

**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

**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (B)**  
**Sunday 7 March 2021**



Walk for  
Water

**CAFOD** Catholic Agency for  
Overseas Development

**no one  
beyond reach**

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### **St James' Church**

Old Road, Tiverton EX16 4HJ

### **St Boniface's Church**

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## Coming to Church

With the gradual easing of the national lockdown restrictions starting this coming Monday, 8 March, those of you 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.

## Evangelisation and Catechesis – Spreading and Teaching the Faith

Fr Jon Bielawski, the parish priest of the Parish of Crownhill in Plymouth, is also the Episcopal Vicar who oversees the work of evangelisation and catechesis on behalf of Bishop Mark. He and his co-workers in his Vicariate have now produced the first edition of their new Newsletter, called *Evangelium*, in which they introduce us to the essential work they undertake and support in parishes throughout our diocese. A copy is attached to the Newsletter.

## Caritas Plymouth – Growing our Justice and Peace

Are you concerned about injustice in our world? Do you feel the need to take action and make your voice heard? Would you like support and encouragement? Are you already taking action and want to inspire others?

If the answer is “yes”, then please get in touch with *Caritas Plymouth*, which is looking to grow the Justice and Peace activities in the Diocese of Plymouth and wants to offer (1) connections between existing Justice and Peace Groups to share ideas; (2) opportunities for action; (3) access to related agencies; and (4) friendship, solidarity and mutual support.

If you are interested in finding out more, please contact Deborah, the Caritas Manager on 01364 645421 or email [caritas@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:caritas@prcdtr.org.uk).

## CAFOD Lent Challenge - Walk for Water - 40,000 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, for whatever reason, 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 Asia and the Middle East

Pope Francis flew to Baghdad on Friday to start his **Apostolic Journey to Iraq**, to show solidarity with the ancient and beleaguered Christian Community there and with the whole population for all the suffering and hardship they have undergone in recent years and continue to experience. Let us pray that his visit will usher in a time of renewed dialogue and friendship between peoples of different faiths and cultures.

Cardinal Bo, the Archbishop of Yangon, has asked for our prayers for the **People of Myanmar**, experiencing a period of great civil unrest following a military coup and the shooting of a large number of peaceful demonstrators. He ended his homily at Mass last weekend by saying: "Let our present suffering be a sign that this nation is in the throes of a new birth. Let all of us enter into a mindset of reconciliation and dialogue. A new nation is possible, let it be born through Love. Like the disciples let us get down from our own mountains of virtual reality and come down and meet one another as brothers and sisters."

You heard last week of the historic and persistent severe persecution of the **Muslim Uyghurs** by the Chinese Government, including forced abortions on Uighur women, mass imprisonment and other human rights abuses amounting to a form of genocide. This suffering people is not only in need of our prayer but, if we can, we should be advocating for them to our MPs and supporting agencies that are seeking to help them.

## 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. Due to the exceptional circumstances and with special permission, there will be two Commemorations of the Passion on Good Friday, one in St Boniface at 12noon and one in St James at 3.00pm.

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. As with Mass, please give contact details to the stewards for the purposes of Track and Trace. If you cannot make either of these dates, please contact the Parish Office and we will endeavour for arrange an alternative time.

**Free LUNCH ON THE GO**



**Free!**  
**Lunch on the Go!**  
**Weekdays 11am – 1pm**

**Mondays**  
Market Walk (starts 1/3/21)

**Tuesdays**  
The Salvation Army, Chapel Street (starts 2/3/21)  
Tiverton Baptist Church, Newport St.

**Wednesdays**  
Lowman Green (starts 3/3/21)

**Thursdays**  
Outside St. Paul's Westexe

**Fridays**  
Sunningmead Community Centre  
(starts 5/3/21)

In association with Local Churches,  
Tiverton Town Council,  
Tiverton Volunteer Force and CHAT



**Holy Mass and Events this week**

**Saturday 6 March – Lent Weekday**

- Holy Mass at 6.00pm (Vigil Mass) *Anthony Foran RIP*

**Sunday 7 March – Third Sunday of Lent**

- Holy Mass at 10.00am *Pro Populo*
- Holy Mass at 11.30am (St Boniface) *Krystyna Bertulaite RIP (anniv)*

**Tuesday 9 March – Lent Weekday**

- Holy Mass at 10.00am
- Funeral Service for Eunice Wheatcroft at 12.30pm in St Peter's Chapel at Exeter Crematorium

**Wednesday 10 March – Lent Weekday**

- Holy Mass at 12noon (St Boniface)

**Thursday 11 March – Lent Weekday**

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

**Friday 12 March – Lent Weekday**

- Holy Mass at 12noon

**Saturday 13 March – Lent Weekday**

- Holy Mass at 6.00pm (Vigil Mass)