

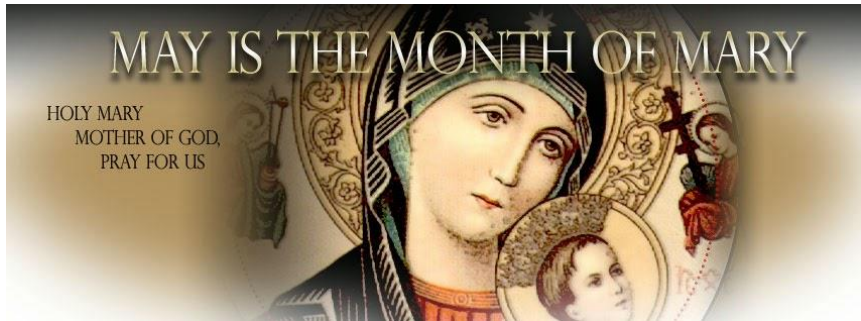
**PARISH OF ST JAMES & ST BONIFACE**  
**with St John's Catholic Primary and Pre-School**  
***A Catholic Community in the Heart of Mid Devon***

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# NEWSLETTER

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**Sunday 9 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.

## Day of Prayer for Eastern Christians

This Sunday is the annual Day of Prayer for Eastern Christians, which enables Eastern and Western Christians to come together in communion through prayer. The event unites the Roman Catholic Church in Europe with dioceses of the Eastern Catholic Churches in union with the Bishop of Rome from all over Europe, the Middle East, the Horn of Africa and India.

If you would like to support them through the projects of the Eastern Catholic Churches, donate by: (1) giving online at [www.facecharity.org/give](http://www.facecharity.org/give); (b) texting DAYOFPRAYER to 70450 to donate £10 (\*Texts cost £10 donation plus 1 standard rate message); or (3) writing a cheque made out to *Fellowship and Aid to the Christians of the East*, and sending to: Judge Sykes Frixou (O’Callaghan - FACE Charity), York House, 23 Kingsway, London, WC2B 6YF.

Fellowship and Aid to the Christians of the East is launching a prayer group to receive a monthly prayer intention for Eastern Christians. To join visit: [www.facecharity.org/prayergroup](http://www.facecharity.org/prayergroup). The Message for this Day of Prayer from Cardinal Michael Fitzgerald MAfr is attached to the Newsletter.

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

On each day throughout the month 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.

## Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

This Thursday, 13 May, is the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord. This is a **Holy Day of Obligation**, so there will be Mass at 10.00am (St James), at 11.30am (St Boniface) and at 6pm (St James) in order to enable as many people as possible to take part in Mass.

## "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. In non-Covid times, this usually includes a number of events shared between local churches, but this is problematic under present circumstances. However, we can all 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: *"...have a think about your family, your work colleagues, your friendship circle. Think about five people whom you might begin to have a conversation with about your faith in Jesus Christ. It might be somebody who, during this time of the pandemic, has given up the practise of their faith or somebody who's searching for deeper meaning because of the experience of disease and death in this past year...I think, especially, we want to pray for those five people during the nine days of prayer between Ascension and Pentecost and then in the period afterwards, maybe in July, 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."*

## First Holy Communion

The first of the two Tiverton First Communion Masses will take place this Sunday at 4.00pm. It would, of course, be far more appropriate for our children to receive the Holy Eucharist within a celebration of the wider parish family, but present restrictions do not permit this. However, it is important that we all remember these children and their families in our prayers in a special way at this spiritually significant moment in their lives.

## World Communications Day

Next Sunday is World Communications Day and there is a second collection to support the Catholic Communications Network of the Bishop's Conference of England and Wales.

## Gift Aid Announcement

If you gift aid your parish contributions, we will soon be preparing the End-of - Year Letters to let you know how much you have given and how much tax will be claimed back. If you have moved since last year or your tax situation has changed (and so we cannot claim this year), please let the parish office know as soon as possible. Thank you.

## 200 Club

Canon Kristian will make the May Draw after Mass this Saturday evening. Thanks to those parishioners who have recently renewed their subscriptions to the Club. If you would like to join the 200 Club, please have a word with Simon Coombs at St James or Teresa Cummings at St Boniface.

## Parish Services and Events This Week

### **Saturday 8 May – Easter Weekday**

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

### **Sunday 9 May – Sixth Sunday of Easter**

- Holy Mass at 10.00am *Cecilia Krudyova (birthday ints)*
- Holy Mass at 11.30am (at St Boniface) *Saulius Seuklinskas RIP*
- First Holy Communion Mass at 4.00pm

### **Tuesday 11 May – Easter Weekday**

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

### **Wednesday 12 May – Easter Weekday**

- Holy Mass at 12noon (at St Boniface)

### **Thursday 13 May – Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord**

- Holy Mass at 10.00am
- Holy Mass at 11.30am (at St Boniface)
- Holy Mass at 6.00pm

### **Friday 14 May– Feast of St Matthias, Apostle**

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

### **Saturday 15 May – Easter Weekday**

- Baptism of Gabriela Suhanea at 1.00pm
- Holy Mass at 6.00pm (Vigil Mass)

### **Sunday 16 May – Seventh Sunday of Easter**

- Holy Mass at 10.00am *Pro Populo*
- Holy Mass at 11.30am (at St Boniface)
- First Holy Communion Mass at 4.00pm