

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

Baptism of the Lord (C)
Sunday 9 January 2022



Parish Clergy:

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SPUC White Flower Appeal

This weekend there will be a second collection to support the work of the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children. SPUC is currently campaigning to protect Pro-Life speech. Pro-life witness is being restricted now more than ever, and we must be able to speak freely to protect unborn children. Please be as generous as you can to help SPUC defend the unborn and their mothers. Please take a card and a White Flower sticker with you.

Memorial Garden Plaques

Due to deterioration, David Perry has taken down the plaques in the Memorial Garden to repair the woodwork and to clean the plaques. They will be put back as soon as possible.

Christmas Fair and Raffles

Thanks to your amazing generosity, the Christmas Fair raised £839.58, the Raffle for Canon Kristian's Christmas Cake raised £358.20 and the Main Christmas Raffle raised £555.50. Given the challenges we are living through, these sums are impressive. A special thank you goes to all those who put in the time and effort to prepare these initiatives.

Online Event: Refugees and Migrants

On the Feast day of St Bakhita, 8 February 2022, 5-6.00pm, all are invited to join Caritas Plymouth for an hour of prayer, reflection and discussion on the challenges facing migrants, refugees and those affected by modern slavery. We will look at the opportunities to take action, including through community sponsorship. You can register by emailing caritas@prcdr.org.uk or following this link <https://forms.office.com/r/K3uz5LLY2X>.

Online Event: Homelessness

Caritas Plymouth is running an online event on homelessness on 18 January 2022, 6-7.00pm, together with St Petroc's, Cornwall. Everyone is warmly welcome to attend. The event will reflect on homelessness in our Diocese and what practical actions we can take to reach out to those who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. Please register by emailing caritas@prcdr.org.uk and by following this link <https://forms.office.com/r/NkUZyhwckf>.

"Unwanted Gifts" Sale

There will be a sale of "Unwanted Gifts" in the Hall after the weekend Masses this weekend at St James. Don't forget to have a look and give a home to an "unwanted gift". Thank you for all the donations!

Bacon Sandwich Breakfast

After 10.00am Mass this Sunday there will be a Bacon Sandwich Breakfast.

200 Club

Congratulations to Colette Best who won the £30 prize and to Gerry Kelly who won the £20 prize in the January draw.

Parishioners wishing to join the 200 Club are invited to speak to Simon Coombs or Sheelagh Bourdon at St James or to Teresa Cummings at St Boniface.

Taizé Prayer Evening

You are invited to an evening of song and light to mark the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity at St Mary's Church, Uffculme, EX15 3AN on Sunday 23 January at 7.00pm. For more information contact Revd Michelle Parton on 01884 266741 or at revmichelleparton@gmail.com.

Marriage Matters – “Being What We Promised To Be”

Today's feast of the Baptism of the Lord tells us who Jesus really is; it calls us to be what we promised at our wedding – a sign to the world of God's love for all of us. At the core of this commitment is the undertaking to trust our spouse with who we really are – feelings, thoughts, ideas; all that makes us who we are today.

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.

The Hospitality Pledge



Hospitality towards strangers and those in need is a defining feature of Christian life. The theme runs through the Scriptures and provides a clear call to love and welcome others.

However, it is not straightforward. From childhood we are primed to fear strangers, our divided communities reinforce the cultural barriers and the global pandemic has forced us to keep our distance. We have spent much of the last two years closing our doors to others. [The Hospitality Pledge](#) is an attempt to revive, encourage and inspire a national surge in welcoming. It is a commitment to making 2022 a year of Christian hospitality.

There are many people in our communities who need to be shown hospitality, including those experiencing loneliness, homelessness, and those

seeking asylum. There are millions of people fleeing conflict, persecution, famine and climate disaster that are in need of a safe place to call home.

The Hospitality Pledge is an invitation to take three simple yet revolutionary steps each week:

♥**Talk with**...you are invited to talk with someone new each week and to engage in meaningful conversation with them. This could simply be a phone call to a sick relative, lending a listening ear at a drop-in centre, or chatting to someone at the bus-stop.

♥**Share with**...you are invited to share something you own once a week with someone in need.

♥**Eat with**...you are invited to eat with someone that you wouldn't normally spend time with. This could just be taking some biscuits around to an elderly neighbour, sharing a packed lunch on a bench in town with someone who is homeless or inviting a refugee family over for a meal.

Parish Services and Events This Week

Saturday 8 January – Weekday of Christmas after Epiphany

- Vigil Mass of Sunday at 6.00pm

Sunday 9 January – The Baptism of the Lord (C)

- Holy Mass at 10.00am *Pro Populo*, Bacon Sandwich Breakfast follows
Holy Mass at 11.30am (at St Boniface)

First Week in Ordinary Time

Monday 10 January – Weekday

- Singing to Remember at 2.00pm in the Hall

Tuesday 11 January – Weekday

- Holy Mass at 10.00am
- SVP Meeting at 7.45pm in the Hall

Wednesday 12 January – St Aelred of Rievaulx, Abbot

- Holy Mass at 12noon (at St Boniface)

Thursday 13 January – Weekday

- Holy Mass at 6.00pm

Friday 14 January – Weekday

- Crematorium Funeral Service at 10.30am for Edward Wood RIP
- Adoration and Confessions at 11.30am
- Holy Mass at 12noon
- Tiverton Rangers at 6.30pm in the Hall

Saturday 15 January – Weekday

- First Communion Preparation at 10.00am
- Vigil Mass of Sunday at 6.00pm

Sunday 16 January – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

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