

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

THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS **14 September 2025**



Parish Clergy:

Revd Canon Kristian Paver - Parish Priest
Revd Deacon Michael Tosh

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Season of Creation



The September Newsletter from the parish Laudato Si' Group is attached to the Newsletter. You are also invited to join in the Novena of Prayer to St Francis: <https://cafod.org.uk/pray/prayer-resources/novena-to-st-francis>, and to listen to an online talk by Bishop John Arnold on Peace with Creation this Sunday at 6.00pm: <https://www.lcsb.uk/seasonofcreation2025>.

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 this 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.



Fun Quiz Night

Fun Quiz Night will take place this Friday 19 September, 6.30 for 7.00pm start, in St Andrew's Hall. 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.

Home Mission Sunday

Next Sunday is Home Mission Sunday. There will be a retiring collection to support the work of the Evangelisation Office of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales.

Memory Bank at Tiverton Museum



The Memory Bank at Tiverton Museum takes place on the third Friday of the month from 2.00-3.30pm. It is a really informal set up, designed to encourage participants to reminisce and to share their memories over a cup of tea. The sessions are suitable for anyone who would like to share their memories, or just to listen to other people's, including, but not limited to, those living with mild to moderate dementia. Carers and family members are welcome to come along too.

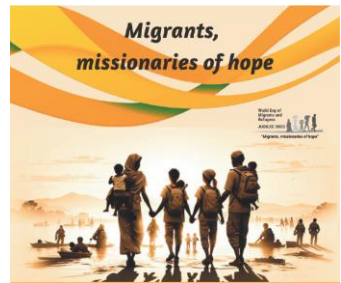
Each time the Museum provides objects and photos from its collection to prompt discussion. Sessions are run by volunteers and cost £3.00 per person (£2.50 for museum members), payable on arrival.

Diocesan Newsletter and Diocesan Youth Events Newsletter

The September Newsletter from the Diocese is available [here](#), and the latest Diocesan Youth Events Newsletter can be found [here](#).

Jubilee Online Event: Migrants, Missionaries of Hope

This Jubilee year, Pope Francis chose "*Migrants, missionaries of hope*" as the theme for the 111th World Day of Migrants and Refugees. As the Season of Creation draws to a close, on Thursday 25 September, 6.00-7.30pm, Caritas Plymouth invites you to join speakers from Caritas, CAFOD and the Ecological Conversion Group for an online event exploring how we can respond in faith to the challenges of forced migration, rooted in politics, conflict and climate change. The speakers will be John Paul de Quay (Ecological Conversion Group) on how our daily choices connect to environmental destruction, instability and migration; Richard Sloman (CAFOD, Bangladesh) on projects supporting vulnerable Bangladeshi migrants facing exploitation; and Alex Miranda (Caritas Plymouth) on *Love the Stranger*, the Bishops' blueprint for a faith-based welcome to those fleeing persecution and poverty. Together participants will explore how Catholic parishes can be catalysts for positive change, welcoming the stranger and promoting the common good. Registration is essential: <https://forms.office.com/e/xLCdVxiBAh>.



Fundraising for St James



The roof has now gone onto 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 regularly on a Saturday morning in St Andrew's Hall. They

next meet on Saturday 18 October at 9.00am. Maybe you could consider coming along and joining in this important part of parish life!

200 Club

Canon Kristian will make the draw for September 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.

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 13 September – St John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor

- Friends of St James and St Boniface at 9.00pm in St Andrew's Hall
- Vigil Mass at 6.00pm

Sunday 14 September – The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

- Holy Mass at 9.30am (St Boniface) *Joaquina Martins Neto RIP*
- Holy Mass at 11.30am *Pro Populo*

Monday 15 September – Our Lady of Sorrows

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

Tuesday 16 September – St Cornelius and St Cyprian, Martyrs

- Holy Mass at 9.00am
- Vigil for Peace in Gaza at 7.30pm

Wednesday 17 September – Weekday

- No Mass at St Boniface

Thursday 18 September – Weekday

- Holy Mass at 9.00am

Friday 19 September – St Theodore of Canterbury, Bishop

- Confessions and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 11.30am
- Holy Mass at 12noon
- Holy Rosary at 12.30pm
- Quiz Night at 7.00pm in St Andrew's Hall

Saturday 20 September – St Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, St Paul Chŏng Hasang and Companions, Martyrs

- Holy Baptism of Liam Apetrii at 11.30am
- Vigil Mass at 6.00pm

Sunday 21 September – Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

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