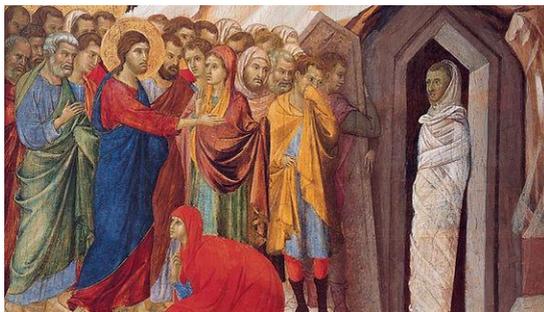


PARISH OF ST JAMES at ST ANDREW'S & ST BONIFACE
with St John's Catholic Primary School & Pre-School Academy
The Catholic Community in the Heart of Mid Devon

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NEWSLETTER

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT **22 March 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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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 - washing up liquid and scourers, kitchen/bathroom/toilet cleaner, cleaning cloths and dusters, washing powder or capsules and laundry softener. 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 last the full 40 days of Lent. Please leave donations at the back of church.

Lent Talks on Zoom

Fr Mark Skelton is opening up his parish Lent Talks based on the parables of Jesus on Zoom to anyone across the diocese who would like to take part. The Meeting ID is 895 7188 9251 and the Password is 125755. The final talk takes place this Thursday, 26 March, 7.00pm, Mr Simon Giarchi - The Parable of the Sheep and the Goats.

Eggcellent Easter Raffle

Friends of St James and St Boniface are running an Easter raffle. Tickets are now on sale. Any donations for the raffle can be left in the basket at church; we hope to expand the hamper currently on display. All proceeds to the refurbishment of the new church.

Lent Station Masses with Bishop Nicholas

Throughout Lent, Bishop Nicholas will be celebrating Station Masses across our diocese. The idea of the Station Mass originated in Rome in the time of Pope Gregory the Great and continues to the present: daily Lenten Masses are held at forty different, "station" (from the Latin "statio" for outpost) churches around the city. The next Station Mass in our deanery will take place in St Mary's Church, Barnstaple, this Tuesday 24 March at 7.00pm.



Vigil for Peace

The next Vigil for Peace will be held this Tuesday 24 March, 7.00pm, at St Andrew's Church in Tiverton. As previously, the time of vigil will still focus on peace in Palestine but, as the conflict in the Middle East escalates, there will also be a wider intention of pray for peace throughout the world.

Parish Monthly Lunch

Our Parish Monthly Lunch takes place this Tuesday, 24 March, 12noon-2.00pm, in St Andrew's Hall. Come along and enjoy some delicious homemade soups and desserts, all within a warm and welcoming atmosphere!

Confessions

In addition to the usual time on Friday, 11.30am-12noon, there will be an additional time to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance this week on Thursday, 6.30-7.30pm, in St Andrew's.

Ladies' Clothes Swish

Friends of St James and St Boniface are holding a Ladies' Clothes Swish on Saturday 11 April, 10.00am-12noon in St Andrews Hall. Pay £10 and fill a shopping bag from the ladies' clothes and accessories on display. Additional bags will cost £10 each. Tea, coffee and cake will be available. We are now collecting donations of ladies' clothes and accessories. These can be left in St Andrew's Hall. All clothes must be clean and in a saleable condition. Proceeds to the refurbishment of the new church.

Contemplative Retreat

An Introduction to the Gries Path of Prayer, as well as an opportunity for a short retreat for those familiar with this way of prayer, will take place at St Rita's Centre, Honiton, 20-24 April. For further details, contact the retreat co-ordinator Paddy Rylands at paddyrylands@gmail.com.

Time for a Spring Clean?

It's that time of year when we start to look forward to the longer evenings and look to dust off the cobwebs of the Winter months by having a good Spring Clean. Did you know that you can donate your unwanted items through the Catholic Children's Society's Orange Box recycling scheme and turn clutter into cash for a very good cause? In 2025, the Orange Boxes raised a staggering £35,216.51

Items that can be put into the Orange Box include:

Stamp collections, first day covers or old envelopes and postcards pre-1950; **Coins and banknotes** – any and all, old and new, from all over the world, obsolete or otherwise; **Precious metals** including broken jewellery, old trophies, gold, silver etc; **Metals including ornaments**, metal toys, keys and locks, metal cutlery – any age and any condition; **Costume jewellery**; **Medals**; **Small antiques and collectibles**; **Watches** – digital, quartz or manual wind – working or not; **Any Catholic religious memorabilia** such as rosaries, crucifixes, medals etc. **You can recycle your old ink cartridges** through the ink cartridge recycling boxes which also raised almost **£400** for the Children's Society and saved 27.57kg from landfill last year. Both boxes can be found in St Boniface's Hall.



Young People's Weekend

A Residential Weekend, "Go make disciples of all nations", at Heatree Outdoor Activity Centre on Dartmoor will take place from 15-17 May. The weekend is open to those aged 9-12 (school years 5-7). Whilst enjoying high ropes and raft building (amongst other activities), young people will have the chance to explore the Sunday readings through discussion, crafts and games. Cost £90. To book, follow the link: [Heatree 2026 15th-17th May – Fill in form](#). For further information, email Saskia or Ruby at youth@prcdtr.org.uk.

February Parish Giving

Loose: £1063.75

Contactless: £220.00

Standing Orders: £3175.00

Parish Diary

Saturday 21 March – Lent Weekday

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

Sunday 22 March – Fifth Sunday of Lent

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

Monday 23 March – Lent Weekday

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

Tuesday 24 March – Lent Weekday

- Holy Mass at 9.00am
- Monthly Lunch, 12noon-2.00pm, in St Andrew's Hall
- Peace Vigil at 7.00pm
- Station Mass at St Mary's, Barnstaple, at 7.00pm

Wednesday 25 March – The Annunciation of the Lord

- **No** Mass at St Boniface

Thursday 26 March – Lent Weekday

- Holy Mass at 9.00am
- Confessions, 6.30-7.30pm, at St Andrew's

Friday 27 March – Lent 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 28 March – Lent Weekday

- First Holy Communion Preparation at 10.00am in St John's School Hall

HOLY WEEK

- Vigil Mass at 6.00pm

Clocks Go Forward One Hour

Sunday 22 March – Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (A)

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