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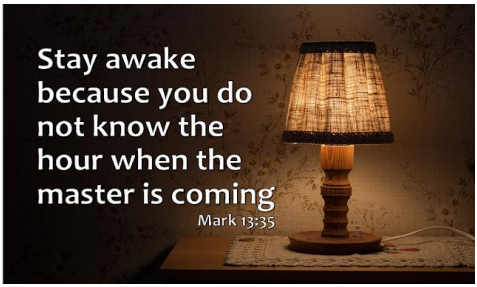
NEWSLETTER

First Week of Advent
29 November 2026



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Pope's Prayer Intention for December

The Pope's Prayer Intention for December is for single-parent families. *Let us pray for families experiencing the absence of a mother or father, that they may find support and accompaniment in the Church, and help and strength in the Faith during difficult times.* To watch the Pope's Prayer for December and for more information please visit: https://www.popesprayer.va

Advent



Advent has a twofold character. It is the season to prepare for the solemnity of Christmas, when Christ's first coming to us is remembered. It is also a season when that remembrance directs the mind and heart to await Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. We look forward to celebrating Christ's birth at Christmas, but we also wait in hope and anticipation for when He comes again. 'Walk with Me' and 'My Day by Day' Advent booklets are now available free to all parishioners. These provide daily reflections and prayers through the Advent season. For families with younger children, there is the 'Walk with Me' Advent Calendar. The Bishops of England and Wales have also provided weekly reflections on the Gospels of the Sundays of Advent up to the Feast of the Holy Family, Our God Comes Close.



CAFOD Daily Advent Reflections

CAFOD invites you to join them in reflection and prayer during this season of anticipation and expectation. Starting on 29 November, the first Sunday of Advent, they will be sharing daily scripture reflections to your email, stories of our global family, prayers and practical ideas for action, as we all create a space to prepare for the coming of Christ. To sign up, please visit: CAFOD Advent Calendar .

Annual Missions Appeal

Next weekend, we offer a very warm welcome to Sister Asmeret who has come to appeal on behalf of all Missionary Sisters around the world who are women consecrated to God, called to evangelise, and to build bridges between people, cultures and religions. A special collection will take place after Mass on Saturday and Sunday.

CHAT Feel Good Family Christmas Concert

Come along to a joyful evening of festive music and singalongs at the CHAT Feel Good Family Christmas Concert, on Saturday 5 December at 7.30pm in St Paul's Anglican Church in Tiverton. Entry is free.

Big Christmas Raffle

Hampers for the raffle are now on display. Donations of luxury food and new unwanted gifts are still welcome. The last date for donations is next Sunday, 6 December. Tickets are on sale in both churches. The draw will take place on Friday 11 December.

Deanery Advent Mass

Bishop Nicholas will be celebrating an Advent Mass with the Exeter Deanery at the Blessed Sacrament Church, Heavitree, Exeter, on Thursday 10 December at 7.00pm. It would be great to have a good representation of our parish.

St John's Class Mass



We are excited to announce that each class group from St John's Catholic Primary will be celebrating mass at the Church of St John and St James in the academic year ahead. The Oak Class Mass will be the first to celebrate in the new church on Tuesday 8 December, 2.00pm. We welcome our parishioners to join us in this celebration and to support our St John's community.

Parish Palestinian Support Group Christmas Appeal

The Parish Palestinian Support Group has a Christmas Appeal to raise funds to be channelled through the Amos Trust for aid to Palestinians who are suffering terribly at this time. Some Palestinian produce along with Advent and 2027 Calanders, charity and homemade Christmas cards will be on sale after Mass in Tiverton and Cullompton. Also, donations can be accepted.

Spare and Share Pop Up Shop

The Laudato Si' Group is opening its very own "Pop Up Shop" for one day only after Mass on Sunday 6 December. Please bring along any spare gifts and decorations that you will not be using, take away anything you can make use of and you can pay whatever you feel! All proceeds will go to CAFOD. If you are unable to come along on 6 December, you are very welcome to bring along your gifts and decorations beforehand and give them to Monika Manser at St John & St James and to Mary Ryan at St Boniface.

Peace Vigil

On Monday, 14 December at 7.00pm, there will be a vigil for peace in Palestine and countries suffering warfare. This will be a time to reflect and pray for peace in the busy season of Advent.

Diocesan Newsletter

The latest Diocesan Newsletter is attached to the Newsletter. This issue contains an article about Bishop Nicholas' trip to Tiverton to consecrate the church. You may need to ctrl+click to open the internal links.

Children's Christmas Party

The annual Children's Christmas Party for children of the parish will be on Sunday 13 December, 3.00-5.00pm, in St John and St James Hall. All children age 11 and under are welcome to attend, whether attending primary school or nursery. Parents/Guardians must remain on the premises for the duration of the party. To confirm your child's attendance and let us know of any allergies, email Patrick, callanan66@googlemail.com.

St Boniface Christmas Party

There will be the annual Christmas party in the hall at St Boniface on 19 December, 2.00pm-4.00pm. Please bring a plate of food if you can. Please put your name on the sign-up sheet on the noticeboard in St Boniface if you are coming along to join in the celebration.

Parish Diary

Saturday 28 November – Weekday

- St John and St James Church Open Afternoon, 11.00am-2.00pm
- Vigil Mass at 6.00pm

Sunday 29 November – First Sunday of Advent (B)

- Holy Mass at 9.30am (St Boniface) *Pro Populo*
- Holy Mass at 11.00am *Anniversary of Bishop Nicholas' Installation as Bishop of Plymouth*

Monday 30 November – Advent Weekday

- Singing to Remember at 2.00pm

Tuesday 1 December – Advent Weekday

- Holy Mass at 9.00am

Wednesday 2 December – St Osmund of Salisbury, Bishop

- **NO** Mass at 12noon (St Boniface)

Thursday 3 December – St Francis Xavier, Priest

- Holy Mass at 9.00am

Friday 4 December – Advent Weekday

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

Saturday 5 December – Advent Weekday

- First Holy Communion Class, at 10.00am in the Parish Hall
- Vigil Mass at 6.00pm
- CHAT Feel Good Family Christmas Concert at 7.30pm, St Paul's Anglican Church, Tiverton

Sunday 6 November – Second Sunday of Advent (B)

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