

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

St James and St Boniface Parish is part of Plymouth Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust
Registered Charity No. 213227

NEWSLETTER

23rd-25th Sundays in Ordinary Time
Sunday 10 – Sunday 24 September 2023



Parish Clergy:

Revd Canon Kristian Paver - Parish Priest
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Season of Creation 2023

The Season of Creation runs from 1 September to 4 October. During the Season of Creation, we are invited to pray, act and focus on the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor – to listen to those whose voices are less heard; to pray for those individuals, communities, species, and ecosystems which are lost and those whose livelihoods are threatened by climate change. Pope Francis' message to mark the beginning of this important Season (<https://seasonofcreation.org/2023/05/25/message-of-pope-francis-for-creation-day-2023/>) encourages us all to take action to care for God's creation. You can find ideas and resources for celebrating Season of Creation on the diocesan website <https://www.plymouth-diocese.org.uk/the-diocese/how-we-work/environment/season-of-creation/>.

Parish Showing of "The Letter"



The Parish CAFOD Group will be hosting a showing and discussion of the film "The Letter: A Message for our Earth" in the Parish Hall next Saturday 16 September, 1.30-4.00pm. The Letter tells the story of a journey to Rome of frontline leaders where the climate change or the destruction of the environment is having a major impact of their lives to discuss the encyclical letter *Laudato Si'* with Pope Francis. It would be great to see a good representation of our parish present, as an invitation to come along has also been sent out to the wider community.

Evangelii Gaudium Sunday

Pope Francis calls on the Church to embark on a fundamental change of direction when it comes to evangelisation, no longer relying on past structures and actions but to read the signs of the times and act passionately in proclaiming the unique message of the Gospel that brings joy to all people who receive it with an open heart. This is the challenge and opportunity we take up on *Evangelii Gaudium Sunday* on Sunday 17 September. At the Masses over that weekend, there will be a collection to support the work of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales Department of Evangelisation and Discipleship. In order to make a donation online, go to <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/donate-evangelii-gaudium-sunday/>.

Harvest Supper and Parish Review

Our Harvest Supper will take place on Wednesday 27 September at 7.00pm in the Parish Hall. During the meal, we will have our annual parish review session to reflect on the priorities and plans of the parish for the next twelve months. Do come along to enjoy some good food in thanksgiving for the

harvest and to celebrate our community life. There is a list at the back of church for names, so that we can have a rough number for catering purposes.

Harvest Thanksgiving Sunday

Harvest Thanksgiving Sunday will take place on Sunday 1 October. As a concrete sign of our thanksgiving to God for the fruits of the earth, every parishioner is asked to bring **at least** one item of basic foodstuff (eg tins of soup and vegetables, pasta sauces and tinned meat) to Mass, which will then be donated to the CHAT Foodbank, which continues to be very low of stock.

First Holy Communion 2024

If you have a child, aged 7 or over, who you would like to start preparation for the reception of First Confession and First Holy Communion next year, please pick up an application form at the entrance to church or download a copy from the parish website and return it to the Parish Office as soon as possible.

Rotas for Liturgical Ministries at St James

Rotas with dates for all readers, extraordinary ministers of holy communion and welcomers are on the board in the hall. Please sign for the dates when you are available to undertake your ministry.

CHAT Food Bank Needs Stocks Urgently!

Due to increased demand, the stocks at the CHAT Food Bank are greatly reduced. Please remember to use the receptacles for your donations at the checkouts in the major supermarkets in our area or deposit your donations in the CHAT box at church. Remember you can download the **BankTheFood App** onto your phone, choose the CHAT Foodbank, and find out in real time what our local foodbank urgently needs.



Caritas September Newsletter

Caritas Diocese of Plymouth's September newsletter is now available to read online, full of uplifting news of Love in Action in our parishes and upcoming events. Please click the link here: <https://tinyurl.com/ycktkp79>. If you would like a printed copy, please telephone Caritas on 01364 645360.

Parish Diary

Saturday 9 September – Weekday

- Children's Liturgy Group at 10.00am in the Hall
- Confirmation Preparation at 11.00am in the Hall
- Vigil Mass of Sunday at 6.00pm

Sunday 10 September – Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

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

Monday 11 September – Weekday

- Singing to Remember at 2.00pm in the Hall

Tuesday 12 September – Weekday

- Holy Mass at 10.00am

Wednesday 13 September – St John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor

- Service of the Word and Holy Communion at 12noon (St Boniface)

Thursday 14 September – The Exaltation of the Cross

- No Mass

Friday 15 September – Our Lady of Sorrows

- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions at 11.30am
- Holy Mass at 12.00noon

Saturday 16 September – St Cornelius, Pope and Martyr, and St Cyprian, Bishop and Martyr

- Parish Showing and Discussion of "The Letter", 1.30pm-4.00pm in the Hall
- Vigil Mass of Sunday at 6.00pm *Pro Populo*

Sunday 17 September – Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

- Holy Mass at 10.00am *Marlena Marynczak (Birthday Ints)* followed by a French Breakfast
- Holy Mass at 11.30am (at St Boniface)

Monday 18 September – Weekday

- Singing to Remember at 2.00pm in the Hall

Tuesday 19 September – St Theodore of Canterbury, Bishop

- Holy Mass at 10.00am *Norman Pennie RIP (anniv)*

Wednesday 20 September – Weekday

- Service of the Word and Holy Communion at 12noon (St Boniface)

Thursday 21 September – St Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

- Holy Mass in Polish at 6.00pm

Friday 22 September – Dedication of the Cathedral

- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions at 11.30am
- Holy Mass at 12.00noon *Luke Nicholson & Edem Akwayena (wedding)*

Saturday 23 September – St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio) Priest

- Friends of St James and St Boniface at 9.30am in the Hall
- Confirmation Preparation at 11.00am in the Hall
- Vigil Mass of Sunday at 6.00pm

Sunday 24 September – Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

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

**** **Total raised by the Summer Fair: £1509.64** ****