

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

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
Sunday 18 July 2021



St Mary Magdalene: Apostle to the Apostles

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Easing of Restrictions at Church

Following the announcement of the Prime Minister that the legal enforcement of all Covid restrictions will end this Monday, 26 July, the Catholic Bishops of England have issued a Statement "***Sunday – it is our Day***", attached to the Newsletter. Whilst encouraging as many Catholics as possible to return to the weekly celebration of Sunday Mass, the Bishops also recognise that the virus is still a significant presence in the community and that therefore caution must still be observed with regards to the lifting of the restrictions to the way we presently celebrate Mass. Hence, the Bishops do not foresee the restoration of the precept to attend Sunday Mass until the First Sunday of Advent 2021.

Over the coming weeks, in accordance with the Step 4 Guidance issued by the Bishops, we will be introducing changes to our existing parish arrangements. These will be done gradually to give people time to adjust to them, having lived with 18 months of restrictions. The situation will be kept under continuing review, since the Bishops are clear that all decisions must be made in the light of the conditions prevailing at the local level:

- The seating capacity will be increased in both of our churches but, as there will still be a restricted number of spaces available at St Boniface due to the size of the church and the limited ventilation, it will be necessary to continue the present booking system for the 11.30am Mass there for the time being in order to ensure that the environment is safe. **There will no longer be any need to book to attend the Saturday or Sunday Mass at St James.**
- Whilst social distancing is no longer a strictly legal requirement, it is important that we continue to **be respectful of other's space**, especially as some may be more vulnerable than others. There will be "***Please leave a space***" cards at the entrance to church to place next to you on the pew to ensure that an appropriate space is left between you and the next person or family group.
- Sanitisers will remain at strategic places within our churches. Please continue to maintain **good hand hygiene** when in church.
- The NHS QR codes will remain at the entrances to our churches and should still be used if you have access to the NHS **Track and Trace** App. Stewards will continue to take the names of all those attending Mass to ensure we have a record in the event of the need to self-isolate due to contact with an infected individual, which remains a legal requirement. Additional contact details for those on our parish database will no longer be required, but they will still be needed for those who have not filled in a census form or who are visiting the parish.

- We are no longer required to enforce a “one way” system within the church. However, we are all now more conscious of respecting other’s space when we enter and leave the church and in the way we **process in an orderly and dignified manner to receive Holy Communion**. Please continue to follow the directions of the Stewards at the time of Holy Communion.
- Although the wearing of **face coverings** is no longer mandatory in law, in line with Government expectation, the Bishops ask those who can to continue to wear them in church. This is a way of showing love and respect to our neighbour, in the event we might be carrying the virus unknowingly.
- **Singing and instruments** will be introduced gradually at the **10.00am Mass on Sunday**. People, other than those in the choir, must continue to wear their face coverings when singing.
- There will be the opportunity once again to place **offertory** money into a basket for those who wish. The basket will not be passed from hand to hand but held by a single person. The **preferred way of giving** your regular donation to the parish is either by setting up a **Standing Order** or by giving using our **contactless** facility.
- The physical **Sign of Peace** will remain suspended for the time being, although we will continue to offer a warm non-tactile gesture of Christ’s peace to those around us during the Mass.
- **Holy Communion** will continue to be administered solely **under one kind** and, although it is permissible for individuals to receive Communion directly onto the tongue should they so wish, Communion **on the hand** continues to be the way recommended by the Bishops for receiving Holy Communion, as it presents less risk of cross infection.

Parish Afternoon Tea

On Sunday 1 August we will be holding an Afternoon Tea at 3.00pm, in the church grounds (weather permitting), to celebrate a time of togetherness as a parish community. Will those who can offer to make cakes and those who will need transport please ring Shelagh Eastwood on 07990 592297.

Diocesan Vacancies

The Diocese of Plymouth is looking to appoint a home-based Heritage Project Manager, on a fixed 12-month contract, and a Caritas Project Support Administrator, as a permanent position based at St Boniface House, Ashburton. Further details are attached to the Newsletter and on the church noticeboards.

Caritas Plymouth Newsletter

The latest Newsletter containing interesting updates of the social outreach activity undertaken by *Caritas Plymouth* is attached to the Newsletter.

Plymouth Diocese Summer Camps 2021

This year three Summer Camps will be taking place, online and/or actual: **Junior Camp (Yrs 3-6)**, 9-13, August: online with activities in the morning and evening, with the group coming together on Friday 13 August at St Rita's Centre, Honiton: email juniorcamp@prcdtr.org.uk. **Senior Camp (Yrs 7-10)**, 9-13 August: online with meetings in the morning and afternoon as a taster, with a live 4-day actual Camp at Buckfast in October half-term. Email: seniorcamp@prcdtr.org.uk. **St Petroc's Camp (Yrs 11-12)**, 9-13 August, a live, actual Camp at St Rita's Centre. Honiton: email stpetrocscamp@prcdtr.org.uk.

Young people and their parents can make enquiries and register their interest through the appropriate email addresses, where electronic application forms and further details will be available.

Parish Services and Events This Week

Saturday 17 July – Weekday

- Car Boot Sale at 9.00am
- Holy Mass at 6.00pm (Vigil Mass) *Penny Burden RIP*

Sunday 18 July – Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

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

Tuesday 20 July – Weekday

- Holy Mass at 10.00am *Marek Wesolowski RIP (anniv)*

Wednesday 21 July – Weekday

- Holy Mass at 12noon (at St Boniface)

Thursday 22 July – St Mary Magdalene, Apostle to the Apostles

- Get Together on Zoom at 11.00am
- Holy Mass in Polish at 6.00pm

Friday 23 July – St Bridget of Sweden, Patron of Europe

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

Saturday 24 July – Weekday

- Holy Mass at 6.00pm (Vigil Mass)

Sunday 25 July – Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

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