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

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
15 November 2026



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November Prayers for the Dead



During the month of November, we are encouraged to focus our prayers more earnestly on those who have died and especially for those who are in purgatory, that time of purification leading to their entry into the communion of the saints in heaven. There are receptacles in front of the altar is both of our churches for the names of those who have died and for whom we will pray throughout the month. A sheet for these names is attached to the Newsletter, and hard copies can be found at the entrance to church. The names will be commemorated at the Mass on Friday 27 November at 12noon.

World Day of the Poor

In his Message for the 10th World Day of the Poor this Sunday, Pope Leo XIV reflects on God as "*the refuge of the poor*," urging Christians to rediscover the central place of the poor and examine our commitment to justice, solidarity, and human dignity. He invites the Church to an examination of conscience: "*Are we a sign of a God who is a refuge for the poor?*" How much more are we called to do – in our communities, in our nations – "*on behalf of the poor and for their liberation*?" Echoing the words of his predecessor, Pope Francis, he reminds us that "*we are the Lord's Church, a Church of the poor?... God shows a preference for the poor: the Lord's words of hope and liberation are addressed first of all to them. Therefore, even in their poverty or weakness, no one should feel abandoned. And the Church, if she wants to be Christ's Church, must be a Church of the Beatitudes, one that makes room for the little ones and walks poor with the poor, a place where the poor have a privileged place*".

Love Protects – Open Letter from the Diocesan Head of Safeguarding



This Sunday is also Safeguarding Sunday across the UK. Martin Christmas-Nelson, the Head of Safeguarding for our diocese, has written an Open Letter to us all on this year's theme "Love Protects". In his letter, which is attached to the Newsletter, Martin sets out how safeguarding is an expression of our love for one another across the Church, from the administrative processes which underpin our employment and volunteering, our training and our management of concerns, all the way through to the way in which we make our churches safer for those who have experienced harm.

Annual Christmas Gift Collection for CHAT

This Christmas, as a parish community, we would like to donate to CHAT items to help clients stay warm over the winter period. CHAT currently needs hot water bottles with covers, warm socks (men's & women's), bed socks and gloves. Please bring your donations to church and place them in the CHAT box. New items only, please.

Young Adults' Advent Retreat

An Advent retreat for young adults' retreat (18-30) will be held at Buckfast Abbey next weekend, 20-22 November. The retreat 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.

Puddings for Palestine

On Thursday 26 November, 6.00pm-8.00pm, there will be "Puddings for Palestine" in the Hall. Tickets are £5.00 each, children go free. Do come along and give your support.

Readers at Mass



Do you think you could offer to read at Mass? Although we have a good number of parishioners committed to this role, we are always trying to encourage more parishioners to become readers at Mass, whether at weekday Masses or at the three Masses over Saturday and Sunday. If you would like to become a reader, please have a word with Canon Kristian. Training for all readers will be taking place in the near future.

Advent Retreat Day

An Advent Retreat Day, "Exploring Prayer and Conversion", will take place on Saturday 5 December at St Rita's led by Fr. Gerald Wilson OAR. The charge for the day, including lunch, is just £27.00. To register, please complete the application form attached to the Newsletter or, alternatively, register online here. For more information, you can contact St Rita's Centre on 01404 42635 or at admin@stritascentre.org. Payment can be made in advance or on the day.

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 with the Take Note Community Choir. Entry is free.

Big Christmas Raffle

Thank you for all the donations for the big Christmas raffle. Any donations of luxury food or Devon produced items are very welcome. In addition to these, the donation of any new unwanted gifts would also be most welcome.

Repository

The Repository in the narthex at St John & St James has been restocked, including with Cafod Christmas cards and Advent candles. There are new ranges of Mass cards, Sympathy cards and prayer cards. The repository is open, so please take a look, pay by cash in the box or by card reader. If there is anything you would like to see added, please let Canon Kristian or Siobhan Warne know.

200 Club

Congratulations to Annie Daniels who won the £30 prize and to Tim Todd who won the £20 prize in the November 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.

Parish Diary

Saturday 14 November – Weekday

- Caritas World Day of the Poor Event, 11.00am-4.00pm, in the Hall
- Vigil Mass at 6.00pm

Sunday 15 November – 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

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

Monday 16 November – St Edmund of Abingdon, Bishop

- Singing to Remember at 2.00pm

Tuesday 17 November – St Hilda of Whitby, Religious, and St Hugh of Lincoln, Bishop

- Holy Mass at 9.00am

Wednesday 18 November – Weekday

- Holy Mass at 12noon (St Boniface)

Thursday 19 November – Weekday

- Holy Mass at 9.00am

Friday 20 November – Weekday

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

Saturday 21 November – Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- Vigil Mass at 6.00pm

Sunday 22 November – Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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