

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

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
23 February 2025



Parish Clergy:

Revd Canon Kristian Paver - Parish Priest
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Prayers for the Holy Father



Cardinal Vincent Nichols, President of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, has written to Pope Francis to assure him of the prayerful support of Catholics in England and Wales. The Holy Father remains in the Gemelli Hospital in Rome, contending with pneumonia and a respiratory tract infection. Cardinal Vincent wrote:

Your Holiness, dear Pope Francis,

As you live through this time of illness, I write to assure you of the prayers of so many here in England and Wales. The prayers of the Catholic community are fervent and heartfelt. Many others, I am sure, are joining in this prayer for your recovery and continued health.

You will understand that Catholics in England and Wales have a particular devotion to the person of the Holy Father, arising out of the historic loyalty of the faithful in these countries to him. Very many people hold you in high esteem and appreciate deeply the guidance and leadership you give in your Petrine ministry.

We pray that through the intercession of our Blessed Lady, especially under her title of Our Lady of Walsingham, you may be given strength and perseverance in these days and continue to bring to the world the joy and compassion which has been so steadfastly at the heart of your ministry. I ask your blessing on our communities and on all the people of these lands.

Please do keep Pope Francis in your prayers in a special way in these days.

Palms for Ash Wednesday Ashes

We are less than two weeks away from the beginning of Lent! Now is the time to start bringing last year's palm crosses back to church, so that they can be burnt to provide the ashes for use on Ash Wednesday.

New Missals – Final Week to Order

Parishioners are still asking to order new Missals with the new translation of the Mass readings. The cost for a Sunday Missal is £18.95, whilst a Weekday Missal costs £66.49. If you would like to order one, please put your name and contact details on the sheet at the back of church this weekend, indicating whether you would like the Sunday or Weekday version.

Preparation for First Communion

The next session of our First Holy Communion preparation programme will take place next Saturday, 1 March, from 10.00am in St John's School Hall, Melbourne Street, Tiverton.

January Parish Giving

Loose Collection: £881.42 Contactless: £335.00 Standing Orders: £3227.00

Parish Monthly Lunch

This Tuesday, 25 February, there will be our monthly lunch in St Andrew's Hall, 12noon-2.00pm. Come and enjoy some delicious homemade soups and desserts, along with some warm friendship. Everyone is welcome.

"Saying Goodbye" Remembrance Service

Next Saturday 1 March at 12.30pm, in Exeter Cathedral, the charity Mariposa International will be hosting a Saying Goodbye Service 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. Babies and children are invited to come with their families, as the Saying Goodbye Service is a family event for all. To read more about the charity, please go to www.sayinggoodbye.org.

Parish Laudato Si' Group

A central part of Pope Francis' ministry has been to emphasise the importance of care for creation and the environment as an integral part of our proclamation and living of the Gospel, most famously contained in his Encyclical Letter *Laudato Si'*. Our parish Laudato Si' Group, which meets this coming Saturday, and on the first Saturday of each month, at 4.00pm in St Andrew's Hall, seeks to respond to Pope Francis' call to "care for our common home" and offer concrete proposals for action to the wider parish community. New members are always welcome.



Lent Retreat Day

There will be a Lent Retreat Day at St Rita's Centre, Honiton, on Saturday 15 March, led by Fr Ignatius Paul Raj, entitled "Who am I? A Tourist or a Pilgrim?". The day will begin with coffee/tea on arrival at 9.30am. There will be two talks, exposition and silent adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Mass and an opportunity for Confession. The charge for the day, which includes lunch, is £25.00. Booking can be made by telephone, email or online: <https://www.stritascentre.org/events-retreats-1/len-retreat-day-who-am-i-a-tourist-or-a-pilgrim>. Payment can be made on the day.

Year of Jubilee Study Day – Book of Revelation

In this Jubilee Year where Pope Francis has asked us to be active "Pilgrims of Hope", the renowned scripture scholar and author, Fr Nicholas King SJ, will help us to understand the Book of Revelation and how the Word of God is our power for Mission. This day will be held at Buckfast Abbey Conference centre on Saturday 15 March 10am - 4pm. (Dart View Room 4). Booking is **essential** and needs to be done through plymouth-crownhill@prcdtr.org.uk. Ring 01752 701660 for further information.

Handbell Concert and Cream Tea



On Saturday 22 March, at 2.30pm in St Andrew's, Tiverton, there will be a Handbell Concert by Poole-based quartet, Clapper Chaos. Between them they play a set of 41 bells and a two-octave set of 25 hand chimes. All their arrangements are unique, and you will not hear them played by any other group! This will be followed by a Cream Tea in the Hall. Tickets for the event are on sale at church now, £10.00 each. The

proceeds will be shared equally between the communities of St Andrew's and St James'.

Parish Diary

Saturday 22 February – The Chair of St Peter - Apostle

- St James and St Boniface Youth Club, 11.00am-12.30pm at St Boniface's Hall
- Vigil Mass of Sunday at 6.00pm *Pro Populo*

Sunday 23 February – Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

- Holy Mass at 9.30am (St Boniface) *Michael Adams RIP (anniv)*
- Holy Mass at 11.30am *David Saunders RIP*

Monday 24 February – Weekday

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

Tuesday 25 February – St Walburga, Virgin

- Holy Mass at 9.00am
- Monthly Lunch, 12.00-2.00pm, in St Andrew's Hall
- Tough Times Support Group at 7.00pm in St Boniface's Hall

Wednesday 26 February – Weekday

- Holy Mass at 12noon (St Boniface)

Thursday 27 February – Weekday

- Holy Mass at 9.00am

Friday 28 February – Weekday

- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions at 11.30am
- Holy Mass with Prayers for Healing at 12noon
- Prayer of the Holy Rosary at 12.30pm after Mass
- SVP Meeting at 12.45pm at St Andrew's

Saturday 1 March – St David, Patron of Wales

- Friends of St James and St Boniface at 9.00am in St Andrew's Hall
- First Communion Preparation at 10.00am at St John's School Hall
- Laudato Si' Group at 4.00pm in St Andrew's Hall
- Vigil Mass of Sunday at 6.00pm

Sunday 2 March – Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

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