

**PARISH OF ST JAMES at ST ANDREW'S & 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

**Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)**  
**17 November 2024**



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## World Day of the Poor



The 8<sup>th</sup> World Day of the Poor takes place this Sunday. In his [message for this World Day of the Poor](#), the Holy Father reiterates that "*the poor hold a privileged place in God's heart*" and invites everyone to learn to pray for the poor and to pray together with the poor, with humility and trust.

We know that poverty is a significant issue both in the UK and globally. The World Day of the Poor encourages us all to pray, reflect and engage in concrete actions against poverty by deepening our encounter with the poor in our communities and considering how we can respond to their needs. We can all take small actions that together make a big difference. Ali Padfield, the CEO of CHAT, will be speaking about its work on our behalf at the end of our Masses.

## Safeguarding Sunday

This Sunday we also join other Churches across the UK to highlight the importance of protecting children, young people and adults at risk. The theme for this year is 'Let's talk about it'. It is a time to have open and honest conversations about what we have got wrong and what we are getting right. It is also an opportunity to talk about how we can work together to prevent abuse and create a world where every child and adult can feel and be safe.

## "Lament and Light" Ecumenical Service

An ecumenical service will be held on Monday 25 November at 2.00pm, at St Mary's Church, Market Road, Plympton, Plymouth, PL7 1QW, to mark the 16 days of activism against gender-based violence (25 November – 10 December), a campaign for the prevention and elimination of violence against women and girls. Refreshments will be available afterwards.

## Parish Christmas Craft Fair

The Parish Christmas Craft Fair will take place next Saturday 23 November, 2.00-4.00pm, in St Andrew's Hall. A big thank you to those who have offered to bake a cake for the Fair. Please bring them along from 12noon on 23 November. For those wishing to purchase slices of cake at the Fair, please consider bringing along your own plastic containers to put them in. In this way, we can both enjoy cake and protect our environment from additional plastic waste!

### **Caritas November Newsletter**

Click <https://tinyurl.com/4b9chyn9> to read the latest news about upcoming events and love in action around the diocese.

### **"Not Dead Yet UK" Cards to MPs**

Not Dead Yet UK, a network of disabled and terminally ill people who believe that, if the Bill permitting assisted suicide is passed, some people's lives will be ended prematurely due to mistakes and abuse, are asking us to send cards to our MPs. These cards ask them to attend parliament on 29 November and to vote against the Terminally Ill (End of Life) Bill. Please take a card with you today.

### **Toasters and Kettles for CHAT**

Please continue to bring in toasters and kettles so that CHAT can replenish their stock which they use to assist those who are given accommodation and who have little by way of possessions or resources to set up a home. These basic items, though seemingly insignificant, really help to make a place a home.

### **Cards for Those in Residential Homes**

Tony and Anne Doble will be making Christmas cards with our children after the Morning Masses at St Boniface and St Andrews next Sunday 24 November for the sick and elderly in local nursing homes.

### **Christmas Draw Tickets**

The tickets for the Christmas Draw go on sale this weekend. This year the prizes are different from previous years. Instead of multiple prizes, there are only three large hampers, filled to the brim with luxury or local products for Christmas! Tickets are £5.00 each.

### **Praise him with sound of trumpet, Praise him with strings and pipe!**

We're running short on musicians at St Boniface. So it's time to take your music talent out from under a bushel and let it shine! If you can make a tune on something, please get in touch with [jane.wardle321@gmail.com](mailto:jane.wardle321@gmail.com).

### **Caritas Dementia Awareness Session**

Caritas is hosting an hour long Zoom online session on Tuesday 3 December at 11.30am for dementia awareness and how we can be welcoming and accommodating to those who are living with this disease. This session is specifically aimed at clergy, Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, and other parish ministers and volunteers. The link for the session is <https://prcdtr-org-uk.zoom.us/j/82590571902?pwd=MaWf5N5xaifaz9wR93zV7ebLI07uJ7.1>

## 200 Club

Congratulations to Jean Fitz-Costa who won the £30 prize and to Alan Parr who won the £20 prize in the November draw. If you are not already a member, please consider joining for as little as £1 a month. Speak to Simon Coombs or Sheelagh Bourdon at St Andrews or Siobhan Gilroy at St Boniface.

## Advent Reflection Group

Amidst the flurry of Christmas preparations and the bombardment of consumer products, it is important to re-energise spiritually during the Advent period. Why not join Monika Manser at 7 Blundell's Avenue after 9.00am Mass each Tuesday in Advent to reflect on the daily meditations in the book "Advent and Christmas Wisdom" by Henri J.M Nouwen? The daily Advent Action at the end of each reflection will help focus on living the Advent and Christmas message in our daily lives. The book is published by Redemptorist Publications and is readily available from various on-line bookshops.

## Advent Service of Light

The congregation of St Andrew's invites us to join them at 4.00pm on Sunday 1 December for their Service of Light, with the In Ecclesia Choir from Taunton. The Service will be followed by refreshments in the Hall.

## Parish Diary

### **Saturday 16 November – St Edmund of Abingdon, Bishop, and St Margaret of Scotland**

- Youth Club, 11.00am-12.30pm in St Boniface's Hall
- Vigil Mass of Sunday at 6.00pm *Elizabeth West (ints)*

### **Sunday 17 November – Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)**

- Holy Mass at 9.30am (St Boniface) *Pro Populo*
- Holy Mass at 11.30am *Sidney Duggan RIP (FM)*

### **Monday 18 November – Weekday**

- Singing to Remember at 2.00pm in St Andrew's Hall

### **Tuesday 19 November – Weekday**

- **No** Mass

### **Wednesday 20 November – Weekday**

- **No** Mass at St Boniface

### **Thursday 21 November – Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

- Holy Mass at 9.00am *E.F.Ridout, his parents and relatives RIP (FM)*

### **Friday 22 November – St Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr**

- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 11.30am
- Holy Mass at 12noon *Alice Mary Lucy Berkeley RIP (FM)*
- Prayer of the Holy Rosary at 12.30pm

### **Saturday 23 November – Weekday**

- Holy Baptism of Lilia McDonagh at 12noon
- Christmas Craft Fair, 2.00-4.00pm, in St Andrew's Hall
- Vigil Mass of Sunday at 6.00pm *Marie McKinney RIP (anniv)*

**Sunday 24 November – Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe  
(B)**

- Holy Mass at 9.30am (St Boniface) *Pro Populo*
- Holy Mass at 11.30am