

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

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
Sunday 25 July 2021



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Important Changes to Mass Attendance at Church

Whilst encouraging as many Catholics as possible to return to the weekly celebration of Sunday Mass, the Bishops of England and Wales recognise that the virus is still a significant presence in the community and that therefore a certain caution should 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, we will be introducing changes to our existing parish arrangements, and the situation will be kept under continuing review.

- The seating capacity has been increased at **St James** and there is **no longer any need to book to attend the Saturday or Sunday Mass** there. However, whilst social distancing is no longer required, it is important 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 be placed on a bench next to you if you would prefer that people not sit close to you.
- Unfortunately, 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 for the time being to ensure that the environment is safe.
- Sanitiser dispensers will remain at strategic places within our churches. It is strongly recommended that **good hand hygiene** to be maintained and hands sanitised often.
- The NHS QR codes will remain at the entrances to our churches and should still be used if you have the NHS **Track and Trace** App. Stewards will continue to take the names of those attending Mass to ensure we have a record of those present in the event of the need to self-isolate, which remains a legal requirement. Additional contact details of those on our parish database will no longer be required, but we will still need them for those who have not filled in a **census form** or who are visiting the parish. If you have not filled in a census form, or your details have changed, census forms are available at the entrance to church.
- We are no longer required to operate a "one way" system within the church. However, we are now more conscious of others when we enter and leave the church and in the way we **process in an orderly and dignified manner to receive Holy Communion**. It is important that this awareness is retained.

- Although the wearing of **face coverings** is no longer obligatory, those who are able are asked to continue to wear them whilst in church. This is to show love and respect to our neighbour, just in case we might be carrying the virus unknowingly.
- **Singing** will be introduced gradually over the coming weeks. People other than those in the choir are asked not to remove their face coverings when singing.
- There will be the opportunity to place **offertory** money into a basket during Mass 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.
- **Holy Communion** will to be administered solely **under one kind** and, although it is permissible for people to receive Communion directly onto the tongue should they so wish, Communion **on the hand** is the recommended way of receiving Holy Communion as it presents less chance of cross infection.

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

This Sunday, on the eve of the celebration of St Joachim and St Ann, the parents of Our Lady, is the first World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. The decision to hold the Day has come at a time marked by a pandemic and by the suffering of our older generations in recent months in every part of the world. Reports of elderly people having to die alone and then not being given a funeral have been a cause of deep pain to the Church. This World Day is an opportunity to reaffirm that the Church can never remain distant from those who carry a cross. The theme chosen by the Holy Father, "*I am with you always*", expresses clearly that, during the pandemic and in the better times that will hopefully follow, every parish wishes to be with the elderly always.

Pope Francis has sent a message (attached) to all grandparents and elderly people. There is also a [video](#) of the Holy Father giving the message. A special prayer has also been written. A [video](#) of it being prayed by the Holy Father and by older people in various countries has also been produced.

We celebrate and give thanks to God for all the grandparents and for every elderly person in our own parish community. Their presence, wisdom, experience and prayer are essential to our life of faith and action.

Visit the [Catholic Grandparent Association](#) for further information.

Parish Afternoon Tea

Next Sunday 1 August we will be holding an Afternoon Tea at 2.30pm, hopefully in the church grounds, weather permitting, to celebrate a time of togetherness as a parish community. Would those who can offer to make cakes and those who will need transport please ring Shelagh Eastwood on 07990 592297.

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: email juniorcamp@prcdtr.org.uk. **Senior Camp (Yrs 7-10)**, 9-13 August: 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: 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 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 Marynczak (Intentions)*
- Holy Mass at 11.30am (at St Boniface) *Pro Populo*

Tuesday 27 July – Weekday

- Holy Mass at 10.00am

Wednesday 28 July – Weekday

- Holy Mass at 12noon (at St Boniface)

Thursday 29 July – Sts Martha, Mary and Lazarus

- Get Together on Zoom at 11.00am
- Holy Mass at 10.00am – Please note change of time
- CHAT AGM at 7.00pm

Friday 30 July – St Germanus of Auxerre, Bishop

- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 11.30am
- Holy Mass at 12noon *Sam Pennie RIP (anniv)*

Saturday 31 July – St Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

- Holy Mass at 6.00pm (Vigil Mass)

Sunday 1 August – Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

- Holy Mass at 10.00am
- Holy Mass at 11.30am (at St Boniface) *Pro Populo*
- Parish Tea Party at 3.00pm