

ST BONIFACE CHURCH, CREDITON

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D A T E S & N E W S

Sunday 28th February 2021 - 2nd Sunday of Lent (B)

and Sunday 7th March 2021 - 3rd Sunday of Lent (B)

Stewarding We are still very short of volunteer stewards. If you are coming to Mass regularly and are under 70 years old, could you take your turn to minister to the community as a Steward? If you would like to join the team please contact Ann: ann.m.edwards@exeter.ac.uk. Many thanks.

Masses at St Boniface



Mass times are: **Sundays 11.30am** and **Wednesdays 4pm**.

Doors open 20 mins before Mass. Please wear a face mask and continue to sanitise your hands on entering and exiting the church, give your contact details to the steward and use the QR code, if you are able. Confession will be available after Mass in the meeting room. Please queue 1m+ apart in the tearoom.

Vaccine Reticence There have been reports in the media about people nervous about having the vaccine. If you have the opportunity, please take it. Pope Francis has had it and I know many of you have already had your first jab. If you are not registered with a doctor you may not be called, so please register and enable this to happen. It's our greatest hope for a return to normality.

CAFOD Family Fast Day, Friday 26th February. We are invited to join together with CAFOD this Lent to reach out to our sisters and brothers around the world who need our help now more than ever. Through our prayer, fasting and almsgiving we can assist, where possible, in transforming their lives. CAFOD asks us to remember people like Abdella, who lives in an extremely remote and mountainous part of Ethiopia. It takes him ten hours a day to collect water for his family. CAFOD reaches vulnerable communities around the world, like Abdella's, with water and other life-changing support. Please donate online at www.cafod.org.uk or by using the Fast Day (26th February) envelopes. You can easily give by texting LENT to 70460 to donate £10.* *Texts cost £10 plus one standard rate message and you'll be opting in to hear more about CAFOD's work and fundraising via telephone and SMS. If you'd like to give £10 but do not wish to receive marketing communications, text LENTNOINFO to 70460. For more info please see: cafod.org.uk/Legal-information/Privacy-notice.

Caritas Plymouth has developed some **Lent Resources** for individual, group and parish reflection during Lent 2021. Includes podcasts, links to websites and ideas for reflection during Lent, with a focus on Catholic Social Teaching <https://www.plymouth-diocese.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Lenten-2021-Resources.pdf>.

The Bishops' Conference Regular updates from the Bishops' Conference can be found at ccn@cbcew.org.uk.

Stay Awake 2021 Booking is open via the webpage www.stayawakejc.com. This is the third year for our home-grown all age event and takes place on Saturday 27th February online, via Zoom. Running from 11am to 3pm with inspiring / encouraging talks, praise, worship and fellowship, in the comfort of your own home! Includes a session for kids from 1pm – 1:30pm (Reception – Yr 9). Stay Awake allows us to go deeper with Jesus and build Christian discipleship. This is a free event! Check out the new Facebook and Instagram Pages. <https://www.facebook.com/stayawakejc19/> Instagram: [instagram.com/stayawakejc19](https://www.instagram.com/stayawakejc19) Email: stayawakejc19@gmail.com

World Day of Prayer, Friday 5th March, 2pm, Vanuatu. We were due to be hosting the WDP ecumenical service for all the churches in Crediton this year. Sadly, this will not be the case, but if you have computer access please join in online. We are all invited to join a Zoom Service led by the Methodist Church in Crediton: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82892586943?pwd=WkR6U21FYVEvdWhRNlNrVWR5T3BVdz09>; Meeting ID: 828 9258 6943; Passcode: 015557. Please have a pebble or stone with you for the service. There will also be a link to an International Service which will be posted on the WDP website: www.wwdp.org.uk. If anyone would like a Service booklet to use at home at 2pm on Friday 5th March, and you live in the Crediton area, Churches Together in Crediton have offered to put one through your letterbox on request (phone Eileen 07922 223657). WDP have suggested several ways to receive donations for their work. By text: to donate £5 text 2021WDP 5 to 70085. Any amount up to £40 can be donated this way - just alter the 5 after 2021WDP to your chosen amount. By cheque: payable to WDP and sent to WDP, Commercial Road, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN1 2RR. By online donation: www.wwdp.org.uk minimum amount £10. Please join in this worldwide wave of prayer if you can in any way, and it's a chance to join in prayer locally too. We look forward to being able to host WDP at St Boniface next year. Cath Fitzgerald.

Pope's March Intention for Evangelization - Sacrament of reconciliation. Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

Vacancy in the Diocese of Plymouth - Financial Management Accountant – 1 Part Time Post Location: St. Boniface House near Ashburton, Devon Hours: 4 days per week (28 hours) The Diocese of Plymouth is seeking to recruit a Financial Management Accountant to work as part of the Finance Team in the Central Office at St Boniface House in Ashburton. Reporting to the Central Team Leader, this role entails being specifically involved in the creation of management accounts and supporting the payroll operation in order to support the mission and goals of the Diocesan Trust. Candidates must have at least part qualifications ACA, CIMA or ICAEW or equivalent (relevant experience will be considered). Some experience of working as an accountant and excellent IT skills, particularly Excel, are essential. Also, candidates should possess a professional and flexible attitude to work, and the empathy to work in a faith environment. For a copy of the job description please contact Joanne Howell at Cathedral Appointments email jhowell@cathedralappointments.co.uk. Applications are by application form and covering letter. The closing date for applications is Monday 8th March 2021. Interviews will be held during week commencing 15th March 2021.

Exploring the Directory for Catechesis Conference The keynote speaker is Archbishop Rino Fisichella from the Pontifical Council for the Promoting of New Evangelisation. The Conference will be held virtually and over three sessions, Friday 12th March, 2-4pm, Friday 16th April, 2-4pm, and Friday 14th May, 2-4pm. For more information follow this link: <https://www.maryvale.ac.uk/conference-2021.html> and to register: <https://bit.ly/2Z2KqIX>

Bible in a Year Fr Mike Schmitz, a chaplain and a professor at the University of Minnesota, has recorded 365 daily podcasts of the Bible. The podcasts provide commentary, reflection and prayer along the way. Bible in a Year Podcast follows a reading plan inspired by the Great Adventure Bible Timeline, a ground-breaking approach to understanding salvation history developed by renowned Catholic Bible scholar Jeff Cavins. By listening to Bible in a Year, you are not only listening to an excellent podcast that will help you read and understand the Bible, you are showing the world that this matters. <https://ascensionpress.com/pages/biy-registration>.

Online Marriage Enrichment Course From Worldwide Marriage Encounter 20-21st March and 15-16th May. The experience is an opportunity to learn from couples who are willing to share their personal journeys and tools for reclaiming the spark and living in love together. The course helps couples to listen, share and connect more deeply. It is for all couples regardless of how long they have been together. There is no group discussion, it is just about learning to be the best, most loving couple you can be. The next online **Engaged Encounter** will be on 17th and 21 April 2021. For more information and booking forms please see our new website: www.wwme.org.uk.

Do you know a family who might need CCSP's help? We have secured funding to be used to provide financial support to vulnerable children and their families through our Essential Grants programme, where the basic essentials of life such as children's beds, white goods like cookers, fridge/freezers and washing machines and also school uniform including school shoes can be bought by us for vulnerable children and their families living in the Diocese. The application and reference form can be found on our website www.ccsplymouth.org.uk or you can call 01364645420 / email ccs@prcdtr.org.uk.

Finances Thank you to all parishioners who have made payments online, set up a standing order, sent a cheque or who have brought their offertory money to church during the last few months. Our income has reduced over this time, but we are keeping our heads above water and managing to pay our bills! We are asking parishioners, where possible, to donate to the church via online banking. Our bank account details are: **PRCDTR Crediton RC Parish Sort Code: 523006 Account No. 13416324**. The easiest way to donate regularly is via a monthly standing order. This can be set up very quickly online or by printing out the attached Crediton Banker's Order form and sending to your bank. The standing order can be stopped or amended at any time. If setting up a standing order online, please use the account name PRCDTR Crediton RC Parish, Sort Code: 523006 and Account No. 13416324. You will need to click *yes* to paying a business and press *continue* to acknowledge that you are paying a charity. We are very grateful for your continued support of the parish in these difficult times.

Pilgrimage of Healing and Thanksgiving. Bishop Mark plans to be the spiritual leader of a gently paced pilgrimage to the **Holy Land in early March 2022**. It will include a full programme of visits to the Holy Sites and staying in excellent Christian accommodation in the hills of Samaria and Judea and closing with three nights at the Sea of Galilee. Places are limited to a total of 30, on a first come first served basis. For further detail and to register your interest please contact Della Shenton on della@5gr.org.

Please find attached a copy of the Newsletter from the **Vicariate for Evangelisation and Catechesis**, entitled *Evangelium*. This is an interesting newsletter introducing the various members of the team, showing the extent of the work they undertake and giving us some wonderful examples of evangelisation.

Wednesday Word Scripture Reflection

Wednesday Word meets online via the Zoom app on Wednesdays at 2pm and reflect together on the Gospel for the coming Sunday. If you would like to join and receive email notifications, email: exeter-pastoral-assistant@prcdtr.org.uk

Redemptorist Sunday Publications

Sunday Message: *Sunday Message* is focused on giving a practical application to the Sunday Gospel. Each week, an original exposition of the Gospel is provided, along with a short reflection encouraging the reader to relate it to their life; learning points, suggestions for action and original prayer material are also included.

Look: *Look* is a Sunday sheet for children between 4-9 years old providing Gospel-focused activities and games for younger children. Each week the Gospel story is explained in age appropriate language. A prayer and a variety of activities that will engage the children are included to help each child get to know the person of Jesus. *Look* links faith to the everyday lives of children.

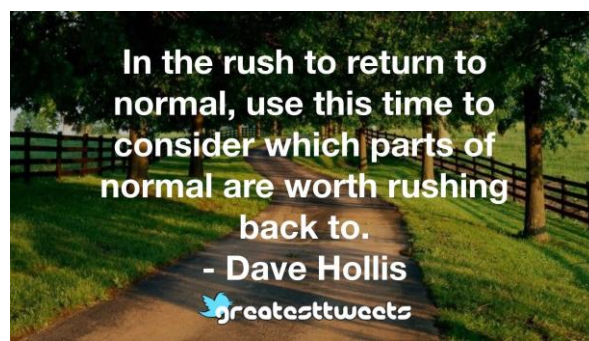
ICHTHUS: Children who have celebrated their First Holy Communion often find a children's sheet too juvenile, while an adult sheet is not ideal. *Ichthus* is a weekly Mass leaflet ideal for those aged 8 years plus. It contains the text of the readings and Gospel in age appropriate language, additional teaching elements and prayers to help the children fully participate in the Mass.

Sunday Homily: This is short homily on the Sunday readings that will help readers to see with fresh eyes scripture that might have become too familiar to them over time, losing its power. Written in everyday language that helps those reading it to apply lessons and truths to their lives. At this challenging time of isolation and cancellation of services / Masses continuing to follow the lectionary and remain connected to the Church year will, we hope, support people in their faith. <https://www.rpbooks.co.uk/lost-for-words-catholic-edition>

Crediton Foodbank currently require: Tablets / capsules, for washing clothes (we prefer these as we can split the contents to help multiple households); Custard; Jam; Juice; Squash; Tinned Vegetables; Coffee; Blue UHT Milk; Pasta sauces - tomato based; Shampoo. All donations are much appreciated and can be left at Morrison's or Tesco's.

The Pope Tweets: Lent is precisely the season of hope when we turn our gaze back to the God who is patient. St Paul passionately urges us to place our hope in reconciliation: "Be reconciled to God" (2 Cor 5:20).

Lenten Prayer *Lord God, with all our hearts we beseech you: have mercy on your people; spare your people; strengthen all people in the struggle against the havoc of this pandemic. Lord our God, without you we are so weak and our courage so limited. Give us your strength; give us your love; give us wisdom and skill to continue this fight. Spare your people, O Lord we pray. Comfort those who mourn and gather into your kingdom all who have died. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord, who died and rose to life, who lives and reigns with you, for ever and ever. Amen.*



Attachments:

Redemptorist Sheets for March.
Lenten Resources.
Evangelium Newsletter.
Crediton Banker's Order Form.
Coronavirus Help Information

Newsletter: Deadline for newsletter items is noon on **Wednesdays**. Please send items to kgutans@gmail.com/07958334930/0136382266

Safeguarding Rep: Nicola Nathan 01363 860088.
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