

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

Second Sunday of Advent (C)
8 December 2024



Parish Clergy:

Revd Canon Kristian Paver - Parish Priest
Revd Deacon Michael Tosh

Also resident in the Parish:
Revd Fr Paul Rea CRE (retired)
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Parish Secretary: Vacant

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"Walk with Me" and "Day by Day" Booklets

A few copies of "Walk with Me" and "Day by Day" are still available for those who did not take them last weekend. These booklets help to ensure that we have a daily pause to pray and reflect during the Advent Season.

Advent Reflection Group

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 book is published by Redemptorist Publications and is readily available from various on-line bookshops.

Tree of Hope for CHAT

We are hosting a CHAT Tree of Hope in the narthex at St Andrew's. Each tag on the tree contains the option of either making a financial donation or purchasing a specific item to be dropped off at CHAT, who will ensure it goes to people in need in the community. Choose a tag and either donate on your own behalf or perhaps as a thoughtful gift for that person who seems to have everything and then present them with the tag so that they can see the impact of the contribution made on their behalf.

Diocesan Advent Reflections

Each week there will be a reflection on the Sunday Gospel by Monsignor Robert Draper as well as some other Jubilee related content to help get us in the spirit and prepare for the Holy Year 2025, which officially begins on 24 December. The first edition of these Advent Reflections can be found at <https://email.workwithgusto.co.uk/t-D4D745BD8B8879B72540EF23F30FEDED>.

Musical Afternoon Tea



April and John Golding will be holding another Musical Afternoon Tea at their home in Bampton this Wednesday 11 December, 2.45pm for 3.00-5.00pm, to raise funds for the interior of the rebuilt St James. All places are now taken. Their address is Greenbank, Old Tiverton Road, Bampton EX16 9DP.

Christmas Draw Tickets

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

Sacramental Preparation for First Holy Communion and Confirmation

The meeting for the parents of our young people who will be preparing to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation next year will be held in St Andrew's Church Hall, Blundell's Avenue, Tiverton EX16 4DL next Saturday 14 December at 11.00am.

Parish Youth Club

The Parish Youth Club meets next Saturday between 11.00am and 12.30pm in St Boniface's Hall in Cullompton. Recently, as part of their time together, our youngsters were invited to choose some CAFOD world gifts to send to those in need. These gifts included chickens, bees and learning to read.

Friends of St James and St Boniface

The Friends of St James and St Boniface is an open group of parishioners which takes special interest in the social aspect of our parish community life as well as fundraising, primarily for the interior refit after St James is rebuilt. The Friends meet next Saturday 14 December at 9.30am in St Andrew's Hall. Keeping our community life strong and cohesive is an important part of our parish life, so please come along and take part if you can.

St John's School Carol Service

This year we are delighted to welcome our children from St John's School to St Andrew's for their Carol Service on Thursday 19 December at 6.00pm. Do come along and give them your support.

Parish Carol Service

Our Carol Service involving the communities of St James, St Boniface and St Andrew will take place at 7.30pm on Saturday 21 December at St Andrew's. Please put the date in your diary!

Christmas Get-Together at St Boniface

The annual Christmas Get-Together at St Boniface Hall will take place on 21 December. Finger food will be on offer and some desserts too. If they can, people are asked to bring a plate of food along to share. Carols will be sung, and "Goody bags" and selection boxes will be given to the children.

200 Club

Canon Kristian will make the draw for December after the 6.00pm Mass on Saturday. If you would like to join this parish fund raiser for as little as £1 a month, please let Simon Coombs or Sheelagh Bourdon know at St Andrews or Siobhan Gilroy at St Boniface.

October Parish Giving

Loose: £1027.57

Contactless: £260.00

Standing Order: £3165.00

Raffle for CHAT

Raffle tickets are still on sale for £1 each. These can be bought via Ewelina Zychlinska's Justgiving page. Just email her via the page and she will reply with your ticket numbers. At St Boniface, tickets can be bought with cash. The draw will take place on 22 December. You can also continue to make donations via her fundraising page <https://www.justgiving.com/page/ewelina-yeh-1731777385365?newPage=true>.

Heating, Repairs and Redecoration of St Boniface

Following the installation of the new heating system in St Boniface, the whole interior is now being redecorated. As a result, there will **only be Mass celebrated on Sunday at 9.30am** from now until the week before Christmas to enable the work to be carried out throughout the week. There will not be any Mass on a Wednesday until further notice.

Parish Diary

Saturday 7 December – St Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor

- Parish Property and Finance Committee at 9.30am in St Andrew's Hall
- Laudato Si' Group at 4.00pm in St Andrew's Hall
- Vigil Mass of Sunday at 6.00pm

Sunday 8 December – Second Sunday of Advent (C)

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

Monday 9 December – Immaculate Conception of Our Lady

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

Tuesday 10 December – Advent Weekday

- Holy Mass at 9.00am
- Advent Prayer Group at 9.45am at 7 Blundell's Avenue

Wednesday 11 December – Advent Weekday

- **No** Mass at St Boniface
- Musical Afternoon Tea at the Goldings', 3.00-5.00pm

Thursday 12 December – Advent Weekday

- Holy Mass at 9.00am

Friday 13 December – St Lucy

- Holy Mass at 9.00am

Saturday 14 December – St John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor

- Friends of St James and St Boniface at 9.30am in St Andrew's Hall
- Meeting of Confirmation Parents at 11.00am in St Andrew's Hall
- Youth Club, 11.00am-12.30pm in St Boniface's Hall
- Vigil Mass of Sunday at 6.00pm

Sunday 15 December – Third Sunday of Advent: Gaudete Sunday (C)

- Holy Mass at 9.30am (St Boniface) *David Perkins RIP and Family*
- Holy Mass at 11.30am *Pro Populo*

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve	5.00pm	Vigil Mass of Christmas (St James at St Andrew)
	9.00pm	Mass during the Night (St James at St Andrew)
Christmas Day	9.30am	Christmas Day Mass (St Boniface)
	11.00am	Christmas Day Mass (St James at St Andrew)