

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

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

11 February 2024



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Ash Wednesday and Lent Booklets

This Wednesday, 14 February, is Ash Wednesday, the first day of the Holy Season of Lent. There will be Mass with the Imposition of Ashes at 10.00am and 6.00pm at St James and at 12noon at St Boniface. As a help to a time of personal prayer and reflection on each of the days of Lent, "Walk with Me" and "Day by Day" booklets are available to take today, along with booklets and calendars for our children.

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 "give a little" instead.

"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. Come along and deepen your understanding of the central moment of Catholic worship. 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.

Caritas Lent Calendar

Caritas Diocese of Plymouth has created a Lent Calendar to suggest ways in which we can use this time for prayer, reflection and action in the service of the poor. The link is <https://www.plymouth-diocese.org.uk/lentcalendar-24/>. Just a few small actions each week can make a positive difference.

Catholic Children's Society Crib Offerings

The Catholic Children's Society has written to thank you all for the generous offerings left at the Crib over the Christmas period, which amounted to £305.45.

200 Club

Congratulations to Mary Cousins who won the £30 prize and to Jean Fitz-Costa who won the £20 prize in the December draw. The 200 Club is an ongoing fund raiser for the parish and new members can join for as little as £1 a month. Please speak to either Simon Coombs or Sheelagh Bourdon at St James or Teresa Cummings at St Boniface.

"Breathing Under Water: Spirituality and the 12 Steps"

For Lent this year, a group of parishioners who have been following the Ignatian spiritual path, are offering a reflective prayer and study group on the book by Richard Rohr: 'Breathing Under Water: Spirituality and the 12 Steps'. Although the 12-step programme is mainly known because of its role in rehabilitation, it originally came about through the collaboration of AA founder Bill W. and Father Edward Dowling SJ, a Catholic priest and Ignatian spiritual guide. 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. And if you don't want to join the group, then at least just give the book a try!

Weekly Gospel Reflections on Zoom

The Parish of Teignmouth, Dawlish and Shaldon is holding its annual Zoom Lent Course and generously invites anyone in the diocese to join them. The speakers, all from our diocese, will base their sessions on the five great "Initiation" Gospels of Year A: Deacon Nick Johnson, 16 February, The Temptations of Jesus; Fr Andrew Marlborough, 1 March, The Transfiguration; Deborah Fisher, 8 March, The Woman at the Well; Fr Ignatius Raj, 15 March, The Man born blind; and Gerard Gillespie, 22 March, The Raising of Lazarus. The sessions start at 6.30pm and the Zoom access details are: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83445840521?pwd=K3IKRFVGbnY0eEMzc3pVMVhOcncFCdz09>. Meeting ID: 834 4584 0521 Passcode: 862737.

Coffee Mornings for the New Church

As the work on the rebuilding of the church in Tiverton edges closer, in order to raise funds for the internal furnishings, parishioners are being asked to hold Coffee Mornings in the different areas of the parish. If you can offer to host a Coffee Morning, please let Canon Kristian, Maggie Pulford or Margaret Found know.

Lent Retreat Day

A Lent Retreat Day, entitled "A campaign of Christian Service" led by Fr Jacek Kostuch, will take place at St Rita's, Honiton, on Saturday 2 March. The day will begin with coffee/tea at 9.30am and include two talks, Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, the opportunity for Confession and Mass. The charge for the day, including lunch, is £25.00. Booking can be made by

phone, email or online (www.stritascentre.org/events). If you have any questions, please contact Krista Radzina on 01404 42635.

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 10 February – St Scholastica, Virgin

- Vigil Mass of Sunday at 6.00pm

Sunday 11 February– Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

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

Monday 12 February – Weekday

- Sing to Remember at 2.00pm in the Hall

Tuesday 13 February – Weekday

- Service of the Word and Holy Communion at 10.00am

Wednesday 14 February – Ash Wednesday – Day of Fast and Abstinence

- Holy Mass at 10.00am
- Holy Mass at 12noon (St Boniface)
- Holy Mass at 6.00pm

Thursday 15 February – Thursday after Ash Wednesday

- Holy Mass in Polish at 6.00pm

Friday 16 February – Friday after Ash Wednesday

- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions at 11.30am
- Holy Mass at 12noon

Saturday 17 February – Saturday after Ash Wednesday

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

Sunday 18 February– First Sunday of Lent (B)

- Holy Mass at 10.00am *Pro Popolo*
- Holy Mass at 11.30am (at St Boniface)
- Rite of Election at 3.00pm in the Cathedral
- Online Prayer and Study Group "Breathing Under Water" at 6.00pm