

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

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
Sunday 27 February 2022



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Ash Wednesday – Day of Fasting and Prayer for Peace in Ukraine



This week Pope Francis launched a personal appeal for peace in Ukraine: "My hearts aches greatly at the worsening situation in Ukraine. Despite the diplomatic efforts of the last few weeks, increasingly alarming scenarios are opening up. Like me, many people all over the world are feeling anguish and concern. Once again the peace of all is threatened by partisan interests. I would like to appeal to those with political responsibility to examine their consciences seriously before God, who is the God of peace and not of war; who is Father of all, not just of some, who wants us to be brothers and sisters and not enemies. I pray that all the parties involved refrain from any action that would cause even more suffering to the people, destabilising coexistence between nations and bringing international law into disrepute.

"And now I would like to appeal to everyone, believers and non-believers alike. Jesus taught us that the diabolical senselessness of violence is answered with God's weapons, with prayer and fasting. I invite everyone to make next 2 March, Ash Wednesday, a Day of Fasting for Peace. I encourage believers in a special way to dedicate themselves intensely to prayer and fasting on that day. May the Queen of Peace preserve the world from the madness of war".

Franciscus

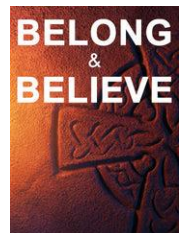
Lent Aids for Daily Reflection

Two booklets for each parishioner, *Walk with Me* and *Day by Day* are available free of charge from this weekend to help with our daily reflections during the Holy Season of Lent. There are also some booklets and calendars for our children.

Lent Course

Once a week during Lent, usually on a Wednesday evening at 7.00pm in the Hall, we will be holding a Lent Course, entitled "Belong and Believe", produced by CaFE and based on the wisdom of our Celtic Christian past, to help refresh our communities and renew our mission as we exit from the pandemic restrictions. This is an ideal experience for Lent and everyone is welcome.

A flyer is attached to the Newsletter which gives more information, including the details of the book which you can purchase to accompany the Course if you would like, though it is not essential. Do let Canon Kristian now if you would like to have a copy.



School Foundation Governors

Our Catholic schools throughout the Diocese, including our own parish school of St John's, are in need of committed Catholics to become foundation governors. These Governors help the school community develop their Catholic identity, keep our children and staff safe and help them in their commitment to provide a happy and stimulating environment which enables our children to leave with the knowledge and skills, personal qualities and aspiration, to make the world a better place, inspired by the Gospel. If you feel that this is something you could do, please have a word with Canon Kristian.

CAFOD and Caritas Lent Initiatives

CAFOD is challenging us to *Walk against hunger* and to join the Parish Team counting our steps and "walking around the world" in solidarity with our brothers and sisters who do not have enough to eat, as well as raise money for food for children who may otherwise not grow to adulthood. This challenge starts on Saturday 5 March. See the flyer for more details.

Caritas Plymouth, on the other hand, is challenging us to undertake a different small action each week that will make a positive difference in the lives of those around us. More details are attached to the Newsletter.

World Day of Prayer

The annual ecumenical World Day of Prayer, put together by the women of England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales, will take place this coming Friday 4 March, at the Kings Street Chapel, Kings Street, Tiverton, at 2.00pm. All welcome.

World Youth Day 2023

Plans are underway for a group of young people from our diocese to take part in World Youth Day which will be held in Lisbon in 2023. It is a fantastic opportunity for those who will be 16 and older by August 2023. If you would like to join them, then please email Saskia at youth@prcdtr.org.uk or have a word with Canon Kristian. Further information about WYD can be found at <https://www.lisboa2023.org/en/>.

Financial Contributions to Support the Parish

Many of you have now give your regular contributions to the parish by means of a Standing Order, and some of you give by Card via our contactless facility. If you would like help in setting up a Standing Order, please speak to Canon Kristian or Margaret Found, or send an email to the parish office using the address on the front of the Newsletter. The parish is extremely grateful for each and every contribution.

Donations to Help Our Asylum Seekers

We are looking for donations of pens, pencils, notebooks, moisturising cream and Backgammon board game sets to give to those who are being hosted at the Tiverton Hotel. Please leave your donations at the entrance to the church and we will ensure they get to those who need them.

"Book"/Lunch Group

On Thursday 3 March the "Book"/Lunch Group will be having lunch at the Exe Café at the College at 12.30pm, returning afterwards to the Church Hall for a drink and a chat. If you are unable to go, please let Sheelagh Bourdon know on 01884 256312.

Parish Diary

Saturday 26 February – Weekday

- Vigil Mass of Sunday at 6.00pm

Sunday 27 February – Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

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

Monday 28 February – Weekday

- Funeral Service for Brian West RIP at 12noon
- Singing to Remember at 2.00pm in the Hall

Tuesday 1 March – St David, Bishop, Patron of Wales

- Holy Mass at 9.00am *Ronald and Margaret Bolton RIP (anniv)*

Wednesday 2 March – Ash Wednesday – Day of Fast and Abstinence

- Holy Mass with Imposition of Ashes at 10.00am
- Holy Mass with Imposition of Ashes at 12noon (St Boniface)
- Holy Mass with Imposition of Ashes at 6.00pm

Thursday 3 March – Weekday after Ash Wednesday

- Reception of the Body at 4.30pm
- Holy Mass at 6.00pm

Friday 4 March – Weekday after Ash Wednesday

- Requiem Mass for Brian Rookcroft RIP at 11.30am, with the Committal at 3.30pm at Taunton Deane Crematorium
- World Day of Prayer Service at Kings Street Chapel at 2.00pm

Saturday 5 March – Weekday after Ash Wednesday

- Vigil Mass of Sunday at 6.00pm

Sunday 6 March – First Sunday of Lent (C)

- Holy Mass at 10.00am followed by French Breakfast
- Holy Mass at 11.30am (at St Boniface)
- Stations of the Cross at 3.00pm
- Taizé Prayer Service at 6.30pm at St Mary's Church, Uffculme