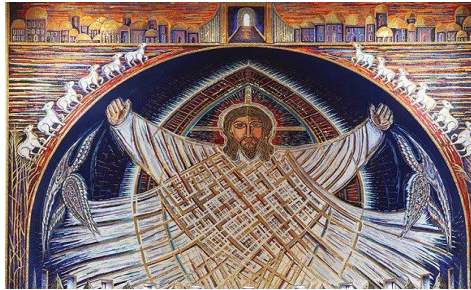


PARISH OF ST JAMES & ST BONIFACE
with St John's Catholic Primary School & Pre-School Academy
The Catholic Community in the Heart of Mid Devon

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NEWSLETTER

First Sunday of Advent (B)
3 December 2023



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The Holy Season of Advent



This Sunday marks the beginning of the holy Season of Advent. Advent has a twofold character: as a season to prepare for Christmas, when Christ's coming to us in the Incarnation, the birth of Jesus, is remembered, and as a season when our minds and hearts are focussed on awaiting the final Coming of Christ at the end of time. To help us to use this short season well as a time of spiritual preparation, please take with you today a

copy of "*Walk with Me*" and "*Day by Day*", which contain the daily readings from the Scriptures and a short daily reflection. If you can, please try to find a time each day of Advent to read and pray with these texts. There is also a CAFOD Advent Candle Prayer Card for everyone. Booklets and calendars are available to help our children observe this season too.

Advent Taizé Service

An Advent Taizé Service takes place this Sunday afternoon at 3.00pm at St James. Make this a special way to enter into the Season of Advent.

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 next Saturday, 9 December, led by Deacon Nick Johnson. The day begins at 9.30am and concludes with Mass at 3.15pm. The cost, 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.

Advent Faith Formation

Canon Kristian will be leading a weekly session of adult faith formation based on the Advent Sunday readings over the next three weeks on the Wednesdays of Advent – 6, 13 and 20 December, starting at 7.00pm in the Hall. All are welcome to come along and take part.

Parish Children's Christmas Party

The Parish Children's Christmas Party will be held next Sunday, 10 December, 3.00-5.00pm in the Parish Hall. The invite is attached to the Newsletter. It is important either to contact Margaret on the number provided or to put names on the list at the entrance to church, giving names, ages and any allergies. Please remember that, for children aged 11 and under, parents must remain on the premises throughout.



Christmas Lunch at St Boniface

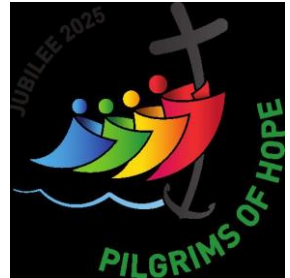
After the 11.30am Mass next Sunday, 10 December, there will be a Christmas Lunch in the Hall at St Boniface. There is a list for names at the entrance to St Boniface. Please bring along some food to share.

Diocesan Reflection for the First Week of Advent

Click [here](#) for the first of four diocesan Advent reflections based on the theme of hope.

Pilgrims of Hope – Towards the Jubilee Year 2025

2025 will be a Year of Jubilee for the whole Church. The theme of the Jubilee is "*Pilgrims of Hope*" and it will be an occasion of joy and mercy, grace and celebration. We will be preparing for the Jubilee throughout the coming year as a diocese, a deanery and as a parish. Pope Francis has asked that our preparation should have two particular points of focus: the **Our Father** – as the focus for our prayer – and the teaching of the four **Constitutions of the Second Vatican Council** (on the Sacred Liturgy, Divine Revelation, the Church and the Church in the Modern World) as the basis for our catechesis and formation.



A short trailer in preparation for the Jubilee has been produced - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FBi5SCO2J88&list=PLKM6wyWJKrxdmZo5EPxDc1VbW4MOqzljm>) – and there is also an App, available on all devices – **Tubilaeum25** – which contains the latest news about the preparation for the Jubilee, the hymn specially written for the Jubilee and a calendar of events that will be taking place in Rome.

St John's School Carol Service



The Carol Service led by our children from St John's School will be held in St Paul's Church, Tiverton, on Thursday 14 December at 6.00pm. This is always a beautiful and uplifting occasion, so please do come along and both show your support for our children and celebrate the coming of Christ.

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.

Catholic Children's Society Christmas Cards

Packs of Christmas Cards with designs drawn by pupils in our Diocesan Primary Schools are available for sale at church, £3 a pack. Funds raised go to support families of all faiths and none in these very challenging times.

Parish Christmas Draw

Tickets for the Christmas Draw are on sale at the entrance to church, £1 each.

200 Club

Canon Kristian will make the draw for December after the 6.00pm Mass this Saturday. If you are not a member of this fund-raising initiative, please consider joining. Please speak to Simon Coombs or Sheelagh Bourdon at St James or Teresa Cummings at St Boniface.

Parish Diary

Saturday 2 December – St Osmund of Salisbury, Bishop

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

Sunday 3 December – First Sunday of Advent (B)

- Holy Mass at 10.00am
- Holy Mass at 11.30am (at St Boniface)
- Advent Taizé Service at 3.00pm

Monday 4 December – Advent Weekday

- Singing to Remember at 2.00pm in the Hall

Tuesday 5 December – Advent Weekday

- Holy Mass at 10.00am

Wednesday 6 December – Advent Weekday

- Holy Mass at 12noon
- Advent Faith Formation at 7.00pm in the Hall

Thursday 7 December – St Ambrose, Bishop

- "Book"/Lunch Club at 12.30pm at The Bluebell Restaurant, Willand
- Holy Mass at 6.00pm

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

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

Saturday 9 December – Advent Weekday

- Vigil Mass of Sunday at 6.00pm *Pro Populo*

Sunday 10 December – Second Sunday of Advent (B)

- Holy Mass at 10.00am ***followed by a French Breakfast***
- Holy Mass at 11.30am (at St Boniface)
- Christmas Lunch at 12.30am (St Boniface)
- Children's Christmas Party 3.00-5.00pm