

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

19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
10 August 2025



Parish Clergy:

Revd Canon Kristian Paver - Parish Priest
Revd Deacon Michael Tosh

Also resident in the Parish:

Revd Fr Paul Rea CRE (retired)
Revd Deacon Peter Found (retired)

Parish Secretary: Vacant

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Solidarity and Support for Palestinian Christians in the Middle East



The lands of Palestine are the cradle of Christianity, sometimes referred to as the "Fifth Gospel" and the Christian Palestinians as the "living stones", their persistent existence going back to the days of Jesus walking that very ground. In 1949 some 10% of the population was Christian, today it is less than 2% and declining.

A number of parishioners wish to start a project (along with other local Christians) to demonstrate solidarity and support to Palestinian Christians in the Middle East. This has become increasingly important these past two years with War and Famine in Gaza and increasing violence in the occupied territories.

To this end and as part of a wider support to all the victims of violence in the area, some parishioners are calling for a

meeting this Thursday, 12 August, at 7.45pm (for 8.00pm) in St Andrew's Hall to pilot a Tiverton and district wide project aiming to respond both practically and politically to the famine, war and violence across the Palestinian territories as a small local endeavour contributing towards the eventual establishment of Peace with Justice for all Israelis and Palestinians.

Do please come along if you can. If you are interested in becoming more involved and helping with the meeting, please speak to Sally Chapman, Bridget Tosh, Carol or Terence McCarthaigh (t.mccarthaigh@btinternet.com).

Updating the Parish Database

Under the General Data Protection Regulation, it is necessary for us to ensure that the data the parish holds on our parishioners is up to date. We therefore need to ask each person/family to fill out a new census form at regular intervals. It has been some years since the parish database was last updated, so new census forms are available over the next few weekends. Many of you have already returned your forms. Could those who have yet to return theirs please do so as soon as possible. There are additional forms available for those who still need to take one. If you know of anyone who does not attend church regularly, but who would still like to be included on the database, please take a form for them to complete and return.



Concert – Music from the Stage with Lydia

This coming Thursday 14 August 7.30pm at St Andrew's Church, Tiverton, Lydia Fitton will be performing a programme of songs from stage productions ranging from classical opera through to contemporary musical theatre numbers. Tickets are £8 for adults or £5 for under 16's and will be available on the door (cash only please).

Baptism of Helen Hewson

We will have the great joy on Tuesday 26 August of celebrating the baptism of Helen Hewson at the 9.00am Mass. Helen is a valued Early Years teacher at our parish school and she and her family are well-known members of the parish. Please do come along and support her on this important and blessed occasion.



SVP Skittles Evening

The annual SVP Skittles Evening will be held at the Racehorse Pub in Wellbrook Street, Tiverton, on Friday 22 August from 7.00pm. The cost will be £10 a person, inclusive of a buffet supper. Please let Simon Coombs (07761 420703), Shelagh Eastwood, Sheelagh Bourdon, Margaret Found or Maggie Pulford know by 15 August if you will be taking part, as numbers for food need to be given by that date.

New Directors for Plymouth CAST



Plymouth CAST is a Catholic multi-academy trust of 34 schools and 1 nursery, spanning the Diocese of Plymouth. Its mission is to be a community of outstanding schools in which our pupils flourish in safe, happy, and stimulating environments and leave with the knowledge and skills, personal qualities, and aspirations, to make the world a better place, inspired by the Gospel. Plymouth CAST is looking to expand its Board of Directors. It is particularly interested in hearing from you if you have skills and current or recent experience of education at primary or secondary level, particularly within a multi-academy trust. Please contact the Clerk to the Trust Board for further information, Mrs Leah Paiano: lpiano@plymouthcast.org.uk

Thanks to the "Mad Hatters"

Margaret Found and Sarah Forward would like to say a big 'thank you' to all who came to the Mad Hatters Coffee Morning and all those who put so much effort into the wonderful hats. They were delighted at the result.

Laudato Si' Ideas for Summer

The Laudato Si' Group has produced lots of environmentally friendly and local holiday ideas for all the family. They are attached to the Newsletter and a useful handout will be available at church.

200 Club

Canon Kristian will make the draw for August after the 6.00pm Mass this Saturday. If you would like one or more numbers in this parish fund raiser for as little as £1 a month, please let Simon Coombs or Sheelagh Bourdon know at St Andrew's or Siobhan Gilroy at St Boniface.

SVP National Raffle

Parishioners who have taken a book of SVP Raffle tickets and not returned them are asked to do so as soon as possible please. Stubs and monies have to be sent to the SVP National Office by the end of this month.

Parish Diary

Saturday 9 August – St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein)

- Vigil Mass at 6.00pm *Sally Ward-Enticott (birthday ints)*

Sunday 10 August – Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

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

Monday 11 August – St Clare, Virgin

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

Tuesday 12 August – Weekday

- Holy Mass at 9.00am
- Solidarity and Support for Palestinian Christians, 7.45pm for 8.00pm, in St Andrew's Hall

Wednesday 13 August – Weekday

- Holy Mass at 12noon (St Boniface)

Thursday 14 August – St Maximilian Mary Kolbe, Priest and Martyr

- Holy Mass at 9.00am
- Vigil Mass of the Assumption at 6.00pm (St Boniface)
- Music for the Stage with Lydia at 7.30pm in St Andrew's

Friday 15 August – Assumption of Our Lady -Holy Day of Obligation

- Confessions and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 11.30am
- Holy Mass at 12noon
- Holy Rosary at 12.45pm

Saturday 16 August – Weekday

- Youth Club, 11.00am-12.30pm, in St Boniface's Hall
- Vigil Mass at 6.00pm

Sunday 17 August – Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

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