

PARISH OF ST JAMES & ST BONIFACE
with St John's Catholic Primary School & Pre-School Academy
The Catholic Community in the Heart of Mid Devon

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NEWSLETTER

Second Sunday of Advent
Sunday 4 December 2022



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The Pope's Prayer Intentions for December



Pope's Worldwide
Prayer Network

The Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network invites us to join in praying with the Holy Father this month for **volunteer not-for-profit organisations**. To bring the year to a close, the Holy Father brings to the fore volunteer organizations (and all the people who participate in them), which are key agents in society thanks to their commitment to human promotion and to the common good. In his intention, Pope Francis encourages them to continue their labour, working "not just **for** the people, but **with** the people," being close to them, being "**artisans of mercy**" and always listening to other people's needs. Aware of the need to "**multiply hope**" in communities, he asks us to pray "*that volunteer non-profit and human development organizations may find people willing to commit themselves to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths of international cooperation*". To watch a video of the Pope giving the reason behind the prayer intention and to find some fascinating information about the importance and numbers of volunteers across the world, please go to www.thepopevideo.org.

Operation Warm New Clothes

Many thanks to everyone who are so generously donating new warm clothes for children. A number of families have already been helped, including one from Ukraine. Coats, girls' pyjamas and warm jumpers are especially needed.

Children's Christmas Party

A Christmas Party for all the children of our parish will take place on Sunday 18 December at 3.00pm in the Hall at St James. If there are any parents who would like to help organise it, please let Canon Kristian or Margaret Found know as soon as possible. A meeting to make preparations for the Party will take place this Tuesday, 6 December, in the Hall.

Day Retreats in Advent in Lynton Convent

The Sisters of Mary Morning Star in Lynton are offering free Day Retreats on the Tuesdays during Advent (6, 13 and 20 December), 11.30am-6.30pm. Following Mass there will be a time for adoration, rosary, walk in the Valley of the Rocks, teaching on lectio divina, ending with Vespers. There is no need to book, just bring a packed lunch and a bible! For more information, email srsmarymorningstar@gmail.com or call 01598 753373.

Church Key Survey

We need to undertake a key survey for insurance purposes. So, if you hold any keys for either of our churches, please would you put your name and which keys you hold on the paper at the entrance to church as soon as possible.

Canon Kristian's Christmas Cake and the Main Christmas Draws

Draw tickets are on sale for this year's draw for Canon Kristian's Christmas Cake and for the main Christian Draw. The draw for the cake will take place next Sunday, 11 December, and the draw for the main Christmas Draw will happen on Saturday 17 December. So, now is the time to purchase your tickets if you haven't done so already!

The Hour of Grace Devotion

The Hour of Grace is a devotion based on the writings of an Italian mystic, the Servant of God Luisa Piccavetta <https://luisapiccarreta.co/>. In 1947, Our Lady asked her to promote an hour of prayer at noon on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. A few of our Polish parishioners will be observing this period of prayer at St James this Thursday, 8 December, and warmly invite anyone who would like to join them.

Epiphany Concert

We will be holding an Epiphany Concert on Sunday 8 January 2023 at 3.00pm in the Hall at St James and want to involve St John's School, our young people, singers and musicians. It would be great if different groups could prepare something for the concert and make it a really good parish event. Please let Bridget Tosh know if you are able to contribute a song and/or a piece of music to the concert.

Flame 2023 – Special Invitation to our Young People

Anyone between the ages of 14 and 21, please join our parish trip to Flame at Wembley Stadium, London, on Saturday 4 March 2023. Flame is the largest Catholic gathering in England and Wales and, next year, it is a great chance to hear from speakers like Robert Bilott, singer/songwriter Adenike and award winner Guvna B. Transport is from



Cullompton on a coach, so almost door to door! If you have been before, then do tell others how good it is and sign up to go again. If parents want to know a bit more, please talk to Elaine Kelly, Siobhan Gilroy or Eduarda Santos as they have all been before. It's such a great day out that the parish would like to treat our youngsters to this experience, so there is no cost to the individual. To get on the coach we need to book tickets now with the diocesan coordinator, as there is a limited number on the group transport. So please give your name to the Parish Office as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. Siobhan Gilroy will be leading our parish group.

Funerals

The Requiem Mass for Paula Hubbard RIP will take place at St Boniface this Friday, 9 December, at 10.00am. The Requiem Mass for Rosaleen Stephenson RIP will be held at St James on Friday 16 December at 11.30am. Her body will be received into church on Thursday 15 December at 4.30pm. Please keep them and their families in your prayers at the difficult time.

200 Club

Canon Kristian will make the draw for December after the 6.00pm Mass on Saturday. New members are always welcome. Please speak to Simon Coombs or Sheelagh Bourdon at St James or Teresa Cummings at St Boniface.

Parish Diary

Saturday 3 December – St Francis Xavier, Priest

- Vigil Mass at 6.00pm

Sunday 4 December – Second Sunday of Advent (A)

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

Monday 5 December – Advent Weekday

- Singing to Remember at 2.00pm in the Hall

Tuesday 6 December – St Nicholas, Bishop

- Holy Mass at 10.00am
- Preparation for Children's Christmas Party at 7.30pm in the Hall

Wednesday 7 December – St Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor

- Holy Mass at 12noon (at St Boniface) *Arnold James Whitton BEM RIP*

Thursday 8 December – Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- The "Hour of Grace" Devotion at 12noon
- "Book"/Lunch Club at 12.30pm at the College, Tiverton
- Holy Mass at 6.00pm

Friday 9 December – Advent Weekday

- Requiem Mass for Paula Hubbard RIP at 10.00am (at St Boniface)
- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions at 11.30am
- Holy Mass at 12noon
- Christmas Fayre, 3.30-5.00pm, at St John's School

Saturday 10 December – Advent Weekday

- First Holy Communion Preparation at 10.00am in the Hall
- Vigil Mass at 6.00pm

Sunday 11 December – Third Sunday of Advent (A) – Gaudete Sunday

- Holy Mass at 10.00am *Pro Populo*
- Holy Mass at 11.30am (at St Boniface)
- Shared Christmas Lunch at 12.45pm in the Hall (at St Boniface)