

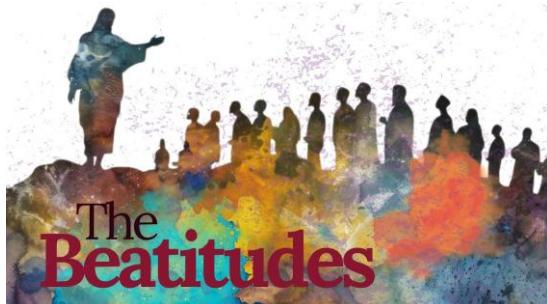
**PARISH OF ST JAMES at ST ANDREW'S & ST BONIFACE
with St John's Catholic Primary School & Pre-School Academy**

The Catholic Community in the Heart of Mid Devon

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NEWSLETTER

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) 1 February 2025



Parish Clergy:

Revd Canon Kristian Paver - Parish Priest

Revd Deacon Michael Tosh

St James at St Andrew's

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Racial Justice Sunday

This Sunday, 1 February, is Racial Justice Sunday and the theme this year is: "Whoever loves God must also love his brother" (1 John 4:21): *Promoting Racial Justice in our Parishes*. Click [here](#) to watch a short video message from Bishop Paul McAleenan, from the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales: "In the family of the Church and in society, there are people from every nation and race. All are important and wonderfully made. The central commandment is to love. True love recognises the value of everyone." Let us today commit to love our neighbours from every nation and every race.

Children from St John's School

This weekend we have the great joy of welcoming some children from St John's School, who will be taking a leading role at the 11.30am Mass - welcoming, reading the Scriptures and the Prayer of the Faithful, bringing up the offertory gifts and playing some of the music.

Knitting for the Catholic Children's Society



Do you love knitting? Over the last few years, parishioners from a number of parishes across the diocese, including the Assumption of Our Lady in Torquay and Our Lady of Lourdes and St Cecilia in Blandford Forum, have knitted beautiful baby blankets, cardigans, hats, booties, mittens and teddy bears. Thanks to these kind, wonderful knitters, the CCSP has posted many small bundles of knitted garments to families who apply for an Essential Grant because they don't have the funds

to pay for some of the basic essentials for their babies, such as cots and mattresses, single and double pushchairs, baby monitors, baby clothes, travel systems, highchairs, car seats, sterilisers, electric breast pumps, changing bags and bottles, nappies and wipes. The Society has received some wonderful feedback from parents.

If you enjoy knitting and would like to help families of all faiths and none, please do get in touch with our Essential Grants Manager by calling 01364 645424 or by emailing vicki.dunstone@ccsplymouth.org.uk.

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". 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.

Soul of the City Gospel Choir Concert

CHAT is hosting an uplifting gospel concert with the Soul of the City Gospel Choir filled with soul, harmonies and powerful melodies on Saturday 7 February at St Peter's Anglican Church in Tiverton. It promises to be a joyful evening to raise vital funds for CHAT's work supporting people across Mid Devon. Tickets cost £15 per person and are available from www.bit.ly/soullofthecityconcert.

Parish Palestinian Supper

A Parish Palestinian Supper of food, storytelling and music will be held on Tuesday 3 March from 7.00pm. Tickets will soon go on sale at a proposed £10 per person. Any profits from the evening will be sent on to the charity Medical Aid for Palestine. Volunteers are needed to help. Contact Sally Chapman, Mary Ryan, Brigid Tosh, Monika Manser or Barbara Hodgeson.

Towards a Synodal Church – Conversations in the Spirit

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 are hosting a one-day training workshop with Fr Matthew Nunes, Director of the School for Synodality. This workshop will run on Saturday 21 February and introduce the principles of holding prayerful, truthful and safe conversations which value gracious listening and courageous speaking. 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 £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.

Lent Day Retreat

A Lent Day Retreat led by Fr Robbie Low will take place at St Rita's Centre, Honiton, on Saturday 21 February 2026, entitled "The Sacrament of Liberation". The charge for the day, including lunch, is £25.00. To register, please complete the application form or register online via our website: <https://www.stritascentre.org/events-retreats-1/lent-retreat-day-the-sacrament-of-liberation>. You can contact St Rita's Centre by phone at 01404 42635 or by email at admin@stritascentre.org.

Inspire 2026

Diocesan Youth Events would like to welcome young people aged 13-25 to Inspire 2026 which will take place at Buckfast Abbey on Saturday 14 March, 11.00am-6.00pm. Inspire is a festival of musicians, speakers and workshops encouraging young people to explore how Christ is rooted in their lives. Details on the bands, speakers and workshop will be released over the coming week. Tickets are £30 per person, and Under 18's must be accompanied by an

adult. For further information contact Saskia or Ruby: youth@prcdtr.org.uk or to book go to [Inspire 2026 Parish Booking Form – Fill in form](#).

GATHER Conference 2026

The annual GATHER conference will be taking place between 20-22 March at the Livermead Cliff Hotel in Torquay. This year's theme is: 'I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live', and the speakers include Avril Baigent (School for Synodality) and Fleur Dorrell (The God who Speaks). Pauline Books will be bringing a selection of their excellent range for people to peruse and buy, and you can expect a warm welcome and a wonderful weekend of faith, formation and friendship. Bishop Nicholas will be coming to journey together synodally with the other participants. The Booking Form is attached to the newsletter or can be obtained by emailing plymouthgather@yahoo.com.

Parish Diary

Saturday 31 January – St John Bosco, Priest

- Youth Club, 11.00am-12.30pm, in St Boniface's Hall
- Vigil Mass at 6.00pm

Sunday 1 February – Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

- Holy Mass at 9.30am (St Boniface) *Pro Populo*
- Holy Mass at 11.30am *Karol Marynczak (birthday ints)*

Monday 2 February – The Presentation of the Lord

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

Tuesday 3 February – Weekday

- Holy Mass at 9.00am
- Requiem Mass for Ruby Whitton at 12.30pm (St Boniface)

Wednesday 4 February – Weekday

- No Mass at St Boniface

Thursday 5 February – St Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

- Requiem Mass for Bridget Beales at 11.30am

Friday 6 February – St Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs

- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions at 11.30am
- Holy Mass at 12noon
- Prayer of the Holy Rosary at 12.30pm

Saturday 7 February – Weekday

- First Holy Communion Preparation at 10.00am in St John's School Hall
- Parish Laudato Si' Group at 4.00pm in St Andrew's Hall
- Vigil Mass at 6.00pm

Sunday 8 February – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

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