

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

23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
7 September 2025



Parish Clergy:

Revd Canon Kristian Paver - Parish Priest
Revd Deacon Michael Tosh

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Canonisation of Blessed Carlo Acutis



Blessed Carlo Acutis will be canonised in Rome this Sunday, 7 September, the first “millennial” to be formally declared a saint. He was born on 3 May 1991 in London, where his father was working. Just a few months later, he moved with his parents to Italy. He was diagnosed with leukaemia as a teenager and died in 2006 at only 15 years old.

From a young age, Carlo had a special love for God, even though his parents weren’t particularly devout. He exhibited a keen interest in understanding the mysteries of technology and Catholicism. He loved playing video games. Carlo was fascinated with computer coding and used his skills to spread the Faith. He helped his family put together an exhibition on Eucharistic miracles which was displayed at thousands of parishes on five continents and which can be accessed online at <https://www.miracolieuucaristici.org/en/Liste/list.html>. His witness has brought many people to conversion, including his own family.

Pope Francis recognized a [first miracle](#) attributed to Carlo’s intercession which involved the healing of a 3-year-old boy in Brazil in 2013 who had been diagnosed with a malformation of his pancreas since birth. That led to his beatification. The second miracle involved the healing of a 21-year-old girl from Costa Rica named Valeria Valverde, who was near death after seriously injuring her head in a bicycle accident.

Today, Carlo Acutis serves as a [model for young people](#) seeking to navigate the complexities of the digital world while remaining faithful to the Gospel. Carlo’s example challenges young Catholics to use their talents for the glory of God and the spread of the Gospel. A video about his life can be found at <https://youtu.be/wQdvNgFryaM>.

Prayer Intention for September

Pope Leo XIV’s prayer intention this month is “For our relationship with all of creation.” The new edition of [The Pope Video](#) for the month of September has been released. In it, the Pope asks for prayers “*that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.*”

Vigil of Prayer for the Palestinians in Gaza and the West Bank

A Vigil for the Palestinians in Gaza and the West Bank, which will consist of silence interspersed with prayer, poetry and praise, will take place on Tuesday 16 September at 7.30pm in St Andrew’s, Tiverton.

First Holy Communion 2026

Parents who have children who are in Year 2 or older and who wish them to start preparing to receive First Holy Communion next year are asked to

complete the attached application form and to return it to Canon Kristian or the parish office as soon as possible.

Confirmation Preparation

Confirmation preparation begins again after the summer break. The next session will take place this coming Thursday at 7.00pm in St Boniface's Hall in Cullompton. The Confirmation itself will take place on Sunday 23 November, the Solemnity of Christ the King.

A Call to Prayer and Public Witness for Peace in the Holy Land

We are witnessing the devastating escalation of violence in Gaza and the West Bank with Israel's latest



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decision to mount a new offensive in Gaza City threatening hundreds of thousands with further forced displacement. The cries of Palestinian church leaders for peace and solidarity have echoed across the global Church, urging us to respond with clarity, compassion, and conviction.

The Friends of the Holy Land, together with other Christian agencies rooted in faith and justice, believe the gravity of this moment demands a visible, united Christian witness—one that speaks to a shared commitment to peace, reconciliation, and the dignity of all people.

In response, these agencies are calling on churches across Britain to pray for peace on Sunday 21 September, coinciding with UN World Peace Day and the global call to prayer from the World Council of Churches.

Fundraising for St James



The roof has now gone on to the new church of St James and, hopefully, it will only be another six months before we can move back to our own home in Tiverton. There is now a greater focus on raising money for the internal re-fitting of the church. Many Coffee Mornings and similar parish events have been held over the last few years, and we are grateful for the hard work and generosity of those who have planned and those who have supported these occasions. A fundraising "Thermometer" has been placed in the entrance to St Andrew's Church to show the progress of our fundraising and donations so far. There is also a donations box at the top of the thermometer for any individual donations that you may like to give. Donations can also be made using the parish contactless machine. The Friends of St James and St Boniface, who plan fundraising and social events, meet next Saturday at 9.00am in St Andrew's Hall. Maybe you might consider coming along and giving your support to this important part of our parish life!

Fun Quiz Night

Fun Quiz Night will take place on Friday 19 September, 6.30 for 7.00pm start, in St Andrew's Hall. Teams can be up to six people, £5 per person. Tables need to be booked in advance, so please call Terry (07997 805475) or Siobhan (07522 338897). Bring your own drinks and nibbles. Proceeds will go towards the interior refurbishment of St James.

Diocesan Youth Rally

The Diocesan Youth Rally 2025, aimed at those aged 6-16 years, will take place on Saturday 20 September at St Rita's, Honiton, 12noon-6.00pm. Come as a team of 6 (over 12's or under 12's) or join a team at the rally itself. This is a fun way to meet others from across the Diocese, to have a go at some of the challenges and maybe to win a trophy. To book, go to: <https://forms.office.com/e/swtEZ0viqV>, and for further information, contact youth@prcdtr.org.uk.

Parish Diary

Saturday 6 September – Weekday

- Asian Tapas, 12noon-2.00pm, at 2 Blundell's Avenue, Tiverton, EX16 4DL
- Laudato Si' Group, 4.00pm, in St Andrew's Hall
- Vigil Mass at 6.00pm

Sunday 7 September – Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

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

Monday 8 September – The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

Tuesday 9 September – Weekday

- Holy Mass at 9.00am

Wednesday 10 September – Weekday

- Mass at 12noon (St Boniface)

Thursday 11 September – Weekday

- Holy Mass at 9.00am
- Confirmation Preparation at 7.00pm in St Boniface's Hall

Friday 12 September – Weekday

- Holy Mass at 9.00am *Kathleen Hatherley RIP (birth anniv)*

Saturday 13 September – St John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor

- 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 14 September – Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

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