

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

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph (C)
Sunday 26 December 2021



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Happy Christmas!

Blessings for a happy and holy Christmas Season and for the coming New Year! A special thank you to all those who have given of their time to prepare our churches for the celebration of the Lord's Nativity – the flower arrangers, crib erectors, church decorators and cleaners – and all those who have contributed to the beauty and solemnity of the Liturgy – servers, readers, musicians, singers and stewards. All these contributions come together to enable us to celebrate the Good News of the Incarnation, of "God-with-us", in a fitting way as a parish family.

Visit the Christmas Crib

Do spend some time visiting, praying and reflecting in front of the Christmas Crib in church. Each year the donations left there are given to the Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth) for its work across the Diocese spreading God's love and giving families hope in times of crisis.

"Unwanted Gifts" Sale

On the weekend of 8/9 January after Mass there will be a sale of "Unwanted Gifts" in the Hall. Any donations will be very welcome and can be left in the Hall. If you have any queries, please contact Sheelahg (01884) 256313.

"The Night Journey" - a Great Christmas Gift!

Fr Robbie Low, a priest of our diocese, has written a lovely new Christmas children's book, 'The Night Journey', a reflection on the Mass which leads us to the Manger and the Child in the arms of Mary. It is beautifully illustrated by Jan Burrell and begins and ends in the parish church and family home. Endorsed by Bishop Mark as "*a great Christmas gift for children, grandchildren and godchildren – a little work of evangelisation and, as you will find in the book, a key link across the generations*", the book costs £7.50 and all proceeds go to charities working with disadvantaged children. Copies are available at the entrance to church.

Welcome the Stranger

All are invited to join Caritas Plymouth for an hour of prayer, reflection and discussion. This free online event from 5-6.00pm on Tuesday 8 February 2022 will discuss the issues facing refugees, migrants and those affected by modern slavery. We look forward to welcoming guest speakers from the Jesuit Refugee Service and Brigid McEleney-Smith from Companions Sidmouth, who will highlight the opportunities that can be achieved through community sponsorship. Register to attend by emailing caritas@prcdr.org.uk or following this link <https://forms.office.com/r/K3uz5LLY2X>.

Marriage Matters – “We Grow, We change”

Reflection for the Feast of the Holy Family: *Mary and Joseph had forgotten that Jesus was growing and maturing into a young man! The story illustrates how subtle are the changes which happen in relationships. As Mary and Joseph had to return to Jerusalem to find Jesus, we too must return to each other continually so we can grow into the deeply loving couple we dreamed of becoming.*

A short reflection on the Scriptures of each Sunday with married couples in particular in mind by <https://www.twoinoneflesh.org.uk/>, a member of <https://www.allianceofcatholicmarriageorganisations.org.uk/>, where helpful resources can be found for married couples and those preparing for marriage.

Mid Devon Mobility – ‘Keeping Our Isolated Community Connected’



It is a well-known fact that COVID19 is the biggest health crisis we have experienced for generations which has had a major impact on the vulnerable people in our community. Loneliness

and isolation are awful feelings at any point of your life, especially when you have the additional worry of how you are going to get essential items and the financial burden of not being able to work. With a lot of the world trying to return back to more ‘normal’ times, people are forgetting there are still many people having to self-isolate and who are struggling.

The project ‘Keeping Our Isolated Community Connected’ will have an immediate benefit for **ANYBODY** who is having to isolate through a very difficult period in their lives. If you/or someone you know is having to isolate due to COVID19 and is struggling to get essential services, please get in contact with the MDM team on the telephone number below. The services within the project include:

- **Shopping Delivery** – ensuring people are able to obtain the essential items they need. The order will be taken over the telephone through to our coordinator (Max 20 Items), who will pass on to the driver to do the shopping and deliver to the client’s doorstep.
- **Prescription Collection & Delivery** – will be delivered in the same way as above, ensuring people are able to obtain their essential medications. *(small delivery charge)*
- **Hot Food Delivery** – Delivering hot food directly to the doors of isolating people. *(Free Delivery in Tiverton – food only charge)*
- **Telephone Befriending** – a team of volunteers will contact anybody needing to receive regular, friendly phone calls to people who are struggling to cope with the loneliness caused by the isolation. *(FREE Service)*

- **Activity Boxes** – boxes containing weekly themed activities which will be delivered directly to people’s doors to help alleviate the isolation boredom and provide a ‘talking point’ to share with friends/family/volunteer befrienders. (*small delivery charge*)
- **I-Pad Isolation Connection** – group Zoom sessions organised and hosted by our Coordinator, which may include a quiz or just a good old chat and catch, giving the opportunity to share experiences and help each other through the isolation. (*FREE Service*)
- **Dog Walking** – organized and set up by the Coordinator who will allocate a volunteer to provide a regular dog walking service.

Please just give the team a call on **01884 242099** if you would like any more information or to book a service.

**** VOLUNTEERS NEEDED **** - Alternatively, if you are the sort of person who likes to help others and have some spare time on your hands or know somebody who might be interested in volunteering, please do get in touch with today!

Parish Services and Events This Week

Saturday 25 December – Nativity of the Lord

- First Mass of Christmas at 12midnight (Carols from 11.30pm)
- Holy Mass at 10.00am *Pro Populo*
- Holy Mass at 11.30am

Sunday 26 December – Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph (C)

- Holy Mass at 10.00am *Eileen and Brian Connor RIP*
- Holy Mass at 11.30am (at St Boniface) *Pro Populo*

Monday 27 December – St John, Apostle

- No Mass

Tuesday 28 December – The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

- Holy Mass at 10.00am *Martin McKinney RIP (anniv)*

Wednesday 29 December – St Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr

- No Mass

Thursday 30 December – Sixth Day of Christmas Octave

- Holy Mass in Polish at 6.00pm

Friday 31 December – Seventh Day of Christmas Octave

- Holy Baptism of Ignacy Ryba at 10.00am
- Adoration and Confessions at 11.30am
- Holy Mass at 12noon *Czesław Pacosz RIP (anniv)*

Saturday 1 January – Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

- Vigil Mass of Sunday at 6.00pm

Sunday 2 January – Second Sunday after the Nativity (C)

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