

**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

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
25 October 2026



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CAFOD COP31 Campaign



Ahead of the COP31 climate talks which begin on 9 November, help CAFOD make our voices heard by packing a virtual suitcase for Energy Secretary Miatta Fahnbulleh. Catholics across the country have already started adding symbolic items to the suitcase, representing the

values and commitments we hope the UK government will take to the climate talks. COP31 in Türkiye comes at a critical moment. With global temperatures on track to exceed 1.5°C and eleven consecutive hottest years on record, the message is clear: action can't wait. For Catholics, caring for our common home is more than a response to science. It's a call of faith too. Will you add your item today to help ensure the Energy Secretary is sent off well prepared? Click [here](#) to pack the suitcase!

Youth Club

The Youth Club which meets in St Boniface Hall, Cullompton, will be restarting this coming Saturday, 31 October, 11.00am-12.30pm. All youngsters in the parish, 9-14 years old, are welcome. The Youth Club will usually meet on the last Saturday of each month.

Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth)

Copies of the Catholic Children's Society Newsletter, Children First, are available at church this weekend. Attached to this Newsletter is a flyer from the CCS(P) giving details of the many ways you can help raise much needed funds or become involved.

Plymouth CAST

Plymouth CAST is a Catholic multi-academy trust of 34 schools and 1 nursery, spanning the Diocese of Plymouth. Its mission is to be a community of outstanding schools in which all pupils flourish in safe, happy, and stimulating environments and leave with the knowledge and skills, personal qualities, and aspirations, to make the world a better place, inspired by the Gospel. CAST is looking to expand its Board of Directors and is especially interested in hearing from you if you have skills and current or recent experience in education at primary or secondary level, particularly within a multi-academy trust. Please contact the Clerk to the Trust Board for further information, Mrs Leah Paiano lpaiano@plymouthcast.org.uk.



Palestinian Support Group

A meeting of the Parish Palestinian Support Group will take place this Tuesday, 27 October, at 7.30pm in St John and St James. All welcome.

Condemnation of Attack on the Village of Taybeh

The patriarchs and heads of Churches in Jerusalem have issued [a statement](#) firmly condemning the "heinous attack" carried out on Saturday, October 17, by "masked settlers" in the Christian village of Taybeh. The attack targeted residents harvesting olives, as well as diplomats and officials from European countries who were visiting the area on a solidarity mission.

Tough Times Support Group

This month's meeting of the Parish Tough Times Support Group will take place this coming Thursday, at 7.00pm in St Boniface's Hall. Come along and find some friendship and support in whatever tough times you are going through!

Parish Altar Servers

We always need more altar servers, so any young person who has made their First Holy Communion is encouraged 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.



Safeguarding Training Day

Bookings are still open and available to anybody wanting to attend the fast-approaching Trauma Informed Practice in Faith Settings Training Day on Saturday 31 October which will be held at the Buckfast Abbey Conference Centre. The day is an opportunity to strengthen your knowledge around being more trauma informed, and/or express your interest in becoming a Chaplain for Survivors! Lunch is included. If you would like to attend, please book a place at: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1999689252384?aff=oddtcreator>.

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. Closing date for applications is Monday 2 November.

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 Vigil 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.

Young Adults' Advent Retreat

An Advent retreat for young adults' retreat (18-30) will be held at Buckfast Abbey, 20-22 November. The weekend will explore Isaiah 40:3, with talks led by Br Augustine OP and Br Reginald OP, with a chance to pray and reflect whilst meeting other young adults from across the Diocese. £40 contribution per person. For more information contact Saskia at youth@prcdtr.org.uk. Booking is essential: [Buckfast Abbey Retreat for young adults 20th - 22nd November 2026 – Fill in form](#).

Parish Diary

Saturday 24 October – Weekday

- Vigil Mass at 6.00pm

CLOCKS GO BACK ONE HOUR

Sunday 25 October – 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

- Holy Mass at 9.30am (St Boniface) *Pro Populo*
- Holy Mass at 11.00am *Susan Frances Piggott RIP (anniv)*

Monday 26 October – St Chad and St Cedd, Bishops

- Singing to Remember at 2.00pm

Tuesday 27 October – Weekday

- Holy Mass at 9.00am
- Monthly Lunch, 12noon-2.00pm, in the Hall
- Parish Palestinian Support Group, 7.30pm, at St John & St James

Wednesday 28 October – St Simon and St Jude, Apostles

- Holy Mass at 12noon (St Boniface)

Thursday 29 October – Weekday

- Holy Mass at 9.00am
- Parish Tough Times Support Group, 7.00pm, in St Boniface's Hall

Friday 30 October – Weekday

- Confessions and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 11.30am
- Holy Mass at 12noon with Prayers for Healing *Jo Pennie RIP (anniv)*
- Prayer of the Holy Rosary at 12.30pm

Saturday 31 October – Weekday

- Parish Finance and Property Committee at 9.30am in the Hall
- Youth Club, 11.00am-12.30pm, in St Boniface's Hall
- Vigil Mass at 6.00pm

Sunday 1 November – Solemnity of All Saints

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