

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

PENTECOST SUNDAY
Sunday 23 May 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.

Easing of Restrictions

Over the coming weeks and months, provided that the pandemic continues to abate and with the increasing number of vaccinations, some of our normal practices will be gradually re-introduced at church and more seating capacity will become available.

From this week, the Bishops have decided that it is now permissible to return to the practice of the priest announcing “The Body of Christ” to each communicant separately, with the individual response of “Amen”. Likewise, the usual method of praying the Universal Prayer/Prayers of the Faithful is to be reintroduced.

Collection for Sick and Retired Priests

This weekend there will be the annual collection to support the sick and retired priests of our diocese. This collection is an expression of gratitude for the years of devoted service that these priests have given to our communities. Donations can be put into the baskets provided in church or be given contactlessly.

“The Whole Church Prayed Unceasingly to God” (Acts 12:5)

On each day throughout the month of May a different Marian Shrine around the world will lead prayers for an end of the Covid-19 Pandemic.

Prayer will begin each **morning** with the symbolic gesture of the lighting of a lamp in front of a statue of Our Lady, followed by a reading from Acts 12, from which this initiative takes its name. The time of prayer will finish with probably the oldest extant Marian prayer *Sub tuum praesidium*. At **Midday**, the Holy Rosary will be recited for the particular intention that Pope Francis has assigned for that day. **Evening** prayer consists of the *Memorare* prayer and the handing on the witness of prayer to the next Marian Shrine.

The schedule of Shrines and Prayer Intentions and the two prayers are attached to the Newsletter so that we can unite ourselves in prayer each day the Catholics worldwide for the ending of the Pandemic.

"Thy Kingdom Come"

The days between the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord until Pentecost have in recent years become a worldwide ecumenical initiative of nine days of prayer. We are invited to participate in the [Novena of Prayer](#) , with specific daily intentions.

Bishop Mark has also highlighted the importance of this time for local evangelisation. In his [Message](#) to the Catholics of England and Wales, in the days leading up to the Novena, he invites us to: "*Think about five people whom you might begin to have a conversation with about your faith in Jesus Christ... pray for those five people during the nine days of prayer between Ascension and Pentecost and...when things have opened up a little more, look for an opportunity in the parish calendar, maybe a summer barbecue or a tea outside in the parish grounds that you could invite those five individuals to, so that they might begin to make a journey to encounter the Lord Jesus more deeply.*"

A Church on Fire

The presentation to the clergy and laity of our Diocese on missionary discipleship by Michael Dopp on 1 May 2019 can now be viewed on the [Diocesan Website](#) or directly on [Youtube](#).

Over 200 people joined us live for this day, so here is your chance to listen again or hear this challenging talk for the first time. Encouraged and inspired, you are invited to participate in deeper formation in missionary discipleship through *Mission Made Possible*, provided by the Diocesan Vicariate for Evangelisation and Catechesis. For further information about this, please email: Michele Thompson michele.thompson@prcdtr.org.uk or Pippa Worth pippa.worth@prcdtr.org.uk.

Homeless 4 a Night



The main event for this year's sleep-out to raise funds for CHAT will be from Friday 25 – Sunday 27 June. The challenge is to sleep under the stars, if possible, for a minimum of one night to raise some vital money for those who may not have a roof over their heads. You can do this wherever you wish, with whoever you wish and for as many nights as you wish!

If you don't feel able to sleep out in the open just in a sleeping bag on some cardboard, perhaps use a tent or even do some "sofa-surfing". Youngsters could even create a "box fort/castle" to sleep in.

Once you have [registered](#) and are committed to raising a target of £25 sponsorship, CHAT will send you a fundraising welcome pack, which includes a beanie for each person sleeping.

Plymouth Diocese Catechetical Summer Camps

Since the start of Covid19, the Catechetical Summer Camps Committee has been looking at how to carry on the Camps within the limits of social distancing. Last year, it managed, like many parishes, to share the camp message via video conferencing and streaming in a somewhat limited way.

This year there are to be a variety of activities, primarily between 9-13 August, with different activities for each year group. The St Petroc's Camp (years 11-12) is going to be a residential camp at St Rita's Centre in Honiton. The Senior Camp (years 7-10), as well as a virtual week in August, will include a short Camp during the Autumn half term, hopefully at Grangehurst House, Buckfast Abbey. The Junior Camp (years 3-6) will be running a week of streamed sessions each morning and afternoon, followed a day at St Rita's Honiton. See the attached Newsletter for more details about registration.

Parish Services and Events This Week

Saturday 22 May – St Rita of Cascia

- Holy Mass at 6.00pm (Vigil Mass)

Sunday 23 May – Pentecost Sunday

- Holy Mass at 10.00am *Anna Zielinska and her family – Entrustment of the Immaculate Heart of Mary*
- Holy Mass at 11.30am (at St Boniface) *Pro Populo*

Eighth Week in Ordinary Time (B1)

Tuesday 25 May – St Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor

- Holy Mass at 10.00am *Holy Souls in Purgatory (Gorlo)*

Wednesday 26 May – St Philip Neri, Priest

- Holy Mass at 12noon (at St Boniface) *Genovaita Ramoniene RIP (anniv), Alfonsas, Jonas and Janina*

Thursday 27 May – Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest

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

Friday 28 May– Weekday

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

Saturday 29 May – St Paul VI, Pope

- Holy Mass at 6.00pm (Vigil Mass)

Sunday 30 May – The Most Holy Trinity

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