

**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***

St James and St Boniface Parish is part of Plymouth Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust  
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**NEWSLETTER**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)**  
**7 December 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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[www.stjameschurchtiverton.org.uk](http://www.stjameschurchtiverton.org.uk)

**Facebook:** Parish of St James and  
St Boniface, Mid-Devon

**Parish Safeguarding Team**

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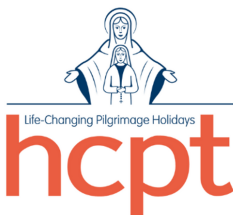
### **Advent "Walk with Me" and "Day by Day" Booklets**

A few copies of the "Walk with Me" and "Day by Day" booklets for Advent are still available this weekend. They are offered to you for free, so please do take copies with you. There are also booklets and calendars for children.

### **Special Installation Edition of the Diocesan Newsletter**

Following the Installation of Bishop Nicholas last Saturday, there is a special edition of the Diocesan Newsletter with pictures and stories of the celebration: <https://email.workwithgusto.co.uk/t/t-860B12BD0A8754D92540EF23F30FEDED>. All the addresses and homilies can be found on the [diocesan website](#).

### **HCPT Lourdes Pilgrimage 2026**



One of our young parishioners, Bonnie, is raising funds to pay for her participation as a helper on the HCPT Group 141 Pilgrimage to Lourdes next year. She is planning to do a sponsored walk up and down Exmouth Seafront five times on Sunday 28 December 2025, a distance of 10 miles in total. If you would like to sponsor her, please put your details on the sponsor form at the back of church.

### **Concert of Polish Carols**

The Polish Choir, Sounds for the Lord, is doing a tour of the UK which includes churches in our Diocese. They will be giving a Concert of Polish Carols at the Church of the Sacred Heart, South Street, Exeter, this Friday, 12 December, at 7.00pm and at the Church of Our Lady of the Assumption and St Mary Magdalene next Sunday, 14 December, at 5.30pm. Entry is free.

### **Feel Good Family Christmas Concert**

You are invited to join the CHAT team and the Take Note Community Choir for a joyful evening of festive music and singalongs to get you into the Christmas spirit next Friday, 12 December, at 6.45pm in St Paul's Church, Tiverton. Entry is free and refreshments will be available. You are encouraged to wear a festive jumper and to bring along a tin for the food collection if you can.

### **Parish Big Christmas Raffle**

The tickets for the Parish Big Christmas Raffle are on sale. There are three luxury hampers to be won, filled with high quality produce and products from the Southwest. The draw will be made next weekend. Tickets are £5.00 each.

### **Products and Gifts to support Medical Aid for Palestinians (MAP)**

Following our recent Vigil for Peace in Palestine, Zaytoun products and goods from the Palestinian territories will again be on sale after the Masses this weekend. Proceeds will go to support the charity Medical Aid for Palestinians.



### **Plymouth Diocesan Yearbooks 2026**

The new Plymouth Diocesan Yearbook is now available at the entrance to church, priced £5.00 each.

### **Silent Prayer with St Ignatius**

The monthly time of silent prayer with St Ignatius in St Andrew's Church will now be paused for a few months until the weather and church get warmer.

### **Parish Children's Christmas Party**

We will be holding our Christmas Party for all the children of our parish who are still are Primary School age or younger next Sunday, 14 December, 3.00-5.00pm, in St Andrew's Hall. For safety reasons, parents must remain on the premises whilst their children are at the party. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be available for the adults. Please sign up on the sheet at the entrance to church if your children are planning to take part or send an email to the parish office. All welcome.



### **St Boniface Christmas Party**

The annual Christmas Party held in St Boniface's Hall will take place next 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.

### **CHAT Newsletter**

The latest Newsletter from the Churches Housing Action Team (CHAT) is attached to this Newsletter and includes details about the Reverse Advent Calendar and Christmas food list. Please visit [www.chatmid.org/christmas2025](http://www.chatmid.org/christmas2025) for more information on either of these items and on the Christmas Appeal.

### **CAFOD World Gifts**

Why not donate a life-changing gift to those who are poorer in our world on behalf of a relative or friend this Christmas? CAFOD has a wide range of gifts, ranging from a Happy Queen Bee to a Community Water Supply. Please take a CAFOD World Gift Brochure with you this week if you have not already done so. The brochure also contains some stocking-filler ideas too.

### **Parish 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.

### **200 Club**

Canon Kristian will make the draw for December after the 6.00pm Mass this Saturday. If you would like one or more numbers in this parish fundraiser 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.

## November Parish Giving

Loose: £1007.02

Contactless: £402.00

Standing Order: £3572.02

## Residential for Teens

A residential weekend for teens, aged 13-17, will take place from 23-25 January at East Shallowford Farm on Dartmoor focussed on the theme of "I was a stranger and you invited me in" (Matthew 25:35). The residential is designed to give young people a chance to step back from the busyness of daily life, explore their faith, enjoy fellowship with others their age, and take part in guided reflection, prayer, and activities. They will be invited to explore the lives of people holding refugee and asylum seekers status in the UK. Upon listening to their stories, the young people will be able to form their own opinions and to decide what action they should take. A contribution of £50 per person to assist with costs is requested. For further information, contact Saskia at [youth@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:youth@prcdtr.org.uk).

## Parish Diary

### Saturday 6 December – St Nicholas, Bishop

- First Holy Communion Preparation at 10.00am in St John's School Hall
- St Andrew's Charity Coffee Morning, 10am-12noon in St Andrew's Hall
- Youth Club, 11.00am-12.30pm, in St Boniface's Hall
- Parish Laudato Si' Group at 4.00pm in St Andrew's Hall
- Vigil Mass at 6.00pm

### Sunday 7 December – Second Sunday of Advent (A)

- Holy Mass at 9.30am (St Boniface) *Pro Populo*
- Holy Mass at 11.30am *Victoria Moy and Family (ints)*

### Monday 8 December – The Immaculate Conception of Our Lady

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

### Tuesday 9 December – Advent Weekday

- Holy Mass at 9.00am

### Wednesday 10 December – Advent Weekday

- No Mass at St Boniface

### Thursday 11 December – Advent Weekday

- Holy Mass at 9.00am

### Friday 12 December – Advent Weekday

- Holy Mass at 9.00am *Geoffrey Xavier RIP*

### Saturday 13 December – St Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

- St Boniface Christmas Party, 2.00pm-4.00pm, in St Boniface's Hall
- Vigil Mass at 6.00pm

### Sunday 14 December – Third Sunday of Advent (A) – Gaudete Sunday

- Holy Mass at 9.30am (St Boniface) *Pro Populo*
- Holy Mass at 11.30am
- Parish Children's Christmas Party, 3.00pm-5.00pm, in St Andrew's Hall