

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 Lent (B)
18 February 2024



Parish Clergy:

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CAFOD Lent Fast Day Appeal



This coming Friday, 23 February, is the CAFOD Lent Fast Day. This year your donations will help hardworking people in countries like Liberia with resources, tools and training to feed their families for good. Please take an envelope with you today and return it next week, having filled out the Gift Aid declaration if you are a taxpayer. Alternatively, you can donate online at www.cafod.org.uk.

Please pray that our sisters and brothers around the world will have what they need to feed their families. The first edition of the weekly Parish CAFOD Group Lent News is attached.

Diocesan Newsletter for February and "Lenten Offerings"

The link for our Diocesan Newsletter is: <https://email.workwithgusto.co.uk/t/FCC2410AEBEA86022540EF23F30FEDED>. Individuals from around the Diocese will also be producing weekly "Lenten Offerings" – prayers and reflections - to help nourish, inspire, support and uplift us on our spiritual journey. Sign up to receive them at: <https://email.workwithgusto.co.uk/h/t/A561A3216C433494>. This week's Offerings are attached to give you flavour of what to expect.

"At the Supper of the Lamb" – A Commentary on the Mass

Canon Kristian will be leading a weekly session looking at the different parts of the Mass from theological, liturgical, pastoral and practical angles. The dates are as follows: Tuesday 20 February - The Introductory Rites, Thursday 29 February – The Liturgy of the Word, Tuesday 5 March – The Offertory and Eucharistic Prayer, Wednesday 13 March – The Communion Rite, and Wednesday 20 March – The Concluding Rites. The sessions will take place at 7.00pm in the Hall.



"Breathing Under Water: Spirituality and the 12 Steps"

For Lent this year, a group of parishioners is offering a reflective prayer and study group on the book by Richard Rohr: 'Breathing Under Water: Spirituality and the 12 Steps'. Father Richard, a Franciscan, expands the idea of addiction as a metaphor for the patterns of our own sinfulness and the sin of the world, and then explores how the 12 steps can help us all in our everyday lives as Christians. The group will be meeting online at 6.00pm on Sundays and all you will need is a copy of the book and the courage to look a little deeper. When the evenings are lighter, meeting in person in the Hall could be an option. Everyone is most welcome to join the group. To find out more or register your interest, please email Barbara at strongbarbara@gmail.com or call 01398 331823 this weekend.

Laudato Si' Group Recipe Book Project and Newsletter

A reminder that the Laudato Si' Group is inviting you to contribute towards a "Zero Food Waste" Recipe Book. The information sheet is attached to the Newsletter. Please email your contribution to antoniaryan11@gmail.com. The Laudato Si' Group meets on the first Saturday of each month at 4.00pm in the Hall. Everyone is welcome. In their Lent newsletter attached, the Group suggests that, instead of "giving up" for Lent, we could perhaps "give a little".

"Tough Times" Support Group

A new "Tough Times" support group is starting in the parish to provide a safe space to share, vent and find solace in navigating life's storms. It will provide a friendly space to find strength in shared experiences and in the comforting embrace of our faith. You are not alone; you can walk this journey together with others, leaning on the hope found in Christ. The group will meet on the last Tuesday of every month at 7.00pm in the hall at St Boniface in Cullompton, starting on 26 March.

Natural Family Planning (NFP) South West

The NFP Training Team wish to recruit and train new teachers to become part of a team delivering the Billings Ovulation Method in our Diocese. Applicants will need to chart their own fertility to gain experience. Training will be via correspondence modules over a 2-year time frame. Training is organised by Billings Method England (BME), the national accrediting body. Once accredited, you will be expected to attend two local diocesan study days a year in person and two BME Zoom training sessions per year. If you are interested in finding out more, please contact Christine on 07742 320717.

Saying Goodbye Service

"Saying Goodbye", a part of the Mariaposa Trust, will be in Exeter Cathedral on Saturday 2 March at 12.30pm to hold a Baby Loss Remembrance Service. The Mariaposa Trust's core objective is to support people who have lost babies at any stage of pregnancy, at birth, or in infancy. The Service is for anyone who has either personally lost a baby at any stage of pregnancy, at birth, or in early years or who has been affected by family members' or friends' loss, whether the loss was recent or 80 years ago. The welcome is also extended to anyone who is grieving the fact that they haven't had children. This may be due to circumstance, infertility or for other reasons. Babies and children are also invited to come with their families, as the Saying Goodbye Service is truly a family event for all. To read more about the Mariaposa Trust, please go to the Saying Goodbye website: www.sayinggoodbye.org.

January Parish Giving

Loose Plate: £941.45 Contactless: £290.00 Standing Orders: £3140.00

The CAFOD Big Lent Walk



This Lent CAFOD is calling all Catholics who can to walk 200km in 40 days to help fight global poverty. Walk when and where you choose over 40 days, alone or with friends. [Sign up](#) today and do the Big Lent Walk yourself, putting your best foot forward with the biggest group of Big Lent Walkers yet. When you sign up, CAFOD will send you a welcome pack with a wallchart and a pair of 'Big Lent Walk' laces. If you hit the target of £200 on your fundraising page, then CAFOD will send you a 'Big Lent Walk' Tote Bag!

Parish Diary

Saturday 17 February – Saturday after Ash Wednesday

- Coffee Morning, 10.00am-12noon, in St Boniface's Hall
- Vigil Mass of Sunday at 6.00pm *Pro Populo*

Sunday 18 February– First Sunday of Lent (B)

- Holy Mass at 10.00am *Piotr Piotrowicz RIP (anniv)*
- Holy Mass at 11.30am (at St Boniface)
- Rite of Election at 3.00pm in the Cathedral
- Reflective Prayer and Study Group at 6.00pm online

Monday 19 February – Lent Weekday

- Sing to Remember at 2.00pm in the Hall

Tuesday 20 February – Lent Weekday

- Requiem Mass for Dorothy (Sally) Weekes RIP at 11.30am
- Adult Formation at 7.00pm in the Hall

Wednesday 21 February – Lent Weekday

- Holy Mass at 12noon (St Boniface)

Thursday 22 February – The Chair of St Peter

- Holy Mass at 6.00pm

Friday 23 February – Lent Weekday – CAFOD Fast Day

- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions at 11.30am
- Holy Mass with Prayers for Healing at 12noon
- Beetle Drive at 7.00pm in the Hall

Saturday 24 February – Lent Weekday

- First Communion Preparation at 10.00am in the Hall
- Vigil Mass of Sunday at 6.00pm *Michael McAdams RIP (anniv)*

Sunday 25 February– Second Sunday of Lent (B)

- Holy Mass at 10.00am with Baptism of Antoni Marynczak *Pro Populo*
- Holy Mass at 11.30am (at St Boniface) *Kathryn McAdams RIP (anniv)*
- Baptism of Max Joliffe at 3.00pm
- Reflective Prayer and Study Group at 6.00pm online