

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

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
30 August 2026



Parish Clergy:

Revd Canon Kristian Paver - Parish Priest
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Also resident in the Parish:
Revd Fr Paul Rea CRE (retired)
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Catholic Children's Society Annual Appeal



The theme of this year's Annual Appeal, which takes place this 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.

Become a Catholic Children's Society Trustee?

Have you considered joining the CCSP Board of Trustees who meet four times a year? This is a voluntary position both rewarding and challenging. The present trustees have a wealth of experience, but they would love some new people to join the Board. The meetings take place in Ashburton on



Mondays, but it is possible to attend some via Microsoft Teams. New trustees are encouraged to be more involved and rather than just attending board meetings, perhaps visiting schools and attending Deanery meetings and other parish meetings to talk about the invaluable work the Society does to help families. If you would like to join the Trustees at their next Board meeting to meet everyone and see whether it is something you might enjoy being a part of, please email ccs@ccsplymouth.org.uk or call 01364 645420.

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.

Care for Creation – A Special Year

The Year of St Francis 2026 marks the 800th anniversary of St Francis of Assisi's death in 1226. Pope Leo XIV declared that it will be a special Year of St Francis in which we are all called to become saints in our world, following St Francis's example. We are called to model a holiness of life and witness to peace. The Season of Creation is a global ecumenical celebration of prayer and action to protect our common home, starting each year on 1 September and finishing on the feast of St Francis, 4 October.

Caritas Newsletter

Click the link for the August edition of the Caritas Newsletter to read of love in action around our diocese. <https://tinyurl.com/2rxsuy2z>.

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.

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

Come and join the Parish SVP group on Friday 25 September at 7.30pm for a relaxed evening of skittles for all ages. The venue is the Racehorse Pub, Wellbrook Street, Tiverton. The cost is £10 which includes a buffet supper. Please let Simon Coombs (07761 420703) know by 19 September if you are attending.

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 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

Monday 31 August – St Aidan, Bishop and Missionary, and the Saints of Lindisfarne

- Singing to Remember at 2.00pm

Tuesday 1 September – Weekday

- Holy Mass at 9.00am with baptism of Ricky Elsworth

Wednesday 2 September – Weekday

- **NO** Mass at St Boniface

Thursday 3 September – St Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor

- Holy Mass at 9.00am

Friday 4 September – St Cuthbert, Bishop

- Confessions and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 11.30am
- Holy Mass at 12noon
- Prayer of the Holy Rosary at 12.30pm
- SVP Meeting at 12.45pm

Saturday 5 September – Weekday

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

Sunday 6 September – 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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