

**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

**FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)**  
**8 February 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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### **Day for Victims of Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery**

On this Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Church also marks the feast day of Saint Josephine Bakhita, the patron saint of victims of human trafficking and modern slavery. We are invited to pray for those who suffer as a result of human trafficking through being bought, sold, transported into slavery for sexual exploitation, domestic servitude or forced labour; to pray for those who offer pastoral support to victims who have suffered psychological damage from their traumatic experiences; and to pray for all agencies working in collaboration to combat human trafficking.

### **National Marriage Week**

National Marriage Week runs from 7-14 February, during which we are invited to reflect on the central role marriage and family life play in our Church and in wider society. Please pray for married couples, those discerning or preparing for marriage, those who are suffering in their marriages and those who are grieving, especially in the coming week. A special National Marriage Week Novena can be found here <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/marriage-week-novena-26/>.

### **Palms for Ashes**

If you have any palm crosses at home, please bring them into church before next weekend, so that they can be burnt to make ashes for the Imposition of the Ashes during Mass on Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, on Wednesday 18 February.

### **Reception into Full Communion with the Church**

It is with great joy that we will welcome Terry Starkey into full communion with the Catholic Church during the 11.30am Mass next Sunday. Terry has been a familiar figure at Mass with his wife, Elizabeth, for many years, and actively supports the parish community in a number of different ways. Please keep Terry in your prayers as he prepares for this important occasion next Sunday.

### **Products for Dignity - Household Cleaning Products for CHAT**

As one of the themes of Lent is that of cleansing and purification, the Friends of St James and St Boniface thought that it would be appropriate that we should focus our Lenten support for CHAT on asking parishioners to bring offerings of household cleaning products, such as polish, washing powder/pods, softener, cleaning sprays, sponges, tea clothes, dusters, toilet cleaner, bleach, bin bags etc. The Foodbank has a great need of these things, which are essential to enable individuals and families to clean their accommodation and their clothes, both external acts which recognise and enhance the dignity of every person. The cleaning **Products for Dignity** collection will start on Ash Wednesday and last the full 40 days of Lent. Please leave donations at the back of church.

### **Cullompton Street and School Pastors**

The School and Street Pastor Trustees are holding their AGM on 23 February at 7.00pm in St Boniface's Hall. Any parishioners who would like to know more about what Cullompton Street Pastors do are invited to come along.

### **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 have knitted beautiful baby blankets, cardigans, hats, booties, mittens and teddy bears. 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](mailto:vicki.dunstone@ccsplymouth.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 this coming 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](http://www.bit.ly/soulofthecityconcert).

### **Parish Palestinian Supper**

A Palestinian-themed Supper and Social Evening will be held on Tuesday 3 March from 7.00pm. Tickets will be on sale shortly. Meanwhile volunteers will be needed to help with selling tickets and the evening, setting up tables, help in the Kitchen perhaps even preparing food. If you would like to help contact: Monika Manser, Sally Chapman, Bridget Tosh, Barbara Hodgeson or Mary Ryan.

### **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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:plymouthgather@yahoo.com).

### **Parish Diary**

#### **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

#### **Monday 9 February – Weekday**

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

#### **Tuesday 10 February – St Scholastica, Virgin**

- Holy Mass at 9.00am *Gerhard Henzel RIP*

#### **Wednesday 11 February – Our Lady of Lourdes**

- Holy Mass at 12noon (St Boniface)

#### **Thursday 12 February – Weekday**

- Holy Mass at 9.00am

#### **Friday 13 February – Weekday**

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

#### **Saturday 14 February – St Cyril, Monk, and St Methodius, Bishop, Patrons of Europe**

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

#### **Sunday 15 February – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)**

- Holy Mass at 9.30am (St Boniface) *Pro Populo*
- Holy Mass at 11.30am with Reception into Full Communion with the Catholic Church of Terry Starkey