

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

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
5 November 2023



Parish Clergy:

Revd Canon Kristian Paver - Parish Priest
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Hands Across the Generations



Tony and Anne Doble invite those from 5 years of age to older teenagers to stay behind after 10.30am Mass this Sunday for between 30-40 minutes to start making Greeting Cards to send from our Parish to the patients in Tiverton Hospital. Older teenagers may wish to take a card and design it at home and then return it back to Canon Kristian.

Praying for Dead in November

November is the traditional month of prayer for all those who have died. As has become the custom, a receptacle will be placed in front of the altar in both of our churches to receive the names of your loved ones, family, friends and acquaintances who have died and for whom you ask the prayers of the parish community. A sheet is attached to the Newsletter for your names. At the 12noon Mass on Friday 1 December these names will be read out and prayed for publicly, so please write the names clearly so that they can be transcribed.

Synthesis Document from the Synod of Bishops

The Synthesis Document of from the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops in Rome was issued this week and is attached to the Newsletter. It is the desire of the participants of the Synod that the Church at all levels should reflect on this document and discern what it has to say to the way we live and work together as a Church.

Laudato Si' Group – Responding to the Cry of Creation



A Laudato Si' Group, which looks at ways of highlighting action needed to be taken by individuals, the parish and the wider community with regards to the care for environment, our Common Home, will meet this Saturday, 4 November, at 4.00pm in the Hall. All welcome. The Group will meet at the same time on the first Saturday of each month.

Switch On Support

This year's parish winter project for CHAT – **Switch On Support** - is to purchase kettles, toasters and slow cookers to give to people moving into temporary or new accommodation, who are setting up home with a minimum of cooking appliances. Though these appliances are ordinary, they are vital in the process of creating a home. Items can be left at the entrance to church.

Shoebboxes for Christmas

If you are filling a shoebox as a Christmas Gift for a child in places of poverty and war, these need to be returned to the Hall by next Sunday, 12 November.

Music and Singing Afternoon

We will be holding one of our regular music and singing afternoons on Sunday 19 November at 2.30pm. It is the weekend of the World Day of the Poor, so there will be an attempt to focus on music with that theme in mind, as well as celebrating the end of the Church Year. Everyone is warmly welcomed to come along and play or sing. If you have any suggestions for hymns and music, please email bridgetmtosh@gmail.com.



"Dine for Dignity" at the Masquerade Ball

In order to raise funds for CHAT, a "Dine for Dignity" Masquerade Ball will take place at the Upton Barn and Walled Garden EX15 1RA on Friday 17 November, 7.30-11.30pm. Tickets, which can be purchased via the QR code, include a two-course meal and welcome drink, are £37.50. 18+ only. If you use the code "ZOFIA10" when ordering your ticket, you can get 10% off.



SVP Assistance to CHAT

Recently the Parish SVP group has purchased food and goods for CHAT using money raised at the Skittles Evening in August. The SVP also visits people in their homes. If you know of anyone who would like a visit, please let Simon Coombs (07761 420703) know or another SVP member: Sheelagh Bourdon, Teresa Cummings, Shelagh Eastwood, Tulita Cross, Margaret Found, Maggie Pulford, Peter Scurr and Liz Vanstone.

CHAT Reverse Advent Calendar

The annual Reverse Advent Calendar which is a good way to support the CHAT Foodbank by purchasing an item on each day of Advent is available at church from this weekend. Please take one.

CAFOD World Gifts

The CAFOD [World Gifts Catalogue](#) is available in church from this weekend. World Gifts – from providing a happy queen bee for £4.00 to funding a medical outreach team for £300.00 - are a wonderful way to share the hope and joy of Christmas with our global family. Please take a copy home.

Advent Retreat Day

An Advent Retreat Day – "Prepare a Way for the Lord: Faith and Works" – will be held at St Rita's Centre, Honiton on Saturday 9 December, led by Deacon Nick Johnson. The day begins at 9.30am and concludes with Mass at 3.15pm. The cost for the day, including lunch, is £25.00. Booking can be made by phone, email or online (www.stritascentre.org/events). Payment can be made on the day.

Parish Christmas Draw

Christmas Draw tickets go on sale this weekend, £1 a ticket. The draw will take place on Thursday 14 December. Donations for the prizes would be greatly appreciated: bottles, chocolate, biscuits, candles, Christmas items etc.

Children's Society Christmas Cards

Packs of Children's Society Christmas Cards are available from today, £3.00 per pack.

Diocesan Job Vacancies

The Diocese has two vacancies at this time: Parish Secretary at the Blessed Sacrament Church, Heavitree, Exeter, and a Finance Supervisor based at St Boniface House, Ashburton. The adverts are attached to the Newsletter and on the church noticeboards.

Parish Diary

Saturday 4 November – St Charles Borromeo, Bishop

- Friends of St James and St Boniface at 9.00am in the Hall
- Confirmation Preparation with Service of Reconciliation at 11.00am
- Laudato Si' Group meets at 4.30pm in the Hall
- Vigil Mass of Sunday at 6.00pm *Pro Populo*

Sunday 5 November – Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

- Holy Mass at 10.00am *Jessica Bolton (birthday int)*
- Holy Mass at 11.30am (at St Boniface)

Monday 6 November – Weekday

- Singing to Remember at 2.00pm in the Hall

Tuesday 7 November – St Willibrord, Bishop

- Holy Mass at **9.00am**

Wednesday 8 November – Weekday

- Service of the Word and Holy Communion at 12noon

Thursday 9 November – The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

- Holy Mass at 6.00pm

Friday 10 November – St Leo the Great, Bishop and Doctor

- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions at 11.30am
- Holy Mass with Prayers at 12.00noon *Josie Dunne RIP*

Saturday 11 November – St Martin of Tours, Bishop

- Property and Finance Committee at 9.30am in the Hall
- Confirmation Preparation at 11.00am
- Vigil Mass of Sunday at 6.00pm *Pro Populo*

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- Holy Mass at 10.00am
- Holy Mass at 11.30am (at St Boniface)