

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

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

18 January 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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Peace Sunday

The Bishops of England and Wales invite us to keep this Sunday as a day of prayer for world peace. For his message for the 59th World Day of Prayer for Peace, Pope Leo has chosen the theme: *Peace be with you all: Towards an 'unarmed and disarming' peace*. This is a daunting goal in the light of the widespread belief that we must be armed, even with nuclear weapons, to protect ourselves. Both Pope Leo and a recent statement from our own Bishops' Conference of England and Wales ([Called to be Peacemakers](#)) indicate that peace should not rely on fear, threats or weapons. Peace should have the capacity to resolve conflicts and open hearts through mutual understanding and hope. The phrase '*Peace be with you*' is an integral part of our Liturgy in each Mass. We are all invited to be peacemakers. Let us start in our own hearts, asking forgiveness, and praying that we will be people of peace in a world of violence.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – One Body, One Spirit



The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity runs from this Sunday, 18 January to next Sunday, 25 January. For 2026, the [daily prayers and reflections](#) have been prepared by the faithful of the Armenian Apostolic Church, along with their brothers and sisters of the Armenian Catholic and Evangelical Churches. These resources draw upon centuries-old traditions of prayer and petitions used by the Armenian people, along with hymns that originated in the ancient monasteries and churches of Armenia, some of which date as far back as the fourth century. The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2026 extends an invitation to draw upon this shared Christian heritage and to delve more deeply into our fellowship in Christ, which unites Christians worldwide.

Ephesians 4:4 summarises the teachings of Paul about unity, emphasising here, too, that the followers of Christ represent 'one body and one Spirit', united in a single hope. This metaphor signifies the Church as a unified entity transcending barriers of geography, nationality, ethnicity and tradition.

200 Club

Congratulations to Mike Ingersent who won the £30 prize and to Teresa Cork who won the £20 prize in the January draw. Those parishioners who pay their annual subscriptions at this time of year are reminded to do. 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.

December Parish Giving

Loose: £1670.23

Contactless: £613.00

Standing Order: £3272.50

January Diocesan Newsletter

The January Diocese of Plymouth Newsletter is now available at this link: <https://email.workwithgusto.co.uk/t/t-562C2F808AB4C5622540EF23F30FEDED>.

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 are 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.

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.

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 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

Monday 19 January – St Wulstan, Bishop

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

Tuesday 20 January – Weekday

- Holy Mass at 9.00am

Wednesday 21 January – St Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

- Holy Mass at 12noon (St Boniface)

Thursday 22 January – Weekday

- Holy Mass at 9.00am

Friday 23 January – Weekday

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

Saturday 24 January – St Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor

- Vigil Mass at 6.00pm

Sunday 25 January – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

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