

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

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE **23 November 2025**



Parish Clergy:

Revd Canon Kristian Paver - Parish Priest
Revd Deacon Michael Tosh

Also resident in the Parish:

Revd Fr Paul Rea CRE (retired)
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Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation



At the 11.30am Mass this Sunday, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, we will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation with 17 of our wonderful young people. This is a moment of great grace and thanksgiving for our parish community, so do please keep these young people and their families in your prayers for this unique moment in their faith journeys.

Installation of Bishop Nicholas Hudson as Bishop of Plymouth

This coming week sees the arrival of our new Bishop. Bishop Nicholas will be installed at the next Bishop of Plymouth at a special Mass next Saturday at 12.30pm in the Cathedral. Although, due to the need to limit numbers because of the capacity of the Cathedral, this Mass is a ticketed event, it can be watched live on the Plymouth Catholic Cathedral YouTube channel. The evening before, there will be Sung Vespers with Bishop Nicholas, led by the Buckfast Abbey Choir, at 5.30pm in the Cathedral. This service is open to anyone who would like to attend. Prayer cards for Bishop Nicholas are available this weekend for those who would like them.

Vigil for Peace

A second Vigil for Peace in Palestine will be held in St Andrew's Church, Tiverton, this Tuesday, 25 November, at 7.30pm. A selection of Palestinian goods will be on sale to raise funds for the Charity Medical Aid for Palestinians.

November Prayers for the Dead

During the month of November, we traditionally pray more intensely for those who have died. A receptacle is placed in front of the altar in both our churches for the names of your family, friends and others who have died. These will be remembered by name during the Mass this Friday, 28 November, at 12noon at St Andrew's.

16 Days

Each year there is an international campaign against gender-based violence that runs from 25 November to 10 December. It aims to raise awareness, strengthen local work against violence, and develop new strategies to eliminate all forms of gender-based violence against women and girls. The campaign begins on the [International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women](#) and concludes on [Human Rights Day](#).

Pop-up Christmas Stall

There will be a stall in St Andrew's Hall this weekend with lots of interesting items for Christmas. Please drop by the hall after the Masses on Saturday evening and Sunday morning.

Scottish Brunch

Monika Manser is hosting a Scottish Brunch to celebrate St Andrew's Day on Monday, 1 December, 10.30am-12.30pm, in St Andrew's Hall, featuring Scottish cuisine including Lorne sausage in a roll, haggis on toast, porridge, tattie scones and oatcakes. A selection of homemade jams, jellies and chutneys will also be on sale. All proceeds will go towards the interior fittings for St James.



Thanks from Deacon Peter and Margaret

Deacon Peter had his operation last week. Everything went well, and he and Margaret would like to thank everyone for all their prayers and support.

Luxury Liberty Advent Calendar Raffle

A luxury reusable Liberty Advent Calendar filled with treats for all the family is being raffled. Tickets are £1 and the winner will be drawn after the Saturday evening Mass next weekend. All proceeds will go towards the interior refurbishment of St James Church.

Big Christmas Raffle

The tickets for the Big Christmas Raffle are now on sale. There are three impressive hampers to be won, filled with high quality produce and products from the Southwest. Tickets cost £5.00 each.

St Boniface Christmas Party

The annual Christmas Party held in St Boniface's Hall will take place on Saturday 13 December, 2.00-4.00pm. If you would like to take part, please put your name on the list at the entrance to St Boniface's church.

Christmas Tree Baubles

Tony and Ann Doble have been given a number of good quality Christmas tree decorations from Hillersdon House. They will be selling these after Sunday Mass at St Boniface. All proceeds will go to support the refurbishment of St James and the pending works on the church and presbytery at St Boniface.

Advent Retreat Day in Honiton

An Advent Retreat Day will take place in St Rita's, Honiton, on Saturday 6 December, led by Deacon Kelvin Russell and Fr Jose Romero OAR, entitled "From Captivity to Freedom: An Advent Journey of Hope". The charge for the day, including lunch, is £25.00. To register, please complete the application. You can contact St Rita's Centre by phone on 01404 42635, by email at admin@stritascentre.org, or register online via the website: <https://www.stritascentre.org/events-retreats-1/advent-retreat-day-from-captivity-to-freedom-an-advent-journey-of-hope>. Payment can be made in advance or on the day.

Christmas Carol Service

There will be a Christmas Carol Service on Friday 19 December at 7.30pm. Anyone who would like to join our group of singers is invited to come along to the rehearsals on Saturday mornings, 11.00am-12noon, in St Andrew's.

Parish Diary

Saturday 22 November – St Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr

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

Sunday 23 November – Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (c)

- Holy Mass at 9.30am (St Boniface) *Pro Populo*
- Holy Mass with the Sacrament of Confirmation at 11.30am

Monday 24 November – St Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest and Martyr, and his Companions

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

Tuesday 25 November – Weekday

- Holy Mass at 9.00am
- Monthly Lunch, 12noon-2.00pm, in St Andrew's Hall
- Tough Times Support Group (with mince pies!), 7.00pm, in St Boniface's Hall
- Peace Vigil for Palestine at 7.30pm

Wednesday 26 November– Weekday

- Holy Mass at 12noon (St Boniface)

Thursday 27 November – Weekday

- Holy Mass at 9.00am
- Half an Hour of Silent Prayer with St Ignatius at 12noon

Friday 28 November – Weekday

- Confessions and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 11.30am
- Holy Mass with Commemoration of Deceased Relatives and Friends at 12noon
- Prayer of the Holy Rosary at 12.30pm
- Sung Vespers with Bishop Nicholas, 5.30pm, in the Cathedral, Plymouth (open to all)

Saturday 29 November – St Cuthbert Mayne, Priest and Martyr

- Installation of Bishop Nicholas at 12.30pm, in the Cathedral, Plymouth (ticket only)
- Vigil Mass at 6.00pm

Sunday 30 November – First Sunday of Advent (A)

- Holy Mass at 9.30am (St Boniface) *Pro Populo*
- Holy Mass at 11.30am with Baptism of Jacob Green