

**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

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)
25 January 2025



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

The Week of Prayer for Christian, which concludes this Sunday, extends an invitation to draw upon our shared Christian heritage and to delve more deeply into our fellowship in Christ, which unites Christians worldwide. A United Service will be held at St Peter's Anglican Church this Sunday at 6.30pm.

Bishop Nicholas' Visit to the Holy Land

To find out more about Bishop Nicholas' recent visit to the Holy Land as part of the Holy Land Coordination, to read the Final Communiqué and listen to him and others who have recorded important messages for us to hear, go to <https://mailchi.mp/cbcew/latest-from-the-catholic-bishops-conference-of-england-and-wales-1634814?e=d8f68b8f38>.

Holocaust Memorial Day



This Tuesday, 27 January, is Holocaust Memorial Day, with the theme [*Bridging Generations*](#), which highlights the crucial role of the next generation in preserving the memory of the Holocaust and carrying it forward. It highlights the power of intergenerational dialogue – of listening to those who came

before us and of sharing those stories with those who come after. In doing so, we don't just preserve memory – we connect it to the present. Genocide doesn't discriminate by age: infants, children, adults and the elderly have all experienced unimaginable suffering in different ways. In many cases, entire family lines were erased. *Bridging Generations* invites us to honour each life – and honour those who left no family to carry their legacy – whose legacies live on not through bloodlines but through books, films and other interpretations.

On Holocaust Memorial Day, we remember. We remember the horrific events that destroyed countless lives. We remember the unimaginable suffering and heartache. We remember so that we may truly be formed by what has happened.

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/soulofthecityconcert.

Caritas Newsletter and Modern Slavery Newsletter

To read news of love in action around our diocese and upcoming events and dates, please click: <https://tinyurl.com/583wpdn7>. Last year, Caritas produced a special newsletter for each of the Jubilee themes. The final Jubilee Year newsletter on modern day slavery was postponed to coincide with the feast of St Bakhita, patron of victims of modern slavery and human trafficking. To read it, click <https://tinyurl.com/3vzefdv2>.

Parish Monthly Lunch

The Parish Monthly Lunch will take place this coming Tuesday, 27 January, 12noon-2.00pm, in St Andrew's Hall in Tiverton. Come along and enjoy some delicious homemade soups and puddings, in the warm and welcoming company of others. All welcome.

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.

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, 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.

Plymouth Diocesan Yearbooks 2026

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

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 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
- United Christian Service at 6.30pm in St Peter's Anglican Church, Tiverton.

Monday 26 January – St Timothy and St Titus, Bishops

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

Tuesday 27 January – Weekday – Holocaust Memorial Day

- Holy Mass at 9.00am
- Monthly Lunch, 12noon-2.00pm, in St Andrew's Hall

Wednesday 28 January – St Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor

- No Mass

Thursday 29 January – Weekday

- Holy Mass at 9.00am

Friday 30 January – Weekday

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

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)*