

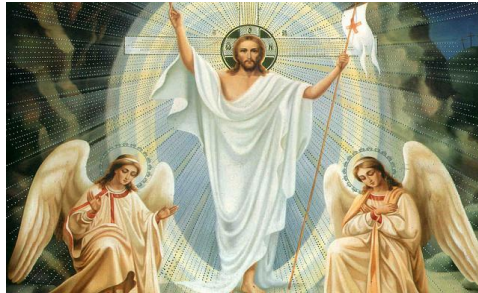
**PARISH OF ST JAMES at ST ANDREW'S & ST BONIFACE**  
**with St John's Catholic Primary School & Pre-School Academy**  
*The Catholic Community in the Heart of Mid Devon*

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## NEWSLETTER

**Easter Sunday**  
**5 April 2026**



### **Parish Clergy:**

Revd Canon Kristian Paver - Parish Priest  
Revd Deacon Michael Tosh

Also resident in the Parish:  
Revd Fr Paul Rea CRE (retired)  
Revd Deacon Peter Found (retired)

### **Parish Secretary:** Vacant

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### **Parish Safeguarding Team**

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## Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

**Χριστός Ανέστη** (Christos Anesti) – Christ is risen!

**Αληθώς Ανέστη** (Alithos Anesti) – He is risen indeed!

To this day, Eastern Christians continue to use the ancient greeting of Easter. To the acclamation: **Christ is risen!**, the joyful reply is given: **He is risen indeed.** In more recent years, the Christians of the West have recovered this ancient tradition as a practice which emphasises the importance and centrality of the resurrection of Christ for us as individuals and as a Christian community, and for the whole world. The resurrection is the foundation and the source of our hope of new life; Christ has conquered the powers of darkness, sin and death. The Light of Christ is unquenchable and eternal!

## Pray with the Pope his Intention for April



In the life of the Church, priests are called to accompany, support and serve their communities. But they themselves can go through difficult moments in which they need closeness and support. With this in mind, Pope Leo XIV, in his prayer intention for the month of April, invites us to pray for priests experiencing a crisis, that they might experience the

nearness of God and his people, and rediscover hope and joy in their vocation. In this month's intention, the Holy Father thinks especially of priests *"when loneliness weighs heavily, when doubt clouds their hearts, and when exhaustion seems stronger than hope."* He prays that they might rediscover that *"they are not mere functionaries or lonely heroes, but beloved sons...and pastors sustained by the prayer of their people."* Likewise, he invites the entire community to care for them through being near, sincere listening, and constant prayer, recognizing that they too need to be supported on their journey: <https://www.popesprayer.va/praywiththepope/>.

## Good Friday Collection for the Holy Places

The situation of Christians in the Holy Land, in Gaza and in the occupied West Bank, is even more desperate this year, so please be as generous as you can to the traditional Good Friday retiring collection for the Holy Places, our annual offering to support them.

## Blessing of Easter Food

The Central and Eastern European traditional blessing of Easter Food and Easter Baskets will take place in both St Andrew's and St Boniface's at 12noon on Holy Saturday.

### **Easter Raffle Winners**

Congratulations to the winners of the Easter Draw: Barbara Gorlo, Barbara Hodgson and Peter Vanstone!

### **Holy Thursday "New Commandment" Collection for CHAT**

Many thanks to all those who contributed to our Holy Thursday "New Commandment of Love" Collection for CHAT. Four trolley-loads of food were taken to the Food Bank and a money collection of almost £1000 was also donated!

### **Tough Times Support Group**

The Tough Times Support Group will be meeting in St Andrew's Hall, Tiverton on this Tuesday, 7 April, at 7.00pm. If you are going through a challenging time at the moment or still struggling with something from the past, please come along, experience a warm welcome and find some support. Those who take part greatly value it, not only the meetings themselves, but also the ongoing support and care through the connected WhatsApp group.

### **Ladies' Clothes Swish**



Friends of St James and St Boniface are holding a Ladies' Clothes Swish next Saturday 11 April, 10.00am-12noon, in St Andrew's Hall. Pay £10 and fill a shopping bag from the ladies' clothes and accessories on display. Additional bags are

£10 each. Bags provided on entry. Tea, coffee and cake will be available. The last date for clothing and accessory donations is Friday 10 April. All clothes must be clean and in a saleable condition. ALL WELCOME and all proceeds to the refurbishment of the new church.

### **CHAT Aviva Community Fundraiser**

CHAT is currently raising funds through the Aviva Community Fund to provide money and debt advice to people across Mid Devon. This funding allows CHAT to offer practical, one-to-one support to people who come every day to CHAT with overwhelming financial pressure. With early advice, families can avoid court action, eviction and mounting debt. Until Saturday 18 April donations are being matched through the Aviva Community Fund. Every £1 that is donated is doubled. Any donation, however small, makes a difference! Please go to <https://communitiesfund.avivafoundation.org.uk/p/early-help-money-advice-before-crisis> to make a donation.



### **Catholic Children's Society Newsletter**

The latest edition of the Catholic Children's Society Newsletter, "Children First", is available this weekend. Please take one with you.

## 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](mailto:youth@prcdtr.org.uk).

## Marriage Support

From relationships that are 'Just in a Rut', needing some refreshment or more serious issues, if you are open to try again, *Retrouvaille* could be the solution. *Retrouvaille* has helped thousands of couples get their relationship back on track as they rediscovered hope and trust in the marriage. To find out more, go to [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk) or call 07973 380443.

## Parish Diary

### Saturday 4 April – Holy Saturday

- Office of Readings and Morning Prayer at 9.00am
- Blessing of Easter Food at 12noon at St Andrew's and St Boniface
- The Easter Vigil at 8.00pm

### Sunday 5 April – Easter Sunday

- Holy Mass at 9.30am (St Boniface) *Pro Populo*
- Holy Mass at 11.30am *Filip Szpara (18<sup>th</sup> birthday ints)*

### Monday 6 April – Easter Monday

- NO Singing to Remember

### Tuesday 7 April – Easter Tuesday

- Holy Mass at 9.00am *Chrissie Doyle RIP (anniv)*

### Wednesday 8 April – Easter Wednesday

- NO Mass at St Boniface

### Thursday 9 April – Easter Thursday

- Holy Mass at 9.00am *Peter Moy RIP (anniv)*

### Friday 10 April – Easter Friday

- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 11.30am
- Holy Mass at 12noon *Deirdre Anderson RIP*
- Prayer of the Holy Rosary at 12.30pm

### Saturday 11 April – Easter Saturday

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

### Sunday 12 April – Second Sunday of Easter – Divine Mercy Sunday

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