

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

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
Sunday 22 August 2021



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Message from His Holiness, Pope Francis

In a letter communicated to Bishop Mark from the Secretary of State at the Vatican, Pope Francis expressed his spiritual closeness to those affected by the shootings in Plymouth last week and imparts his Blessing to all concerned. His message, a copy of which is attached to the Newsletter, was communicated directly to the bereaved families.

Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth) Annual Appeal

Next weekend is the annual appeal and retiring collection to support the work of the Catholic Children's Society. In support of this appeal, Bishop Mark writes:

"Seventeen months have passed since the start of the Covid-19 pandemic in our country and many families are still facing crippling economic hardship. Throughout this long period, the Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth) has continued to respond to an ever-increasing demand from families in our Diocese who find themselves in great difficulty and who lack essential items to meet their basic needs.

Meeting these needs has resulted in a significant depletion of the Society's limited resources which are needed in order to continue to support such families who have fallen on hard times. So I again appeal to your generosity to support the good work of the Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth) by offering what you can. In so doing, through the agency of the Society, you will make a real difference to those families who are struggling at the most basic level. May God bless you for responding as generously as you can to this Annual Appeal."

Please take a leaflet today or visit the CCSP website at www.ccsplymouth.org.uk to understand the wonderful work the Society does to help struggling children and their families. Please pray that this vital work will continue to make a difference. Thank you.

CHAT 25th (+1!) Anniversary Service



You are invited to a service
to celebrate 25 years
of Churches Housing Action Team

**Sunday 5th September
at 7pm
St Paul's Church, Tiverton
followed by refreshments**

We will be joined by our Patron,
Rt Revd Jackie Searle, Bishop of Crediton.

RSVP by 30th August, events@chatmid.co.uk

Calling Altar Servers!

We are once again able to have altar servers at Mass. This important ministry aids the dignified celebration of Mass. If there are any children who have made their First Communion or any young people who would like to serve, please speak to Canon Kristian, Deacon Michael or Deacon Peter as soon as possible.

Walking with the Poor



Caritas Plymouth will be holding an event on Saturday 9 October from 10.30am-3.00pm at St Rita's Centre, Honiton, to prepare for the World Day of the Poor which takes place in November. This free event includes lunch, and thoughts and ideas will be shared about how we are reaching out to the poor and whether we need to take a different approach to poverty. Speakers include Bishop Mark and Raymond Friel from the Caritas Social Action Network. Best practice on Covid safety measures will be followed. Spaces are limited, so booking is essential. Click [here](#)

to register or paper forms are available at the entrance to church.

Introducing an Ignatian Retreat in Everyday Life

***In this increasingly challenging world,
where is God at work in the fabric of our lives?***

Come and share with a group of fellow travellers some of the experience of your life and your prayer, by giving voice to your thoughts and feelings along the Way of life in a safe and secure space.

We will be using a beautifully illustrated handbook produced by the Glasgow Ignatian Centre and will start with an introductory meeting in person on Sunday 26 September in the Parish Hall, 6-7pm.

This retreat requires a commitment of at least ten minutes a day in quiet reflection and prayer, reading the daily scripture passages as you follow the life of Jesus presented in the handbook. It follows the same pattern as the Lent online retreat which some of you participated in earlier this year.

The meetings will be at the same time and location weekly unless there is another lockdown, in which case we will transfer online. We will continue for seven weeks, taking us up to the start of Advent. The retreat will have no more than ten participants. Further retreat experiences may be offered at a later date if there is greater interest.

If you are interested or would like to know more, please email Barbara Strong on strongbarbara@gmail.com or ring on 01398 331823 (weekends or evenings).

Book/Lunch Group

The Book/Lunch Group will be going for lunch at Halfway House on Thursday 2 September 2021 at 12.30pm, returning to the Parish Hall for a drink and a chat. If you are unable to go, please let Sheelagh Bourdon know on 01884 256312.

Dates for your Diary

The Parish Barbecue is scheduled to take place on Saturday 4 September at 12noon. The next Car Boot Sale will take place on Saturday 18 September in St James' Carpark - 9.00am (buyers), 8.00am (sellers).

Message from the Police

The Police are investigating the crash which took place in Blundell's Road, Tiverton, on Wednesday 18 August, in which sadly an elderly man died. If you have information which may help or you witnessed anything, please email 101@dc.police.uk quoting "Log 0410 for Wed 18/8".

Parish Services and Events This Week

Saturday 21 August – St Pius X, Pope

- Holy Mass at 6.00pm (Vigil Mass)

Sunday 22 August – Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

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

Tuesday 24 August – Feast of St Bartholomew, Apostle

- Holy Mass at 10.00am
- Parish CAFOD Group Meeting at 10.45am in the Parish Hall
- SVP Meeting at 7.45pm in the Parish Hall

Wednesday 25 August – Weekday

- Holy Mass at 12noon (at St Boniface)

Thursday 26 August – Blessed Dominic of the Mother of God, Priest

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

Friday 27 August – St Monica, Patron of Mothers

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

Saturday 28 August – St Augustine, Bishop and Doctor

- Singing Practice at 11.00am in St James
- Holy Mass at 6.00pm (Vigil Mass) *Charlie Gorman RIP*

Sunday 29 August – Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

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