

**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

**Fifth Sunday of Lent (B)**  
**17 March 2024**



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## **Passiontide and Palm Sunday of the Passion**

As a sign that we are approaching the most Holy Week of the year, from the Fifth Sunday of Lent, we enter into the liturgical time called Passiontide. The readings from the Scriptures at Mass become more sharply focused the growing sense of opposition and rejection being shown towards Jesus and his message by the religious and secular authorities of his day and the events in Jerusalem which would lead to his Passion. Next Sunday is Palm Sunday of the Passion, when we will hear the whole Passion narrative being proclaimed at Mass, this year taken from the Gospel of St Mark. The Masses on Sunday at St James and at St Boniface will start outside – weather permitting – with the Procession of the Palms. The Mass at St Boniface will start at **12noon**.

## **New Church in Tiverton**

The project to redevelop St James' Church in Tiverton took a major step forward this week. The Trustees of the Diocese gave their consent for the project to proceed to the tendering stage. Therefore, contact has now been made with a number of builders, the majority of them local firms, inviting them to tender to undertake the work. It is foreseen that the tendering period will last between 6-8 weeks and then, hopefully, a builder will be appointed, and the work will begin!

## **St Patrick's Day Afternoon Tea**

This Fifth Sunday of Lent falls on 17 March, which would normally be the Feast of St Patrick, the Patron of Ireland. To celebrate this feast, we will be holding an Afternoon Tea Party in the Hall at 3.00pm. The Tea will include singing and storytelling. We look forward to seeing all those parishioners, families and children, who have indicated that they will be coming along.

## **Child Exploitation Awareness Day**

This Monday, 18 March, is the annual National Child Exploitation Awareness Day which aims to highlight the issues surrounding child exploitation. Child Exploitation is a form of abuse that involves the manipulation and/or coercion of young people under the age of 18. National Child Exploitation Awareness Day encourages everyone to think, spot and speak out against abuse, and to adopt a zero tolerance towards adults developing inappropriate relationships with children or children exploiting and abusing their peers. For more information on how you can prevent this from happening and/or to make a donate to support this work, go to [www.stop-ce.org](http://www.stop-ce.org).

## **Caritas March Newsletter**

Please click the link to read the March edition of the Caritas Diocese of Plymouth newsletter, with news of love in action and upcoming events around our diocese <https://tinyurl.com/2s3nevuz>.

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

The finale session looking at the different parts of the Mass, led by Canon Kristian, will take place this Wednesday 20 March at 7.00pm in the Hall. This session will be taking a look at the Communion Rite and the Concluding Rites.

## **Diocesan Lenten Offerings**

Individuals from around the Diocese are producing weekly "Lenten Offerings" to help nourish, inspire, support and uplift us on our spiritual journey. The link for the Fifth Sunday of Lent is: <https://email.workwithgusto.co.uk/t/t-613E1B5C943A31482540EF23F30FEDED>.

## **"Tough Times" Support Group**

A "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, offering a friendly space to find strength in shared experiences and in the comforting embrace of our faith. We are not alone; we can walk this journey together, 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, from 26 March.

## **Lifepath Tiverton**

Volunteers are requested to be a part of a project that is being organised by a number of churches in and around Tiverton during the week 3-7 June 2024, to be held at St Paul's Church. Lifepath aims to give primary school pupils the opportunity to learn about the Christian faith through the 'life path' of a well-known historic figure who has a link to their location. This is then used as a springboard to encourage pupils to reflect on their own 'life path'. Tiverton has a connection to the Wesley family (Charles, John, Samuel and their mother, Susanna), as Samuel was Head of Blundell's School. Each day will include a live drama about the Wesley family and learning about how their faith shaped their lives. The project wants to involve as many people as possible. There are a huge number of ways that you can help out, from behind-the-scenes tasks to up front in the drama, from setting up, playing a musical instrument, funding or praying for Lifepath. Please complete the online [volunteer application](#) or use the form attached to the Newsletter.

## **Holy Week Retreat - Holy Shroud**

Next Sunday afternoon, 4.00-7.00pm, at St Rita's Centre, Honiton, Fr José Romero OAR will lead a time of recollection including two talks and a time of silent adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, meditating through the Sign of the Holy Shroud to the Mystery of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus. To register for the time of recollection, which will cost £10, go to: [Holy Week Retreat - Holy Shroud of Jesus](#).

## Let's celebrate Easter with colour!

Parishioners are invited to bring either bunches or arrangements of Spring flowers of any colour on Good Friday or Holy Saturday morning for us to decorate St James church for Easter Sunday. If you are using vases, please put your name on the base so that they can be returned. Thank you in advance for your contributions - they really helped at Christmas to enhance the celebration.

## March Diocesan Newsletter

The latest Newsletter from the diocese, containing news of people and events from across our diocese can be found at: [email.workwithgusto.co.uk/t/t-587366B04D4C33202540EF23F30FEDED](mailto:email.workwithgusto.co.uk/t/t-587366B04D4C33202540EF23F30FEDED).

## Parish Diary

### Saturday 16 March – Lent Weekday

- First Holy Communion Preparation at 10.00am in the Hall
- Vigil Mass of Sunday at 6.00pm *Pro Populo*

### Sunday 17 March – Fifth Sunday of Lent (B)

- Holy Mass at 10.00am *Patrick Bolton (birthday int)*
- Holy Mass at 11.30am (at St Boniface) *Gabriela Zychlinska RIP (anniv)*
- St Patrick's Day Tea Party at 3.00pm in the Hall
- Reflective Prayer and Study Group at 6.00pm online

### Monday 18 March – Lent Weekday

- Sing to Remember at 2.00pm in the Hall

### Tuesday 19 March – St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- Holy Mass at 10.00am
- Monthly Lunch at 12noon-2.00pm in the Hall

### Wednesday 20 March – Lent Weekday

- Holy Mass at 12noon (St Boniface)
- Adult Formation at 7.00pm in the Hall

### Thursday 21 March – Lent Weekday

- Confessions with Polish Priest, 4.00pm–6.00pm
- Holy Mass in Polish at 6.00pm

### Friday 22 March – Lent Weekday

- Coffee Morning at 9.30am-11.30am in St Boniface Church Hall
- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions at 11.30am
- Holy Mass at 12noon

### Saturday 23 March – Lent Weekday

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

### Sunday 24 March – Palm Sunday of the Passion (B)

- Holy Mass at 10.00am *Zofia Szpara (birthday int)*
- Holy Mass at **12noon** (at St Boniface)
- Reflective Prayer and Study Group at 6.00pm online