

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

Second Sunday after the Nativity
Sunday 2 January 2022



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A Blessed Christmastide and a Happy New Year!

The Christmas Season ends with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, so we are being invited to be "countercultural" in our Christian witness and to maintain some signs of Christmas in church and at home for another week. May the New Year be a blessed and happy one for us all!

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.

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

The celebration of the Epiphany of the Lord takes place this Thursday, 6 January. Although Christ was born in Bethlehem in fulfilment of the ancient promises of God to the Jewish people, He came to bring salvation to all people, whoever and wherever they are. Therefore, the Solemnity of the Epiphany – or Manifestation – of the Lord to the Magi proclaims an essential aspect of the message of Christmas. In "normal" times, this Solemnity is a Holy Day of Obligation. Although this obligation is still mitigated for those who consider themselves to be particularly vulnerable in gatherings of people, there will be Mass at 10.00am and 6.00pm at St James and at 12noon at St Boniface to enable as many people as possible to get to Mass on that day.

"Unwanted Gifts" Sale

Next weekend after the Masses at St James there will be a sale of "Unwanted Gifts" in the Hall. Any donations are most welcome and can be left in the Hall. If you have any queries, please contact Sheelagh (01884) 256313.

Bacon Sandwich Breakfast

After 10.00am Mass next Sunday there will be a Bacon Sandwich Breakfast, Covid restrictions permitting!.

"The Night Journey" - a Great Gift of the Christmas Message

Fr Robbie Low, a priest of our diocese, has written a lovely new Christmas children's book, 'The Night Journey', beautifully illustrated by Jan Burrell. Endorsed by Bishop Mark as "*a great gift for children, grandchildren and godchildren – a little work of evangelisation and...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>.

White Flower Appeal 2022

Next weekend there will be a 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.

200 Club

Canon Kristian will make the January draw after the 6.00pm Mass this Saturday. Some parishioners make their annual payments for the 200 Club at this time of year. If you wish to know where you stand with regards to your payments, please contact Simon Coombs on (01884) 258331.

Please make any cheques payable to the "*Parish of St James and St Boniface*" and either hand them to Simon, Sheelagh Bourdon or Margaret Found, or leave them in an envelope (indicating who it is from and that it is for the 200 Club) on the stewards' table. You can also pay via the SumUp Contactless facility, but you will need to let one of the above mentioned people know that you have made a payment since the machine does not record the name of who is making a payment. Thank you.

Marriage Matters – "Married Wisdom"

St Paul's Letter tells us: "*...the Father of glory give you a spirit of wisdom and perception*". We married couples need wisdom to be our guide through our life together. We need a wisdom that can grow and affect those around us, providing a unique joy if we are open to experience "*the rich glories*" that have been given to us.

A short reflection on the Scriptures of each Sunday with married couples in particular in mind is taken from <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.

Youth Residential Weekend



Diocesan Youth Events is running a residential at [Heatree Activity Centre](#) on Dartmoor from 18– 20 February, aimed at young people aged 10 (Year 6)-17 (Year 13) inclusive. The weekend is a great opportunity for our young people across the diocese to get together and have some fun together, explore parts of Dartmoor, join in outdoor activities such as climbing, high ropes and abseiling (weather dependant) and to share stories whilst sat around the camp fire and explore faith in our lives. The cost is £95 all inclusive.

Please get in touch with Saskia at youth@prcdtr.org.uk to book a place. To secure a place a deposit of £30 needs to be paid by 9 January. Cost should not be an obstacle if there is someone who would like to attend the weekend but cannot afford it, so please have a word with Canon Kristian if the cost is an issue.

Parish Services and Events This Week

Saturday 1 January – Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

- Vigil Mass of Sunday at 6.00pm *Alison Gosnell RIP*

Sunday 2 January – Second Sunday after the Nativity

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

Monday 3 January – The Most Holy Name of Jesus

- No Mass

Tuesday 4 January – Weekday of Christmas before Epiphany

- Holy Mass at 10.00am *Bridget and Michael Tosh (wedding anniv)*

Wednesday 5 January – Weekday of Christmas before Epiphany

- Holy Mass at 12noon (at St Boniface)

Thursday 6 January – The Epiphany of the Lord

- Holy Mass at 10.00am
- Holy Mass at 12noon (at St Boniface)
- Holy Mass at 6.00pm

Friday 7 January – Weekday of Christmas after Epiphany

- Adoration and Confessions at 11.30am
- Holy Mass at 12noon

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)

Christmastide Ends