

**PARISH OF ST JOHN & ST JAMES, Tiverton,
with ST BONIFACE, Cullompton**
The Catholic Community in the Heart of Mid Devon

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NEWSLETTER

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
11 October 2026



Parish Clergy:

Revd Canon Kristian Paver - Parish Priest
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Prisoners' Sunday and Prisons Week



Prisoners' Sunday is the national Catholic day of prayer and action for prisoners and their families. It is a moment to reflect on the lives of those affected by imprisonment — those in prison, their children and families, and all who struggle with the lasting impact of justice system involvement. It is an invitation to respond with compassion, prayer and practical support. Behind every person in prison is a family — often children — trying to cope, many

struggling to get by. Pact (the national Catholic prison charity) is there for all those in need. Last year, with the help of our parishes: Pact supported over 485,000 prison visits, including nearly 100,000 for children and young people; Pact awarded almost 600 emergency grants to families in crisis; and Pact worked in over half the prisons in England and Wales, supporting prisoners to maintain or rebuild the relationships that provide the foundation for lasting change. Pact offers hope, dignity and the chance of a fresh start. There is a retiring collection to support the work of Pact. Please use one of the donation envelopes if you are able to Gift Aid your contribution.



Attached to the Newsletter are the daily brief meditations for Prisons Week which lasts from 11-17 October.

Pope's Prayer Intention for October

We are invited to join in the Pope's Prayer Intention for October, which is for mental health ministry: *Let us pray that the mental health ministry may be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.*



Pope Leo asks forgiveness for the times when Christians have looked the other way, contributing to stigma and discrimination against people with mental illnesses. He prays that the Church may become "*a safe space where everyone has a place - a community that accompanies and never excludes, that listens without judging and draws near without fear.*" The Pope also remembers those who provide care, including professionals, family members and volunteers, asking God to give them strength and compassion. According to the press release accompanying the Pope's intention, more than a billion people worldwide live with a mental disorder, while public spending on mental health accounts for barely two percent of health budgets. To pray together with the Holy Father, go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rx0IiPoyRLY>.

New Parish Secretary

We are happy to announce that our new parish secretary, Juliana McKie, will be starting her role this coming Tuesday. Although this may be subject to change, her hours of work will usually be Tuesday-Friday, 9.00am-1.00pm.

WELCOME

Tarsisio Nyatsanza RIP

We were very saddened to hear that Tarsisio, one of our parishioners, died suddenly whilst visiting relatives in York. It was Tarsisio's wish to return to his native Zimbabwe to be buried. If you would like to help with the cost of his repatriation, a [Go Fund Me Page](#) has been created by his family. May he rest in peace.

Cleaner for St John and St James

We are looking to hire a cleaner at St John and St James Church, Tiverton, for 3 hours a week (plus an additional 2 hours fortnightly) at £13.45 an hour. Please contact recruitment@prcdtr.org.uk for the job description and application form.

200 Club

Canon Kristian will make the draw for October after the 6.00pm Mass this Saturday. If you would like one or more numbers in this parish fund raiser for as little as £1 a month, please let Simon Coombs or Sheelagh Bourdon know at St John and St James or Siobhan Gilroy at St Boniface.

Vocation as Permanent Deacon



Are you being called to serve as a permanent deacon? An Enquirers' Day will be held on Saturday 31 October 2026 at St Boniface House, Ashburton, TQ13 7JL, 10.30am-1.30pm. For more details or to book a place, please contact Deacon Nick Johnson on 07768 622343 or by email at nick.johnson@prcdtr.org.uk.

SVP Skittles Evening

The SVP Skittles Evening will be held at 7.00pm on Friday 23 October at the Racehorse Pub, Wellbrook Street, Tiverton. The cost is £10 per person, which will include a buffet supper. Please let Simon Coombs (07761 420703) know by 17 October if you are attending.

Trauma-Informed Practice in Faith Settings – Free Training Day

The Diocesan Safeguarding Team is hosting a new second training event on Saturday 31 October. This training day focuses on Trauma-Informed Practice within Faith Settings and is particularly aimed at anybody involved in working within ministry roles, but all are welcome if you have an interest in developing knowledge and understanding around this topic. The training is being held at

St Boniface House on Saturday 31 October, 10.00am-4.30pm. Lunch is provided, and it is hoped to see as many of you there as possible! Click [here](#) to book a place.

World Day of the Poor Event – The Lord is the Refuge of the Poor



Join Caritas Diocese of Plymouth to celebrate the 10th World Day of the Poor on Saturday 14 November, 11.00am-4.30pm, at our newly dedicated St John and St James Catholic Church. Bishop Nicholas will open the day and close it with the celebration of Mass. The keynote speaker, David Wells, will reflect on Pope Leo's Message and Canon Kristian will give a brief introduction to the new church. A simple lunch will be provided. Registration is essential for this free event and early booking is advised.

To register, click [10th World Day of the Poor Event: Tiverton – Fill in form](#), email caritas@prcdtr.org.uk or tel: 01364 645440.

World Mission Sunday

Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday. There will be a retiring collection to support the Pontifical Missionary Societies around the world.

Parish Diary

Saturday 10 October – Weekday

- International Food Festival, 11.00am-2.00pm, in the Hall
- Vigil Mass at 6.00pm

Sunday 11 October – 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Holy Mass at 9.30am (St Boniface)
- Holy Mass at **11.00am**

Monday 12 October – St Wilfrid, Bishop

- Singing to Remember at 2.00pm

Tuesday 13 October – St Edward the Confessor, King

- Requiem Mass at 10.00am for Sally Zealley RIP

Wednesday 14 October – Weekday

- Mass at 12noon (St Boniface)

Thursday 15 October – St Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor

- Holy Mass at 9.00am

Friday 16 October – Weekday

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

Saturday 17 October – St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr

- Vigil Mass at 6.00pm

Sunday 18 October – 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Holy Mass at 9.30am (St Boniface)
- Holy Mass at **11.00am**