

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

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
Sunday 11 April 2021



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Sunday *in Albis* – Low Sunday – Divine Mercy Sunday

The Second Sunday of Easter is the Octave Day of Easter and, over the course of the centuries has been known by various names. In earlier times, it was referred to as the Sunday *in albis* - a reference to the fact that those adults who had been newly baptised at the Easter Vigil would take off their white baptismal garments on this day (*in albis depositis*), which they had been wearing for the whole of the Easter Octave.

In England this Sunday is often referred to as "Low Sunday", probably in reference to the rather more muted celebrations in comparison to the "high" celebrations of Easter Sunday. Interestingly, some think it could also be a corruption either of the Latin word "Laudes" - the first word of the second line of the Easter Sequence, *Victimae Paschali*, as set out for the Mass according to the Sarum Rite used in England until the Reformation – or of the title "Close Sunday", ie the Sunday which ends the Easter Octave ("*Pascha Clausum*").

In 2000 Pope St John Paul II added the name of *Sunday of the Divine Mercy* in fulfilment of the wish of the Polish visionary St Faustina Kowalska. The image of the Divine Mercy on the front of the Newsletter was given to St Faustina in a vision in 1931. She saw Jesus clothed in a white garment with his right hand raised in blessing. His left hand was touching his garment in the area of the Heart, from where two large rays came forth, one red and the other pale. These rays represent the graces of Divine Mercy poured out upon the world, especially through baptism and the Eucharist. As she gazed intently at the Lord in silence, her soul filled with both awe and great joy, Jesus said to her: "*Paint an image according to the pattern you see, with the signature: **Jesus, I trust in You***". The [Chaplet of Divine Mercy](#) is often prayed on this Sunday.

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.

Requiescat in Pace

We pray for the repose of the soul of HRH the Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, who died on Friday and for HM the Queen and the members of the Royal Family at this time of mourning and loss. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

200 Club

Canon Kristian will make the April Draw after Mass this Saturday evening. Thank you to those parishioners who have recently renewed their subscriptions to the Club. This is a great help to the parish when there is a reduced number of parishioners coming to church. Those wishing to join the 200 Club are asked to contact Simon Coombs on 01884 258331.

Walk for Water – CAFOD Lent Challenge and Family Fast Day

Our parish team of dedicated walkers has completed the CAFOD Lent Challenge and raised an astonishing £1600 to contribute to the Walk for Water Campaign. The final edition of CAFOD News (for now!) from our Parish CAFOD Group attached to the Newsletter gives you the full story.

In addition, over £350 was raised from the CAFOD Lent Family Fast Day to contribute towards the Campaign.

A huge "Thank You" to all those who took part in the walking, those who donated to support them and those who gave as a result of the Fast Day. In these challenging times, including on a financial level for many individuals and families, our parish community can be justly proud of this demonstration of "universal solidarity" which, as Pope Francis stresses in his recent Encyclical *Fratelli Tutti*, our world so badly needs at this time.

Upcoming Events for Young People

A "Faith in Action" presentation will take place on Monday 26 April, 7.30 -9.00 pm on Zoom. Representatives from CAFOD will talk about the *Reclaim our Common Home* campaign. There will also be a chance to explore what the G7 Summit (which will take place in Cornwall this year) is, how it impacts on our lives and why it matters to the everyday person? This evening is aimed at young people aged 12 -25.

In preparation for Pentecost, the popular drama, dance and singing workshops will take place on Zoom on 21 and 28 April and on 5 and 12 May, 7.00 – 8.15pm in partnership with By Design Theatre. These are aimed at young people in Year 6 and upwards, who will have the opportunity to explore the Pentecost story in the Acts of the Apostles and be guided to produce short sequences of dance and drama which will be recorded through Zoom.

Young people from across our diocese who speak an additional language to English and who would be happy to record themselves saying the Lord's Prayer are also being sought. Please get in contact with Saskia if you would like to help.

Please email youth@prcdtr.org.uk for all Zoom login details and to contact Saskia

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

In January Bishop Mark 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. To help us reflect on the missionary themes in the document and on how to give concrete expression to these, the Bishop has invited the 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. Register to take part via the following [link](#).

Important Notice for Parishioners from the EU

All EU citizens living in the UK are required by the Government to apply through its Settlement Scheme to continue living, working and accessing services here. The deadline for applications is **30 June 2021**. Details and links can be found at www.gov.uk/eusettledstatus. Please bring this to the attention of your friends, family members and fellow parishioners. **The Catholic Church in England and Wales stands in solidarity with all European citizens who have made their homes here. You are a much valued part of our parishes, schools and communities and we hope that you will continue to be so in the years ahead.**

Holy Week Services and Events

Saturday 10 April – Easter Saturday

- Vigil Mass at 6.00pm

Sunday 11 April – Second Sunday of Easter

- Holy Mass at 10.00am *Lydia Gorlo (birthday ints)*
- Holy Mass at 11.30am (St Boniface) *Pro Populo*

Tuesday 13 April – Easter Weekday

- Holy Mass at 10.00am

Wednesday 14 April – Easter Weekday

- Holy Mass at 12noon (St Boniface)

Thursday 15 April – Easter Weekday

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

Friday 16 April – Easter Weekday

- Holy Mass at 12noon

Saturday 17 April – Easter Weekday

- Holy Mass at 6.00pm (Vigil Mass)

Sunday 18 April – Third Sunday of Easter

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