseph

On 8 December 2020 Pope Francis proclaimed a "Year of St Joseph". As his feast day is this week, people around the world began a Novena of Prayer last Wednesday. In England and Wales you can join in via the [Missio](#) website.

200 Club

Canon Kristian will make the draw for March after 6pm Mass on Saturday. Parishioners who pay monthly or annually who have not yet paid are reminded that their subs are now due. If you have any queries, please contact Simon Coombs (01884 258331)

Holy Mass and Events this week

Saturday 13 March – Lent Weekday

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

Sunday 14 March – Fourth Sunday of Lent

- Holy Mass at 10.00am *Minnie Josephine Walsh RIP (FM)*
- Holy Mass at 11.30am (St Boniface) *Gabriela Zychlinska RIP (anniv)*

Tuesday 16 March – Lent Weekday

- Holy Mass at 10.00am *Michael Hooper RIP*

Wednesday 17 March – St Patrick Bp Missionary, Patron of Ireland

- Holy Mass at 12noon (St Boniface)

Thursday 18 March – Lent Weekday

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

Friday 19 March – St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Anniversary of the Inauguration of Pope Francis (2013)

- Holy Mass at 12noon *Teresa and Joseph Michalovski RIP and Joseph Gorlo RIP*

Saturday 20 March – Lent Weekday

- Holy Mass at 6.00pm (Vigil Mass)

 **Happy St Patrick's Day to all our Irish Parishioners!** 