

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

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Sunday 1 January 2023



Parish Clergy:

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Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI RIP



We were saddened to hear that Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI died at 8.34am on Saturday morning at the Mater Ecclesiae Monastery in the Vatican City at the age of 95. Benedict XVI served as the Successor of St Peter and Bishop of Rome from 2005 until his resignation in 2013. Please commend his soul to God in your prayers. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

Christmas Crib Offerings

During this past year, the Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth) has been supporting vulnerable families in ever increasing numbers, all made possible by donations from parishioners across the Diocese. When you visit the crib in our churches, please consider leaving an offering to support the work of the Catholic Children's Society, spreading God's love and giving families in need, of all faiths and none, hope in times of crisis.

Holy Father's Prayer Intention for January



Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network
UNITED KINGDOM

Pope Francis invites the Universal Church to pray this month for educators: "*We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition, and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all*". Visit www.thepopevideo.org to hear the Holy Father speaking about this intention.

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

The ancient Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord on 6 January is one of the principal festivals of the whole liturgical year and celebrates in the Child born of Mary the manifestation of the One who is Son of God, the Messiah and the Light to all nations. It is a **Holy Day of Obligation** when we are all asked to come together to celebrate Holy Mass. In order to allow as many parishioners to get to Mass as possible, there will be a Vigil Mass at 6pm in St Boniface on Thursday 5 January and Masses at 10.00am and 6.00pm on Friday 6 January in St James.

The Friends of St James and St Boniface

The Friends of St James and St Boniface meet in St James next Saturday, 7 January, at 9.30am. The Friends are a group of parishioners who get together about 6 times a year to plan events which support the social and community life of our parish as well as initiatives to raise funds for the parish. This is an open group and there is a very warm invitation to parishioners from across the parish to come along and join the Friends!



Parish Epiphany Concert

We will be holding an Epiphany Concert next Sunday, 8 January, at 6.00pm at St James which we hope will involve St John's School, our young people, and any singers and musicians in our parish. It would be great if different groups could prepare something for the concert and make it a really good and entertaining parish event. If you haven't already done so, please let Bridget Tosh know this weekend if you are able to contribute a song and/or a piece of music to the concert.

Burns Night Celebration

On Friday 27 January, starting at 7pm prompt, we will be holding our first ever Burns Night Celebration in the Hall at St James! Come and enjoy Cullen Skink, a Piper to greet guests and to pipe in the Haggis for the main course of Haggis, Neeps and Tatties, followed by Cranachan, with the odd whiskey to taste for those who would like. Due to limited numbers, this will be a ticketed event and for adults only. Tickets cost £10 and are available from this weekend. Please advise of any special dietary needs when you purchase your ticket.



Unwanted Gifts Stall

After Mass at St James on 14 and 15 January, there will be a stall to sale any "unwanted gifts" that you may have received at Christmas. If you have any donations for the stall, please leave them at the entrance to church.

Flame 2023 – Special Invitation to our Young People



Anyone 14-21 years of age is invited to 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. Transport is from Cullompton on a coach so almost door to door! 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.

"Book" and Lunch Group

The "Book" and Lunch Group will be meeting this week at Wetherspoon's, Tiverton, at 12.30pm. Any queries, please contact Sheelagh on 01884 256312.

Operation Warm New Clothes

Thanks to all those who have been contributing to Operation Warm New Clothes, so that, through CHAT, we can do what we can to ensure that local children can keep as warm as possible over the winter months. The boxes for your donations are either at the entrance to church (St James) or by the Lady Chapel (St Boniface). Thank you for your generosity!

200 Club

Those parishioners who pay their subscriptions annually at this time of year are reminded to do so over the next few weeks. Any queries, please contact Simon Coombs on 07761 420703. Canon Kristian will make the January draw after 6.00pm Mass this Saturday.

Parish Diary

Saturday 31 December – Christmas Octave

- Vigil Mass at 6.00pm *Pro Populo*

Sunday 1 January 2023 – Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

- Holy Mass at 10.00am *Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI RIP*
- Holy Mass at 11.30am (at St Boniface)

Monday 2 January – St Basil the Great and St Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

- No Mass

Tuesday 3 January – Weekday of Christmas before Epiphany

- Holy Mass at 10.00am

Wednesday 4 January – Weekday of Christmas before Epiphany

- Holy Mass at 12noon (at St Boniface)

Thursday 5 January – Vigil of the Epiphany of the Lord

- “Book” and Lunch Group at 12.30pm at Wetherspoon’s, Tiverton
- Holy Mass at 6.00pm (**at St Boniface**)

Friday 6 January – Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord – Holy Day of Obligation

- Holy Mass at 10.00am
- Holy Mass at 6.00pm

Saturday 7 January – Weekday of Christmas after Epiphany

- Friends of St James and St Boniface at 9.30am in the Church
- First Holy Communion Preparation at 10.00am in the Hall
- Vigil Mass at 6.00pm

Sunday 8 January – The Baptism of the Lord

- Holy Mass at 10.00am *Pro Populo*
- Holy Mass at 11.30am (at St Boniface)
- Parish Epiphany Concert at 6.00pm