

**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

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
18 October 2026



Parish Clergy:

Revd Canon Kristian Paver - Parish Priest
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World Mission Sunday 100th Anniversary



This Sunday, parishes worldwide celebrate World Mission Sunday. By supporting Missio – the Pope’s charity for world mission – we stand united as God’s global family, in prayer, solidarity and action. The Holy Father has chosen the theme

‘One in Christ, United in Mission’ to celebrate 100 years of World Mission Sunday and encourages us to unite with missionaries as they strive to reach out with God’s love to communities in need. A copy of his Message for this Sunday is attached to the Newsletter. Please pray for the work of mission and give what you can to this vital collection. To donate, use the Missio envelope, call 020 7821 9755 (office hours), click on the QR code, or visit www.missio.org.uk to give a gift, set up a Direct Debit and Gift Aid your donation if possible.



Funeral for Jan Wissink RIP

A Funeral Service will take place for Jan Wissink, who died recently, in St Boniface Church at 11.00am this Tuesday, 20 October. Jan was a much loved and respected member of our parish community, so please do come along and support him and Nora with your presence and prayers.

Prayers for Pope Leo

Catholics around the world were concerned to hear the news that Pope Leo had to undergo an operation at the start of last week to remove a cancerous growth from one of his lungs. Although we have been told that this tumour has been caught early, the bottom lobe of one of his lungs had to be removed. He is still in the Gemelli Hospital in Rome but is recovering well from the operation. He is still intending to undertake his planned Apostolic Journey to Uruguay, Argentina and Peru from 6-17 November if at all possible, so please do keep him in your prayers for a full and speedy return to health.



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.

Parish Altar Servers

Canon Kristian received a lovely email this week for a parishioner to express their thanks and admiration for our altar servers. The way they look out for each other and show concern was particularly noted. *"The parish is witnessing them growing up in front of our very eyes and I believe they deserve our wholehearted thanks and appreciation"*. Canon Kristian is sure you will concur with these sentiments. We are extremely proud of all our altar servers. They are a real credit to their families and to the parish. We always need more altar servers, so it is an opportune moment to encourage any young person who has made their First Holy Communion to come forward and offer themselves for this importance service for our community. It would be great to see youngsters from all the different cultural backgrounds in our parish represented on the altar. Please speak to Canon Kristian over the next couple of weeks and training can then be arranged.



200 Club

Congratulations to Mike Ingersent who won the £30 prize and to Rosie Croker who won the £20 prize in the October draw. Any parishioners wishing to join this parish fund raiser should speak to Simon Coombs or Sheelagh Bourdon at St John and St James or Siobhan Gilroy at St Boniface.

SVP Skittles Evening

The SVP Skittles Evening will be held at 7.00pm this 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 this weekend if you are attending.

Youth Volunteers Training Day

There will be a Youth Volunteers Training Day (18+) next Saturday, 24 October, at Exeter University Catholic Chaplaincy. Join a group of volunteers from across the Diocese to explore accompanying young people through the transition of the childhood faith to take ownership of their own faith journey. Kate from Million Minutes will talk about their project, Agents for Change, and how they proactively gathered a group of young people to hear their voices and encourage them to be heard in the church. Booking essential: [Volunteers Training Day October 24th 2026 – Fill in form.](#)

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.

Keys from St Andrew's

Please would anyone who still holds keys for St Andrew's church and/or hall, please either give them directly to Margaret Found or leave them in the sacristy for collection.

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 the 6.00pm 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.

Parish Diary

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

- Vigil Mass at 6.00pm *Pro Populo*

Sunday 18 October – 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Holy Mass at 9.30am (St Boniface)
- Holy Mass at **11.00am** *Marcin Gorlo (birthday int)*

Monday 19 October – Weekday

- Singing to Remember at 2.00pm

Tuesday 20 October – Weekday

- Holy Mass at 9.00am
- Funeral Service for Jan Wissink RIP at 11.00am (St Boniface)

Wednesday 21 October – Weekday

- Holy Mass at 12noon (St Boniface)

Thursday 22 October – St John Paul II, Pope

- Holy Mass at 9.00am

Friday 23 October – Weekday

- Confessions and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 11.30am
- Holy Mass at 12noon
- Prayer of the Holy Rosary at 12.30pm
- SVP Skittles Evening at 7.00pm at The Racehorse Pub, Tiverton

Saturday 24 October – Weekday

- Vigil Mass at 6.00pm

*****CLOCKS GO BACK ONE HOUR*****

Sunday 25 October – 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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