

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

St James and St Boniface Parish is part of Plymouth Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust
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NEWSLETTER

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
23 August 2026



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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Parish Secretary: Vacant

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Catholic Children's Society Annual Appeal



The theme of this year's Annual Appeal, which takes place next weekend, is "*Grateful Hearts – Serving Others – Putting All Children First*". The Annual Appeal is the Society's main source of income every year, allowing it to continue to support children and their families at a time when

they need financial support the most. Please take an appeal envelope today or visit the Society's website (<https://www.ccsplymouth.org.uk/>) to understand the wonderful work which the Society does to help struggling children and their families.

Fr Jonathan Bielawski RIP

The Requiem Mass for Fr Jon Bielawski, the parish priest of the parishes of Crownhill Plymouth and Yelverton and the diocesan lead for evangelisation and catechesis, takes place this Thursday, 27 August, at 12noon in the Cathedral in Plymouth. A Vigil Mass will also be celebrated at 6.00pm at the Cathedral at 6.00pm on Wednesday 26 August. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

SVP Summer Raffle

Members of the Parish SVP are selling tickets for the SVP National Raffle. Tickets cost £1 each or £5 for a book. First prize is £5000, the second is £1000 and there are 15 prizes of £100. All monies and stubs should be returned by 6 September.

Parish Monthly Lunch

The Parish Monthly Lunch takes place this coming Tuesday, 25 August, from 12noon-2.00pm, in St Andrew's Hall, Tiverton. Come along and enjoy some delicious homemade soups and desserts. A warm welcome awaits you!

Tough Times Support Group

The Tough Times Support Group meets this coming Tuesday, 25 August, in its usual venue – St Boniface's Hall in Cullompton. This is a safe place in which to find support and companionship when you find yourself in a tough place.

First Holy Communion 2027

It is that time of year again for those parents with children in Year 3 or above to register them for preparation to receive the First Holy Communion in 2027. An application form is attached to the Newsletter, or a copy can be picked up at church.

Safeguarding Newsletter

The latest Newsletter from the Diocesan Safeguarding Team can be found on the Plymouth Diocesan Website at <https://www.plymouth-diocese.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/08/Plymouth-Diocese-Safeguarding-Newsletter.pdf>.

Concert – Damsels and Divas with Lydia

On Friday 28 August at 7.30pm in St Andrew's, Lydia Fitton will be giving a performance of music for stage and film from opera to contemporary musical theatre. Tickets cost £10. Under 16s admitted for free. Refreshments are provided. Please email lydiafitton1@gmail.com to reserve your tickets.

Thank You Cream Tea for St Andrew's

As a big "Thank You" to the community of St Andrew's for welcoming and hosting us so warmly over the last two years, we will be holding a special Cream Tea for them in St Andrew's Hall on Saturday 12 September, 2.00-4.00pm. Please put the date in your diary and sign up on the sheet at the entrance to church to give us an indication of the number for whom we need to cater.



Mass for Marriage 2026

On Saturday 12 September, at 12noon, Bishop Nicholas will be celebrating the annual Mass for Marriage at the Cathedral Church of St Mary and St Boniface in Plymouth. Marriage enriches us all. All are welcome to come and take part, including those whose spouses are no longer with them here. Do let the diocese know your anniversaries or intentions, or your planned wedding date. Contact Deborah at deborah.vankroonenburg@prcdtr.org.uk.

CHAT Sleepout September



CHAT is organising a sponsored Sleepout on Friday 18 September, 7.00pm onwards, at Tiverton Town Football Club, Ian Moorcroft Stadium, in Tiverton, to raise much needed funds for the people of Mid Devon. As Alison Padfield, CEO of CHAT says: *"For many people, a night on the*

streets is their 'normal'. While taking part in a sleepout for one night can't truly replicate that reality, it does help to gain a glimpse of the challenges faced by those experiencing homelessness. The money raised really will change lives, so thank you, whether you are choosing to sleep out or supporting someone who is". Taking part is free (under 18's must attend with a responsible adult), but please get a ticket by going to <https://www.chatmid.org/events/sleepout-september-2026>, set up a JustGiving page or download a sponsorship form.

SVP Skittles Evening

The SVP Skittles Evening will be held at the Racehorse Pub, Tiverton, on Friday 25 September. Further details next week.

Understanding Abuse – Free Training Day for All

A free training day, hosted by the Diocese of Plymouth Safeguarding Team and delivered by FearFree, will be held on Saturday 26 September, 10.00am-4.00pm, at St Boniface House, Ashburton. The training offers an opportunity to develop your understanding of abuse and the support available for those affected. It may be beneficial for anyone wishing to strengthen their knowledge and confidence in this important area of ministry and safeguarding. It will also provide an opportunity for anyone who may be interested in volunteering as part of our forthcoming Chaplaincy for Survivors initiative to express an interest in the role and to meet members of the Diocese Safeguarding Team in person. Attendance at this training will be a prerequisite for anyone wishing to apply or volunteer for the Chaplaincy for Survivors role, as it forms an important part of the foundation knowledge and preparation for the position. If you are interested in attending, please find the booking information and event details [here](#).

Parish Diary

Saturday 22 August – The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

Sunday 23 August – 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Holy Mass at 9.30am (St Boniface)
- Holy Mass at 11.30am *David Rees RIP*

Monday 24 August – St Bartholomew, Apostle

- Singing to Remember at 2.00pm

Tuesday 25 August – Weekday

- Holy Mass at 9.00am
- Parish Monthly Lunch, 12noon-2.00pm, in St Andrew's Hall
- Tough Times Support Group at 7.00pm in St Boniface's Hall

Wednesday 26 August – Blessed Dominic of the Mother of God, Priest

- **NO** Mass at St Boniface

Thursday 27 August – St Monica, Mother

- Holy Mass at 9.00am

Friday 28 August – St Augustine, Bishop and Doctor

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

Saturday 29 August – The Passion of St John the Baptist

- Vigil Mass at 6.00pm *Pro Populo*

Sunday 30 August – 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Holy Mass at 9.30am (St Boniface)
- Holy Mass at 11.30am