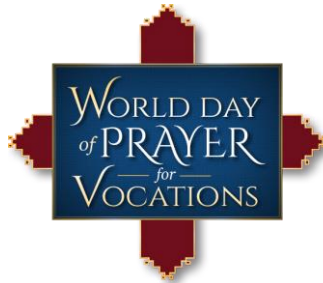


**PARISH OF ST JAMES & ST BONIFACE**  
**with St John's Catholic Primary and Pre-School**  
***A Catholic Community in the Heart of Mid Devon***

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# NEWSLETTER

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**Sunday 25 April 2021**



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## Coming to Church – “Hands/Face/Space”

When coming to church for services, 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.

## 58<sup>th</sup> World Day of Prayer for Vocations

This Sunday (also known as *Good Shepherd Sunday* since at Mass there is always a Gospel reading which refers to Jesus as the Good Shepherd) is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, particularly to the ordained ministries of priest and permanent deacon and to the consecrated life of monks, nuns, brothers and sisters.

As we are in the Year of St Joseph, in his [Message](#) for this year’s Day of Prayer entitled ***St Joseph: The Dream of Vocation***, Pope Francis highlights three words from the life of St Joseph which are key to everyone’s vocation: dream, service and fidelity. It is a beautiful message and well worth some personal reflection. The National Office for Vocations has also produced a short introductory video, [God’s Dream for you!](#), for this year’s Day of Prayer.

This year we are remembering Deacon Albert Lawes in a special way in our prayers at this time. He is now in his final months of preparation for ordination to the priesthood by Bishop Mark in the Cathedral on Friday 25 June.

## Prayer for Vocations

Loving Father, you call us by name.

As we journey through life

help us to be confident in our own unique identity

and to find opportunities to develop our own gifts and passions.

We pray that the Holy Spirit will pour on us wisdom and guidance

to help us realise and follow our dreams,

discerning your plan for our lives.

Bless your Church by raising up dedicated and generous people

from our families and friends

who will serve as Priests, Deacons, Sisters and Brothers.

May we support one another in response to God’s call.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Second Collection for our Seminarians

There is a second collection this weekend to support the training of those studying to be future priests for the parishes of our diocese. Please be as generous as you can. Donations can either be left in the basket at the door of the church or be given contactlessly using our SumUp machine.

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

In January Bishop Mark and the Bishop's Council issued [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 and on our vocation to be communities of disciple-making disciples.

To help us reflect on the missionary themes in the document and on how we might give concrete expression to these, the Bishop has invited the renowned international 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. You are strongly urged to register to take part via the following [link](#).

## A Reflection from the Bishops of England and Wales

This past week, the Bishops of England and Wales have been gathered "virtually" for their annual post-Easter meeting. Arising out of their work, they have issued a reflection, [The Day of the Lord](#), in which they pay tribute to the courage, generosity and understanding shown by our Catholic communities in the face of adversity over the last 12 months. The Bishops also reflect on the challenges of re-focusing our parish communities as we slowly emerge from restrictions, highlighting the **centrality of Sunday Mass** to our spiritual and community lives. The Eucharist is "*our treasure, enriching our relationship with Jesus and bringing together every aspect of our life and mission...The Christ to whom we come so close in the Eucharist must be the foundation of our strivings, not least in the urgent task we face of caring for creation and our environment*".

## Safeguarding Review Implementation

Following the review of English and Welsh Catholic safeguarding structures by Mr Ian Elliot last year, the national Implementation Group for Safeguarding has been producing a regular newsletter, available every two weeks. These newsletters can be found at [www.catholicsafeguardingproject.org](http://www.catholicsafeguardingproject.org), along with further information about the review.

If you have any concerns, our Safeguarding Reps can be contacted via the email address and mobile number on the front of the Newsletter.

## Diocesan Environmental Policy

Carbis Bay, Cornwall, within our Diocese will be hosting the first in-person **G7 Summit** in almost two years from 11-13 June. Amongst other matters, the Prime Ministers and Presidents from some of the world's leading democracies will be discussing how to tackle the urgent issue of climate change. In addition, from 1-12 November in Glasgow, the UK will be hosting and presiding at COP26, the UN Climate Change Conference.

Against this backdrop, this week Bishop Mark has shared with the parishes the first Diocesan Environmental Policy. In the Pastoral Message that accompanies it, he reflects on Pope Francis' teaching set out in [Laudato si'](#) and [Fratelli tutti](#), as well as on the reflection document produced by the Bishops of England and Wales [The Call of Creation](#). The Policy sets out the overarching principles which should underpin the approach of the communities and individuals of our diocese in caring for God's creation.

This Policy is intended to serve as a starting point for prayer and discernment, and you are invited to send your thoughts and reflections on it to *Caritas Plymouth* ([caritas@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:caritas@prcdtr.org.uk)), which is co-ordinating the on-going development and implementation of the Policy.

## Parish Services and Events This Week

### **Saturday 24 April – St Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr**

- Vigil Mass at 6.00pm *Juraj and Alzbeta Kovalcik RIP (anniv)*

### **Sunday 25 April – Fourth Sunday of Easter**

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

### **Tuesday 27 April – Easter Weekday**

- Service of the Word at 10.00am

### **Wednesday 28 April – Easter Weekday**

- Holy Mass at 12noon (at St Boniface, Cullompton)

### **Thursday 29 April – St Catherine of Siena, Patron of Europe**

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

### **Friday 30 April – Easter Weekday**

- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 11.30am
- Holy Mass at 12noon

### **Saturday 1 May – St Joseph the Worker**

- Holy Mass at 6.00pm (Vigil Mass)

### **Sunday 2 May – Fifth Sunday of Easter**

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