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

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
22 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. The names will be commemorated at the Mass on this Friday, 27 November.

World Youth Sunday

The Solemnity of Christ the King is World Youth Sunday, an international celebration recognising the vital role of young people in the life and mission of the Church. This year's celebration coincides with the 800th anniversary of the death of St Francis of Assisi. To mark this milestone, Pope Leo XIV has proclaimed a special Year of St Francis, running until January 2027, inviting us to follow his example of peace, love and service. Inspired by this year's theme, "Take courage! I have overcome the world" (John 16:33), the Holy Father's Message encourages young people to deepen their faith and become witnesses of Christ's love in the world.

CAFOD Year Review

Christine Allen, the Director of CAFOD, invites you to join her online this Wednesday, 25 November, 7.00pm-9.00pm, for a review of the past year. She will be joined by Ibrahim Njuguna, Head of Humanitarian Programmes, and Hannah Patterson, Head of Supporter Fundraising and Major Gifts. Together they will reflect on what they have learnt and achieved this year, share the moments that inspired them and look ahead to what's next for CAFOD. Register https://www.bigmarker.com/cafod/review2026 to join.

Puddings for Palestine

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

St John & St James Open Afternoon

Next Saturday, 28 November, we will be holding an Open Afternoon, 11.00am-2.00pm, to welcome friends, neighbours and townsfolk to look around our new church complex in Tiverton and to enjoy a cup of tea and some light refreshments. It is important that we have parishioners on hand to assist with the welcoming. If you can come along to help, even for an hour, please put your name on the list at the back of church.

Medical Aid for Palestine

As last year, items will be on sale to raise fund for the charity Medical Aid for Palestine. At St John and St James next weekend, Terence McCarthaigh will be selling a small number of Fairtraide Advent Calendars, each containing a slim boolet telling the Christmas Story. Other Palestinian goods, such as nuts, soap and christmas ornaments, will also be available at both churches.

Big Christmas Raffle

Thank you for your generous contributions, the Friends of the Parish have started assembling the hampers. Donations of luxury food and new unwanted gifts are still welcome. The last date for donations is Sunday 6 December. Tickets are now on sale in both churches, and the draw will take place on Friday 11 December.

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.

Spare and Share Pop Up Shop

The parish Laudato Si' Group will be opening its very own "Pop Up Shop" for one day only after Mass on Sunday 6 December. You are invited to bring along any spare gifts and decorations that you will not be using and 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.

Tough Times Support Group

The Tough Times Support Group will be hibernating over winter, but it will be keeping up with its active WhatsApp group. If anyone is interested in joining the group, then please get in contact with the Parish Office and your contact details can be passed on to Jane Wardle.

Children's Christmas Party

The annual Children's Christmas Party for children of the parish will be on Sunday 13 December, 3.00-5.00 pm 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.

October Parish Giving

Loose: £1220.96 Contactless: £355.00 Standing Orders: £3500.00

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.

Parish Diary

Saturday 21 November – The 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

Monday 23 November – Weekday

- Singing to Remember at 2.00pm

Tuesday 24 November – St Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest and Martyr, and Companions, Martyrs

- Holy Mass at 9.00am
- Parish Monthly Lunch, 12n00n-2.00pm, in the Hall

Wednesday 25 November – Weekday

- Holy Mass at 12noon (St Boniface)

Thursday 26 November – Weekday

- Holy Mass at 9.00am
- Puddings for Palestine, 6.00pm-8.00pm, in the Hall

Friday 27 November – Weekday

- Confessions and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 11.30am
- Holy Mass with Prayers for Healing and Commemoration of Deceased Parishioners, Family and Friends at 12noon
- Prayer of the Holy Rosary at 12.30pm

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*
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