

PARISH OF ST JAMES & ST BONIFACE
with St John's Catholic Primary School & Pre-School Academy
The Catholic Community in the Heart of Mid Devon

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NEWSLETTER

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
15 October 2023



Parish Clergy:

Revd Canon Kristian Paver - Parish Priest
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October Prayer Intention - Prayer for the Synod

The Synod to reflect on the results of the listening process that has taken place in parishes and communities throughout the Church is taking place in Rome from 4-26 October. Pope Francis asks us to pray for the Church: *"that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world"*. See www.popevideo.org.

First Holy Communion 2024

If you have a child, aged 7 or over, who you would like to start preparation for First Confession and First Holy Communion next year, please pick up an application form at the entrance to church or download a copy from the parish website, and return it to the Parish Office as soon as possible

World Mission Sunday

Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday. The annual collection in support of the Church's foreign missions will take place at the end of the Masses. There are envelopes available to take away this weekend to be returned next week. If you are a UK taxpayer, you are also invited to complete the Gift Aid Declaration attached to the envelope.

Laudato Si' Group



Following the recent screening of "The Letter" in our parish, those who attended decided to meet up on Saturday 30 September to discuss how to respond concretely to its message. They were all very moved by the film and the diverse

situations the participants represented but also how they formed a strong bond with each other. As a result, the decision was made to set up a Laudato Si' Group in our parish and come up with ways of highlighting action needed to be taken by individuals, the parish and the wider community. There will be a regular monthly meeting of the Group on the first Saturday of each month at 4.30pm in the parish hall.

The parish Group will become part of the worldwide network under the umbrella of the [Laudato Si' Action Platform](https://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/prosecution_synodality/laudato_si/laudato_si_en.html), which is sponsored by the Vatican Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development. Its latest Newsletter is attached to the Newsletter, as is Pope Francis' recent, hard-hitting Apostolic Exhortation, *Laudate Deum*, on the Climate Crisis.

Please support this important initiative and come along to the next meeting of the Laudato Si' Group in the parish hall at 4.30pm on Saturday 4 November.

Music and Singing Afternoon



We will be holding one of our regular music and singing afternoons on Sunday 19 November at 2.30pm. It is the weekend of the World Day of the Poor, so there will be an attempt to focus on music with that theme in mind, as well as celebrating the end of the Church Year. Everyone is warmly welcomed to come along and play or sing. If you have any suggestions for hymns and music, please email bridgetmtosh@gmail.com.

Cullompton School Pastors

Do you care about the wellbeing of our young people in Cullompton and wish you could do something that helps and supports them? If so, then the ideal opportunity is to become involved with Cullompton School Pastors. New people of any age and attending any church in the area are always welcome to become part of the team that goes into school to provide pastoral support at a breakfast and lunch club (approximately an hour's commitment). You may feel that is not for you. If so, then there are two additional options for you: to join the management committee or become a prayer pastor. As a committee member there are usually four meetings of an hour and a half a year with some communication and discussion via email in between. There are currently only four people on the committee and would be in the position of having to cease activities if it fell below that number, so please take a moment to think and pray to see if you might be called to contribute just a few hours a year to help. As a prayer pastor you would commit to praying at home for the duration of the session that is going on at school – and no training is needed! Do please get in touch via cullompton@schoolpastors.org.uk to explore things further.



During the Cullompton Autumn Festival this Saturday, 14 October, School Pastors will be raising money selling cream teas from 12.30 to 2.00pm in the Baptist Church Hall. There will be musical entertainment while you munch from Take Note Community Choir at 12.30pm. All members of the School Pastor team undergo professional training delivered by Ascension Trust and this has to be paid for. They also wear uniform so that they are clearly visible in school. All this requires funding, so please come along and give them your support!

Shoeboxes for Christmas

If you are interested in filling a shoebox as a Christmas Gift for a child in places of poverty and war, information leaflets are available at church. If you have any queries, please contact Sheelagh on 07791 802009.

"Dine for Dignity" at the Masquerade Ball

In order to raise funds for CHAT, a "Dine for Dignity" Masquerade Ball will take place at the Upton Barn and Walled Garden EX15 1RA on Friday 17 November, 7.30-11.30pm. Tickets, which can be purchased via the QR code, include a two-course meal and welcome drink, are £37.50. 18+ only. If you use the code "ZOFIA10" when ordering your ticket, you can get 10% off.



200 Club

Congratulations to Tony Reynolds who won the £30 prize and to Mary Cousins who won the £20 prize in the October draw. The 200 Club is an ongoing fund raiser for the Parish and new members can join for as little as £1 a month. Please speak to either Simon Coombs or Sheelagh Bourdon at St James or Teresa Cummings at St Boniface.

Parish Diary

Saturday 14 October – Weekday

- Holy Baptism of Kane and Xena Rose at 11.00am
- Vigil Mass of Sunday at 6.00pm

Sunday 15 October – Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

- Holy Mass at 10.00am *Pro Populo*
- Holy Mass at 11.30am (at St Boniface)

Monday 16 October – Weekday

- Singing to Remember at 2.00pm in the Hall

Tuesday 17 October – St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr - Day of Fasting, Abstinence and Prayer for Peace and Reconciliation in the Holy Land

- Holy Mass at 9.00am
- Silent Adoration and Rosary for Peace from 6.00-8.00pm

Wednesday 18 October – St Luke, Evangelist

- Service of the Word and Holy Communion at 12noon (St Boniface)

Thursday 19 October – Weekday

- Holy Mass in Polish at 6.00pm

Friday 20 October – Weekday

- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions at 11.30am
- Holy Mass at 12.00noon

Saturday 21 October – Weekday

- Confirmation Preparation at 11.00am in the Hall
- Vigil Mass of Sunday at 6.00pm

Sunday 22 October – Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

- Holy Mass at 10.00am *Pro Populo*
- Holy Mass at 11.30am (at St Boniface)