

**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

**Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)**  
**Sunday 20 June 2021**



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## Covid Restrictions and Booking for Mass

As you will be aware, the Government has delayed any further easing of the lockdown restrictions until 19 July, due to the rise in infections of the Delta Variant of Covid-19. Therefore, no further changes will be introduced into the way we attend church or celebrate Mass until after that date.

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. Remember to follow "**Hands/Face/Space**" at all times.

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.

## Day for Life

This Sunday is the annual **Day for Life**. The theme this year focuses on **assisted suicide and the respect owed to life**. The online resources are produced to inform Catholics about this threat to life and to share with people our response to such a threat: a true compassion as the just response to the immense value of the human person.

The fragility of life and the reality of death has been brought into sharp focus during the Covid-19 pandemic. In the UK alone, more than 126,000 people have died from the virus. Yet, in the face of such suffering and death, we have also witnessed the extraordinary dedication of healthcare professionals and their loving care for the sick and dying. We too have each made sacrifices for the greater good during this pandemic. These acts of heroic love are a powerful testimony to the fundamental dignity of the human person and to the respect owed to each life, particularly through proper care and love in the last moments of life.

Against this backdrop of loving care, we are now faced with the very real threat of the legalisation of 'assisted suicide' in our country. It is not a question of *if* this challenge will come, it is now a question of *when*. There is a Private Members Bill in the House of Lords on so-called 'Assisted Dying' and it is only a matter of time before the issue is back in the House of Commons.

In 2020, it was not possible to hold the annual *Day for Life* collection due to the pandemic, and so funds are very much depleted and the threats to life have never been greater. *Day for Life* is a simple, practical response which pushes back against 'the use and throwaway logic' often at the heart of a culture which seeks to abandon its elderly, sick and dying when 'they no longer serve our interests.' There will be a basket in church for a second collection to support the work of the Church nationally in upholding our teaching on the right to life. You can also make your donation using our contactless facility or you can give directly online.

## Settlement Scheme for European Citizens

All EU, EEA and Swiss 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 is 30 June 2021.** Details and links to the application process can be found at [www.gov.uk/eusettledstatus](http://www.gov.uk/eusettledstatus). Information on assistance for those who may have difficulty application is available at [www.gov.uk/help-eu-settlement-scheme](http://www.gov.uk/help-eu-settlement-scheme). The Catholic Church in England and Wales, our diocese and our parish stand in solidarity with all European citizens who have made their homes here. You are much valued members of our parishes, schools and communities.

## Jesus Walks with Us Youth Event

On 10 July at St Rita's Centre, Honiton, 10am-4pm, By Design Theatre, Rise Theatre and the Stay Awake team are coming together to run a conference for young people aged 10-16. The young people will have the chance to explore the "Emmaus Walk" through the arts, and to participate in workshops on art, craft, drama and dance. A £10 contribution is requested to cover the cost of the speakers and the lunch provided. If you would like a place, please complete the following form: <https://forms.office.com/r/spcJ3YGukj>.

## Catholic Children's Society Parish Volunteer Wanted

The [Catholic Children's Society \(Plymouth\)](#) is a voluntary organisation providing support to families of all faiths and none within the Diocese, which covers Cornwall, Devon and most parts of Dorset. It gives grants and bursaries to families and children in need, provides parenting courses in schools and other community settings and, through its Good Shepherd Programme, encourages children to think of others who may be in need.

In order to provide these important services, the Society is very dependent on the generosity of our parishes through the annual collection, the offerings given at the Christmas Crib and other fundraising initiatives. The Society would like to have a Volunteer in every parish to act as a point of reference for the Society and to promote the work of the Society and its fundraising initiatives. If this is a service you could offer, please contact the Parish Office or speak to Canon Kristian directly.

## Priestly Ordination of Deacon Albert Lawes

Deacon Albert Lawes will be ordained as a priest for our Diocese in the Cathedral in Plymouth this coming Friday, 25 June, at 12noon. Please keep him in your prayers as he commits his life to priestly service.

## Homeless 4 a Night – Sponsor Parishioners



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! 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.

Our parishioners, Monika Manser and Shelagh Eastwood, will be sleeping out in their gardens this Friday 25 June to fundraise and support CHAT. CHAT works across Mid Devon offering free, impartial and confidential advice and essential life changing support to vulnerable individuals with often complex housing issues. This involves a mixture of housing advice, longer term tenancy support, Debt and Money Advice and access to the Foodbank. Monika and Shelagh would be really grateful for your support and you can sponsor both of them by going to their JustGiving page at <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/shelagh-eastwood>.

## Parish Services and Events This Week

### **Saturday 19 June – Weekday**

- Holy Mass at 6.00pm (Vigil Mass)

### **Sunday 20 June – Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)**

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

### **Tuesday 22 June – St John Fisher and St Thomas More, Martyrs**

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

### **Wednesday 23 June – St Edward, King and Martyr**

- Holy Mass at 12noon (at St Boniface)

### **Thursday 24 June – The Nativity of St John the Baptist**

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

### **Friday 25 June– Weekday**

- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 11.30am
- Service of the Word at 12noon

### **Saturday 26 June – Weekday**

- Confirmation Candidates at 9.30am in the Parish Hall
- Holy Mass at 6.00pm (Vigil Mass)

### **Sunday 27 June – Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)**

- Holy Mass at 10.00am *Karol and Dorota Gorlo (Ints)*
- Holy Mass at 11.30am *Pro Populo* (at St Boniface)