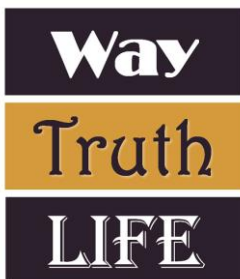
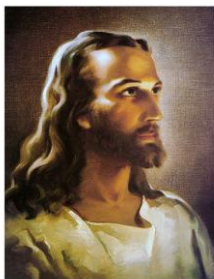


PARISH OF ST JAMES at ST ANDREW'S & ST BONIFACE
with St John's Catholic Primary School & Pre-School Academy
The Catholic Community in the Heart of Mid Devon

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NEWSLETTER

Fifth and Sixth Sundays of Easter
3 and 10 May 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)

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Day of Prayer for Victim-Survivors of Abuse

This Tuesday, 5 May, the Church marks the Day of Prayer for Victim – Survivors of abuse. This day is an opportunity to remember and pray for all those who have experienced abuse, to reflect on the lasting impact of harm, and to show that the Church stands alongside victim-survivors with compassion, support, and hope. An article from the Safeguarding Office together with a prayer from Fr Mark Skelton, the Clergy Lead for Safeguarding, is attached to the Newsletter.

Pope's Prayer Intention for May

The Holy Father's intention for the month of May is that everyone might have food: *Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.* You can pray together with Pope Leo by going to: <https://www.popesprayer.va/praywiththepope/>.

World Communications Day Retiring Collection

Sunday 17 May, the Seventh Sunday of Easter, is World Communications Day. There will be a retiring collection at the Masses that weekend to support the communications ministry for the Bishops of England and Wales in spreading the Gospel at the national level.

God's Wild Acre Project

Diocesan Caritas invites you to take part in a new project – God's Wild Acre. Do you have a little space in your garden, a window box, or any area you can give to encourage nature to do what it does best? They would like to reach an acre of land that has been set aside to celebrate creation's wild growing. Please send them your stories, images and size of your plot so that they can share them on the diocesan media streams: caritas@prcdtr.org.uk.

Parish Coffee Morning

Our next Coffee Morning will take place in St Andrew's Hall, Tiverton, next Saturday, 9 May, 10.00am-12noon. We look forward to seeing you there for tea or coffee and some delicious cake!

Parish Bingo Evening

On Friday 15 May, from 7.00-9.00pm, we will be holding a parish bingo evening. Come along, have some fun and raise funds at the same time for our new church in Tiverton. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided. There will also be a raffle. Any donations for the raffle prizes, especially bottles of wine and other alcoholic drinks would be much appreciated and can be left at church.

Parish Palestinian Support Group

An open meeting of the Parish Palestinian Support Group to reflect on what is now needed and could be done by the group will take place on either 19 May or, more likely, 2 June.

Statement of Archbishop Bernard Longley

Following the stabbing of two Jewish men in London this week, Archbishop Bernard Longley, the Chair of the Bishops' Conference Department for Dialogue and Unity, issued a Statement condemning antisemitism. The Statement is attached to the Newsletter.

Diocesan Vacancy: Communications Officer

The Diocese is looking for a creative, hands-on Communications Officer to lead and deliver engaging communications across Devon, Cornwall and Dorset. This role will support the Diocese in telling the Church's story, demonstrating Catholic witness and highlighting the Church's contribution to society across our three counties. This varied role combines strategy and delivery, taking ownership of digital content, social media, newsletters and website communications, and working closely with the Bishop, clergy, staff and parish communities to ensure messaging is clear, timely and aligned with the Diocese's mission. This role requires a self-motivated and experienced communications professional, ideally with not-for-profit experience, who understands and supports the values of the Catholic Church and can engage a wide and diverse audience. Please note that this role also requires travel across the Diocese and so a driving licence and access to a personal vehicle is essential.

35 hours a week (a request for slightly reduced hours is welcome), based at St Boniface House, Ashburton, Newton Abbot, TQ13 7JL, with regular attendance at Cathedral House, 45 Cecil Street, Plymouth, PL1 5HW, plus some out of hours work. Salary: £45,000-£49,000 per annum, depending on experience. The closing date for applications is Monday 11 May 2026 at 12noon. For more information and/or an application form, please contact Avocet Commercial Careers at sophia@avocetlegal.co.uk or phone 01392 642518.

Diocesan Vacancy: Executive Assistant to the Bishop

The Diocese is recruiting an Executive Assistant, working 35 hours a week, based at Bishop's House, Plymouth, to provide high-level organisational and administrative support to the Bishop, enabling him to fulfil his mission and ministry across the Diocese. This will entail proactively dealing with all administrative matters pertaining to the Bishop's Office and will include duties such as complex diary management. You will work closely with the Bishop, the Vicar General, the Chief Operating Officer and the wider Diocesan Team. A strong understanding of the Diocese's mission and an empathy with the Catholic Church's values and ethos are essential. The closing date for applications is Wednesday 13 May 2026 at 12noon. For more information and/or an application form, please contact Avocet Commercial Careers at sophia@avocetlegal.co.uk or phone: 01392 642518.

Parish Diary

Saturday 2 May – St Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor

- Vigil Mass at 6.00pm

Sunday 3 May – Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

Monday 4 May – The English Martyrs

- Singing to Remember at 2.00pm

Tuesday 5 May – St Richard Reynolds, Priest and Martyr

- Holy Mass at 9.00am

Wednesday 6 May – Easter Weekday

- **NO Mass** at St Boniface

Thursday 7 May – Easter Weekday

- Holy Mass at 9.00am

Friday 8 May – Easter Weekday

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

Saturday 9 May – Easter Weekday

- Parish Coffee Morning, 10.00am-12noon, in St Andrew's Hall
- Vigil Mass at 6.00pm

Sunday 10 May – Sixth Sunday of Easter

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

Monday 11 May – Easter Weekday

- Singing to Remember at 2.00pm

Tuesday 12 May – Easter Weekday

- Holy Mass at 9.00am

Wednesday 13 May – Our Lady of Fatima

- Vigil Mass of the Ascension of the Lord at 6.00pm, St Boniface

Thursday 14 May – The Ascension of the Lord

- Holy Mass at 9.00am

Friday 15 May – Easter Weekday after Ascension

- Confessions and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 11.30am
- Holy Mass with Prayers at 12noon, followed by the Rosary at 12.30pm
- Parish Bingo Evening, 7.00-9.00pm, in St Andrew's Hall

Saturday 16 May – Easter Weekday after Ascension

- First Holy Communion Preparation at 10.00am in St John's School Hall
- Vigil Mass at 6.00pm

Sunday 17 May – Seventh Sunday of Easter

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