

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

Fourth Sunday of Easter
11 May 2025



Parish Clergy:

Revd Canon Kristian Paver - Parish Priest
Revd Deacon Michael Tosh

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Habemus Papam! Message for Canon Paul Cummins



Canon Paul, our Diocesan Administrator issued this message on Thursday: "What a joyful evening. God has blessed us with a new shepherd to guide His Church, Pope Leo XIV. This is a moment of pure joy and hope for all of us in the Diocese of Plymouth, in England and Wales, and indeed across the world. Thanks be to God for this great gift. The election of a Pope is always a significant moment for the Catholic

Church, so I invite you to support Pope Leo XIV in his new ministry of service as we join in prayer for him. May the Lord protect him and grant him length of days. Amen. May the Lord be his shield and deliver him from all harm. Amen. May the Lord give him happiness and peace all the days of his life. Amen."

For further information, including links to a summary of the life and experience of Pope Leo, see the latest Diocesan Newsletter which is attached.

Good Shepherd Sunday – Prayer for Vocations

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is traditionally known as "Good Shepherd Sunday" due to the image of the shepherd that Jesus uses in his teaching in the Gospel. It is also, therefore, the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, when we are encouraged to pray for vocations to the priesthood and for those currently service in priestly ministry, tirelessly and creatively exercising their charism by serving those around them.

There will be a retiring collection at the weekend Masses for the Diocesan Seminarians Fund. At present, we have three seminarians studying in seminary, one seminarian on pastoral itinerancy and, hopefully, another candidate starting his formation soon. It currently costs £35,000 a year to fund a seminarian, so your help is vital. Please take a leaflet giving more information. Gift Aid envelopes are available for those who pay tax.

Jubilee Pilgrimage to Crediton and Thanks for the Fruits of the Earth

The latest newsletter from our Parish Laudato Si' Group is attached, giving a few more details about our Jubilee Pilgrimage to the National Shrine of St Boniface in Crediton on Tuesday 24 June. During the month of May after Sunday Mass in Tiverton, the group will be offering vegetable plants to be taken away in thanksgiving for the fruits of the earth.

200 Club

Congratulations to Sheelagh Bourdon who won the £30 prize and to Vivienne Brewster who won the £20 prize in the May draw. If you would like to join this on-going fund raiser for as little as £1 a month, please speak to Simon Coombs or Sheelagh Bourdon at St Andrew's or Siobhan Gilroy at St Boniface.

All Day Live Music

Next Saturday 17 May, 10.00am-8.00pm, in the British Legion Memorial Hall, Tiverton, there will be all day live music to raise funds for Bounce!, a local charity



BOUNCE!

which provides specialist mental health support for children, young people and their families. There will be lots of local instrumental and vocal groups, including St John's Starmakers, who are performing at 3.30pm. Entry costs £3.00 for all day and you can come and go as you wish. Tea, coffee and cake will be available all day. Anyone who might be able to give up an hour or so of their time to help with refreshments and taking donations on the door would be greatly appreciated, as would anyone who would like to bake or buy cakes to donate for the day. Please contact Lydia Fitton if you would like to help in any way, email lydiafitton1@gmail.com.

Feast Day of St Rita of Cascia



The feast day of Rita of Cascia falls on Thursday 22 May. There will be a celebration at St Rita's Centre in Honiton, starting with Mass at 12noon, followed by the blessing and distribution of roses for the sick. The Principal Celebrant will be Father Douglas Beard OAR. Hot drinks will be available all day, but visitors should bring a packed lunch. The day will conclude with Benediction at 3.00 pm. Early arrival is advised as car parking can be difficult if you arrive after 11.30 am. Car parking stewards will be on duty to help you, and there will be a small army of volunteers

working in various places helping to ensure a smooth running of the day and a happy feast day for everyone. If you have any questions, please contact Krista Radzina on 01404 42635.

Secular Clergy Fund Collection

Next weekend is the annual collection to support the Secular Clergy Fund. This is the fund which provides financial assistance to our priests who have resigned from ecclesiastical office, after devoting their lives to serving our parishes and communities. It also gives grants to priests who need help to cover medical and other personal costs. Please be as generous as you can.

CHAT Quiz Night

You are invited to join CHAT for a fun evening of quizzing at St Paul's Church, Tiverton, on Saturday 7 June. The doors will open at 6.30pm. Tickets cost £12.00, and this includes a Ploughman's. A bar will also be available on the evening. Quiz Teams can consist of up to 8 people (but these can be allocated on the night if necessary). Tickets for the evening can be purchased at www.tickettailor.com/events/churcheshousingactionteamchat/1649562.

Jubilee Year Mass for Marriage

The Mass to celebrate marriage in the Jubilee Year will take place at 12noon on Saturday 31 May 2025 at our Cathedral of St Mary and St Boniface in Plymouth. Marriage enriches us all, so all are welcome. For further information or to let Deborah van Kroonenburg know your anniversaries or intentions, or when your wedding will take place, email deborah.vankroonenburg@prcdtr.org.uk.

Parish Diary

Saturday 10 May – Easter Weekday

- Friends of St James and St Boniface at 9.00am in St Andrew's Hall
- Youth Club, 11.00am-12.30pm, in St Boniface's Hall
- Vigil Mass at 6.00pm

Sunday 11 May – Fourth Sunday of Easter

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

Monday 12 May – Easter Weekday

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

Tuesday 13 May – Our Lady of Fatima

- Holy Mass at 9.00am

Wednesday 14 May – St Matthias, Apostle

- Service of the Word and Holy Communion at 12noon (St Boniface)

Thursday 15 May – Easter Weekday

- Holy Mass at 9.00am

Friday 16 May – Easter Weekday

- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 11.30am
- Holy Mass at 12noon
- Prayer of the Holy Rosary at 12.30pm

Saturday 17 May – Easter Weekday

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

Sunday 18 May – Fifth Sunday of Easter

- Holy Mass at 9.30am (St Boniface)
- Holy Mass at 11.30am *Martin McKinney RIP (anniv)*