

**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 BAPTISM OF THE LORD (A)
11 January 2025



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Pray with the Pope – New Initiative



In his January prayer intention – *For prayer with the Word of God* – Pope Leo XIV calls on the faithful to rediscover prayer as a source of hope. The Pope inaugurates his new monthly *Pray with the Pope* initiative not with a speech, but with a moment of prayer, emphasising a quieter, more contemplative way of communicating in an age marked by noise and distraction. From the Chapel of Saint Peregrine in the Vatican to the wider world, *Pray with the Pope* invites us to

share in a common moment of prayer with the Pope. A video in which the Holy Father presents this month's prayer intention and leads us in prayer can be viewed at: <https://youtu.be/s1CBCcEIkME>.

Unwanted Gifts Sale

Have you got any surplus gifts? Why not donate them to this sale for the internal furnishings of the new church building? Come and see what you can buy at the sale in the hall after the Masses at St Andrew's this weekend, 10 and 11 January.

Tough Times Support Group

The Tough Times Support Group will be merging their December and January meetings into one, to be held at 7.00pm this Tuesday, 13 January, at The Coach House, Hillersdon House, Cullompton EX15 1LS. This is about a mile outside Cullompton on the old Tiverton Road. The main gates are next door to Little Tom's Cottage. Press the intercom button to be let in.

Final Confirmation Session

It might feel like a long time since the beautiful celebration of Confirmation Mass in November, but there remains one final Confirmation session "What next?" for the newly confirmed. The session will take place in St Boniface's Hall this Thursday, 15 January, 7.00-9.00pm.

Dilexi Te – The Burning Heart of the Church's Mission

Join Caritas and CAFOD this Lent, on 21 February, 11.00am-4.00pm, Buckfast Abbey Conference Centre, for a diocesan day to reflect on Pope Leo XIV's powerful Apostolic Exhortation, *Dilexi Te*, which calls us to return to the Gospel and reminds us that love of the poorest of our sisters and brothers is part of the "burning heart of the Church's mission". Hear from inspirational speakers: Rt Revd Nicholas Hudson, Bishop of Plymouth, Christine Allen, CAFOD Director, Raymond Friel OBE, CSAN Chief Executive Officer, Fr. Richard Finn OP, University of Oxford. Bishop Nicholas will open the day and also close the day by presiding at Mass. [Click here to register](#) or email: caritas@prcdtr.org.uk.

Towards a Synodal Church – Conversations in the Spirit

How do we listen to each other well? How do we step back from our own agendas to be attentive to where the Spirit is moving? How can we make better decisions about organising ourselves as Christian communities? How do we enrich our parish communal life with enriching conversations? The Synod process has emphasised the importance of listening and good conversations in our community life. However, these are not always so easy in practice! Blessed Sacrament Exeter is hosting a one-day face-to-face training workshop with Fr Matthew Nunes, Director of the School for Synodality. This Conversations in the Spirit Workshop will run on Saturday 21 February and will introduce the principles of holding prayerful, truthful and safe conversations which value gracious listening and courageous speaking. It is suitable for all levels of experience, including people who have not been involved in the Synod process so far. All parishioners from across the diocese are very welcome to attend. Please email exeter_heavitree@prcdtr.org.uk to let them know you're coming. They are asking for a contribution of just £10 per person to cover costs - pay on the day. Please bring a packed lunch! 9:30am tea and coffee for a 10.00am start, 3:30pm finish, at the Richard Reynolds Centre, Blessed Sacrament Church, 29 Fore Street, Heavitree, EX1 2QJ.



200 Club

Canon Kristian will make the draw for January 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. Those parishioners who pay their annual subscriptions at this time of year are reminded to do so. You can either pay by cash or cheque and give it to Simon Coombs or Margaret Found or pay by card on the machine at the back of Church.

Plymouth Diocesan Yearbooks 2026

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

Reader and Extraordinary Minister Rotas

A reminder to the readers and extraordinary ministers at St Andrew's to sign up on the rotas at the back of church behind the hymnbook stand. Thank you.

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.

Parish Diary

Saturday 10 January – Weekday of Christmas after Epiphany

- Friends of St James and St Boniface at 9.00am in St Andrew's Hall
- Laudato Si' Group at 4.00pm in St Andrew's Hall
- Vigil Mass at 6.00pm

Sunday 11 January – The Baptism of the Lord (A)

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

First Week In Ordinary Time (A)

Monday 12 January – Weekday

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

Tuesday 13 January – Weekday

- Holy Mass at 9.00am
- Tough Times Support Group at 7.00pm at The Coach House, Hillersdon House, Cullompton, EX15 1LS

Wednesday 14 January – Weekday

- Holy Mass at 12noon (St Boniface)

Thursday 15 January – Weekday

- Holy Mass at 9.00am
- Final Confirmation Session, 7.00-9.00pm, in St Boniface's Hall

Friday 16 January – Weekday

- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions at 11.30am
- Holy Mass at 12noon
- Prayer of the Holy Rosary at 12.30pm
- Society of St Vincent de Paul at 12.45pm

Saturday 17 January – St Anthony, Abbot

- First Holy Communion Preparation, 10.00am, in St John's School Hall
- Youth Club, 11.00am-12.30pm, in St Boniface's Hall
- Vigil Mass at 6.00pm

Sunday 18 January – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

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