

**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

### **First Sunday of Lent (C)** **9 March 2025**



#### **Parish Clergy:**

Revd Canon Kristian Paver - Parish Priest  
Revd Deacon Michael Tosh

Also resident in the Parish:  
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## Pope's Prayer Intention for March



### Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network



During the month of March, our Holy Father Pope Francis invites us to join with him in praying for

families in crisis: *"Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure of their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences"*. To watch a video of Pope Francis introducing this prayer intention and to find more information about it, please go to <https://thepopevideo.org/march-for-families-in-crisis/>.

## Lent "Walk with me" Booklets

Additional Lent "Walk with me" booklets are available this weekend for those who were not able to get to Mass on Ash Wednesday. These little booklets give a short prayerful reflection for each day of Lent and are an aid to setting aside a special moment of prayer in our day.

## CAFOD Lent Family Fast Day Appeal

CAFOD's Family Fast Day takes place this coming Friday, 14 March. It is a day when we are asked to pray and to make a Lenten sacrifice by eating simply and giving generously. Our parish's support of CAFOD this Lent is a way for us to be 'Pilgrims of Hope' this Jubilee Year, by giving practical help to people affected by war, poverty and climate change

so they can build hope for the future. Please take an envelope with you today and return it with your donation next weekend or, alternatively you can donate by calling 0303 303 3030 or online at [www.cafod.org/envelope](http://www.cafod.org/envelope).



## March Diocesan Newsletter

Here is the link to the latest diocesan newsletter, which includes a Lenten video message from Canon Paul, stories of hope and a list of upcoming events: <https://email.workwithgusto.co.uk/t/t-1E001CAA7917960D2540EF23F30FEDED>.

## Cleaning Products for Dignity

Our special 40-day collection of household cleaning products for CHAT has gotten off to a fantastic start! As one of the underlying themes of Lent is that of cleansing and purification, our Lenten support for CHAT will be focussed on donations of household cleaning products, such as polish, washing powder/pods, softener, cleaning sprays, sponges, tea clothes, dusters, toilet cleaner, bleach, bin bags etc. The Foodbank has a great need of these things, which are essential to enable individuals and families to clean their accommodation and their clothes, both external acts which recognise and enhance the dignity of every person. You are invited to leave your donations in the box in the entrance to church.

## First Jubilee Lent Offering

Here is the link to the first Jubilee Lenten Offering from the Diocese, a reflection on the readings for the First Sunday of Lent by Monsignor Robert Draper and a prayer from CAFOD: <https://email.workwithgusto.co.uk/t/t-D7100EFC8912BD9B2540EF23F30FEDED>.

## Lent Series of Talks on Zoom

The Lent Series of Talks on Zoom offered by Fr Mark Skelton starts this coming Thursday, 13 March, at 7.00pm, with a talk entitled "Commitment to Others". Each talk is free-standing, but the link between them is that they seek to reflect on some of the Holy Father's signs of hope in this Jubilee Year. Remaining talks: 20 March-Debt Cancellation; 27 March-Recognizing Hope 3 April-Peace; 10 April-Jesus's Last Pilgrimage. The Zoom link is as follows: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84052447850?pwd=MmPzcp91dTsGJWDXR0vH5H9zYS4e6.1> Meeting ID: 840 5244 7850 Passcode: 043004.

## Draw for the Simnel Cake & Guess the Name of the Easter Bunny

The Friends of St James and St Boniface Draw for the Easter Simnel Cake, which will be made by Monika Manser, starts this weekend, £2.00 a ticket. The draw will be made on Sunday 13 April after the 11.30am Mass.

Guess the name of this year's 1kg Lindt Easter Bunny from this weekend, £2 a name. Canon Kristian has chosen the name from the list and it is sealed in an envelope until Sunday 13 April when the winner will be revealed!



## 200 Club

Canon Kristian will make the draw for March after the 6.00pm Mass this Saturday. Thank you to those parishioners who have recently joined the 200 Club. If you would like to join for as little as £1 a month, please let Simon Coombs or Sheelagh Bourdon know at St Andrews or Siobhan Gilroy at St Boniface.

## 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 Social and Fundraising Events

An updated list of upcoming parish social and fundraising events is attached to the Newsletter. A date for your diaries: **Parish Spring Bingo**, a fun family event, is planned for Friday 11 April, 7.00-9.00pm. In St Andrew's Hall. The Friends of St James and St Boniface are requesting donations for this event: luxury Easter Eggs for Bingo prizes; wine, chocolate or new items for the Raffle. Please leave them in the basket in the narthex at St Andrew's.

## Word on Fire Series on the Mass

You are invited to join an online group to watch a new six-part series from *Word on Fire*, in which Bishop Baron teaches on the Mass on Wednesday evenings at 7.00pm during Lent and Easter. Each one-hour session will consist of a half hour film, followed by prayer and reflection. For a link or for more information contact [deborah.vankroonenburg@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:deborah.vankroonenburg@prcdtr.org.uk).

## Parish Diary

### Saturday 8 March – Lent Weekday

- Finance and Property Committee at 9.30am in St Andrew's Hall
- Youth Club, 11.00am-12.30pm, in St Boniface's Hall
- Vigil Mass of Sunday at 6.00pm

### Sunday 9 March – First Sunday of Lent (C)

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

### Monday 10 March – Lent Weekday

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

### Tuesday 11 March – Lent Weekday

- Holy Mass at 9.00am

### Wednesday 12 March – Lent Weekday

- Holy Mass at 12noon (St Boniface)

### Thursday 13 March – Lent Weekday

- Holy Mass at 9.00am

### Friday 14 March – Lent Weekday – CAFOD Family Fast Day

- Holy Mass at **9.00am**

### Saturday 15 March – Lent Weekday

- First Holy Communion Preparation at 10.00am in St John's School Hall
- Confirmation Preparation at 4.00pm in St Andrew's Hall
- Vigil Mass of Sunday at 6.00pm

### Sunday 16 March – Second Sunday of Lent (C)

- Holy Mass at 9.30am (St Boniface) *Gabriela Zychlinska RIP (anniv)*
- Holy Mass at 11.30am *Pro Populo*

*“Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan  
and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness” (Luke 4:1)*