

Parish of St Mary and St George, Totnes
4th Week in Ordinary Time
31st January 2021

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<u>Mass times this week</u>		
Sunday 31st January	10:30am**	<i>People of the Parish</i>
Thursday 4th February	10:00am	<i>Priest's Intention</i>

****Live Streamed**** Please visit our website www.totnesrcparish.org.uk and click the Mass livestream icon. **Confession** is available on request. Please contact Fr. Louis to arrange an appointment.

Prayers for the Sick Please hold in your prayers **Ken Thomas, Anthony Doonan, Aniela Rieunier Robert Y. Amil, Robert M. Amil and Family**

"A Precious Place of God's Grace"

Since it was issued on 1 November 2020, "*A Precious Place of God's Grace*", on the development of the pastoral structures in our diocese over the next five years and beyond, has rightly generated a lot of interest amongst our clergy and laypeople, with a number of individuals and parish groups having already fed back their initial thoughts. However, the on-going Covid-19 restrictions have impeded parish communities from being able to engage fully and widely with the document and its accompanying Parish Self-Assessment Tool. Therefore, in order to ensure that the important voice and views of our laypeople and parish communities are heard in this process of discernment, "*A Precious Place of God's Grace*" will be re-launched, with the Parish Self-Assessment Tool, when lockdown restrictions are eased. I hope in this way, we can hear from as many people as possible. Anyone in the diocese is still welcome to send any feedback directly to Canon Kristian Paver (kristian.paver@prcdtr.org.uk), who is collating it on behalf of myself and the Bishops' Council. Please also note Saturday 1st May in your diaries, when an online event for Clergy and faithful in the Diocese, on "*A Precious Place*", will be facilitated by Michael Dopp, Director of the International Summit on the New Evangelisation. Further details will be sent out by the Vicariate for Evangelisation and Catechesis soon.

Year of St Joseph

Pope Francis declared the beginning of the Year of St Joseph on 8th December. This was the 150th anniversary of Blessed Pope Pius IX declaring St Joseph Patron of the whole Church. Bishop Mark has asked all parishes in the diocese to seek **St Joseph's intercession most especially every Wednesday**, the day normally dedicated to him, **and on the 19th of each month**. On those days, he has asked that the following prayer of St Joseph be said at Mass:

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of The Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man,
Blessed Joseph, to us too show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen

A Gift to Rowcroft

Congratulations to Heather Wagstaff and to all who participated in the “Virtual Vintage Advent Fare” in aid of Rowcroft. A £100 cheque together with a letter, explaining the reason why it was virtual, was sent to Rowcroft from our Parish of St. Mary and St George!

December Collection – With Thanks

Standing Orders....£2,174.50 Cash... £456.90 Total....£2,631.40

Retiring Collection this Sunday for the Catholic Education Service

Seeds of Faith

The Seeds of Faith group are planning some events for Lent. You are welcome to attend the meeting to listen or to offer suggestions, but you are under no obligation to do so. **Please join us on Zoom, Wednesday 3rd February 7pm. For the Zoom link please contact Liz Allott liz.allott@gmail.com**

Welcome The Stranger - Celebrating the Feast of St. Josephine Bakhita **8th February 5pm – 6:30pm**

All are invited to join Bishop Mark O’Toole and Bishop Declan Lang for an evening of prayer and reflection on the issues facing refugees, migrants and those affected by modern slavery. Guest speakers include Nick Hanrahan from the Jesuit Refugee Service and Caroline Virgo from the Clewer initiative. The event will take place via Zoom and you can register to attend by following this [link](#) or emailing caritas@prcdtr.org.uk.

 <p>Sat 27th Feb 2021 11am - 3pm</p> <h1>Stay Awake</h1> <p>Adore + Abide + Arise</p> <p>Free online event!</p> <p>Includes:</p> <p>Community + Fellowship + Kids Sessions Praise and Worship + Keynote Talks by David Wells and Pippa Baker</p> <p>For more information, visit www.stayawakejc.com</p> <p> stayawakejc19@gmail.com  07531266224</p> <p> @stayawakejc19  @stayawakejc19</p>	<p>Stay Awake 2021 – Booking is open via the webpage: visit www.stayawakejc.com for more info and to receive the Zoom link for entry.</p> <p>This is the <i>third year</i> for our home-grown all age event and takes place on Saturday 27th February online, via Zoom, 11.00 am to 3.00 pm</p> <p>Inspiring / encouraging talks, praise, worship and fellowship, in the comfort of your own home!</p> <p>Includes a session for kids from 1:00 pm – 1:30 pm (Reception – Yr 9).</p> <p>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 – be sure to like/follow to keep updated with all things Stay Awake, and to see some fun content! Links below and we look forward to seeing you online!:</p> <p>Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/stayawakejc19/ Instagram: instagram.com/stayawakejc19 Email: stayawakejc19@gmail.com</p>
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Shared moment of prayer

We are invited, along with all people of faith, to **pray where they are at 6pm each day for an end to the pandemic**. Bishop Mark points out that, for Catholics, this is the traditional time to pray the Angelus, so you might want to offer that prayer or simply pray in your own way for this special intention.

Caritas

The latest Caritas newsletter sets out some of the great activities happening across our Diocese as well as upcoming events. [Caritas-Plymouth-Newsletter-Jan-2021.pdf \(plymouth-diocese.org.uk\)](#). We are really looking forward to our celebration of St Bakhita's Feast Day on Monday 8 February, and hope many parishioners will join Bishop Mark and Bishop Declan in celebrating this event online. Full details of how to register are in the newsletter or you can email caritas@prcdtr.org.uk

Totnes Connection Hub - Food Bank

2a Burke Road, Totnes Industrial Estate (near the Recycling Centre) 01803 840350

Open Tues. – Fri. 10am to 12:30pm

Food donations can also be dropped off at Morrison's (near the Customer Service desk)

Another way to help is to donate through our bank account : Sort Code: 30-98-69 Account: 34388868

Counselling Helpline in Diocese

This is not a Coronavirus helpline – for any questions regarding COVID-19 please go to NHS 111. However, you may find the counselling helpline useful in other circumstances. It can be used for yourself, by family residing at the same address and for clergy. It is provided through our Catholic Insurance Service; it is the Cigna Scheme for the Dioceses of England. The Scheme number is 70258. Phone: 0330 0580960, press option 5 for the Counselling Service. It is completely confidential.

SAFEGUARDING

Diocesan Safeguarding Office

The Diocese of Plymouth Safeguarding Team is available on:

01364 645430 or by email on: safeguarding@prcdtr.org.uk

Safe Spaces

The Safe Spaces Team is there for those who have experienced church-related abuse of any kind through its helpline and live chat:

Phone: **0300 303 1056** Email: safespaces@victimsupport.org.uk

LiveChat: www.SafeSpaceEnglandandWales.org.uk

Website: www.SafeSpaceEnglandandWales.org.uk

KEEPING TOGETHER - virtually Initiatives to support each other during the pandemic.

Parishioners coffee morning, Zoom

Our coffee morning is online, on Zoom once a fortnight, on a Thursday morning, starting at 11am, with Zoom being opened at 10.30am. Anyone is welcome to join in this social gathering. If you would like a Zoom invitation, please e mail Liz on liz.allott@gmail.com The next coffee morning is on Thursday 4th February.

Music Reflections, Wednesday 10-10.30am, Zoom

In our Music Reflections, we meet on Zoom to contemplate the themes for the coming Sunday. We use music, scripture readings, and prayers to reflect on these themes together. If you would like to be on our mailing list, please contact Gemma (splitnotes@hotmail.com) or Isabelle (isabellecosgrave@hotmail.com).

Friday 6pm Prayer group on Zoom

At the end of each week we gather with prayer and music, praying together for our needs and giving thanks for our blessings. Currently, unsurprisingly, this takes place via Zoom. All are very welcome, occasionally or regularly. To be added to the invitation list please contact Gemma on splitnotes@hotmail.com

Centering Prayer Thursdays at 7pm, Zoom

Twenty minutes with God in silent prayer. For further details and the link please contact: Maria Luisa on libertadpolanco@hotmail.com

Dropbox

Here is the link for our coffee morning dropbox.

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/3vg0b64j03putg7/AADv43MdQ5tnMRyYMzXZSB3ua?dl=0> Please email anything to add to it to Gemma splitnotes@hotmail.com in a form that can be easily uploaded. Lots of things are there already- probably more since you last looked. Please keep adding to it and enjoying it.

Gardening group

A small number of people have been keeping the flower beds and outdoor areas around the church tidy. In the last year+ we have planted lots of bulbs and plants, so you may see a really colourful show this spring. We meet on the first Monday of the month, 10.00 - 12 noon. However, the new national lockdown means that this group will have to stop until the rules change.

MARRIAGE MATTERS (www.twainoneflesh.org.uk)

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Deuteronomy 18:15-20 1 Corinthians 7:32-35 Mark 1:21-28)

Evangelisation through our Sacrament

St Paul infers a deeper spirituality is found among the unmarried, yet writing to the Ephesians (5:32), he speaks of 'the profound mystery' of marriage and compares it to the relationship between Christ and the Church. The Lord is at the heart of our love for one another, providing the grace for daily living and evangelisation, through our Sacrament.

POPE FRANCIS@PONTIFEX 27th January, 2021 Holocaust Remembrance

Today we celebrate Remembrance Day. To remember is an expression of humanity; it means being attentive because these things can happen again, starting with ideological proposals that are intended to save a people and end up destroying humanity.