

Parish of St Mary and St George, Totnes
2nd Week of Lent
28th February 2021

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<u>Mass times this week</u>		
Sunday 28th February	10:30am	<i>People of the Parish</i>
Tuesday 2nd March	9:00am	<i>Priest's Intention</i>
Thursday 4th March	10:00am	<i>John A. Bonham (RIP)</i>
Friday 5th March	9:00am	<i>Maggie Morrell (Int)</i>

All Masses Live Streamed visit our website www.totnesrcparish.org.uk and click the Mass livestream icon.

Stations of the Cross every Sunday at 4pm during Lent (Live Streamed)

Confession is available on request. Please contact Fr. Louis to arrange an appointment.

Prayers for the Sick Please hold in your prayers: **Ken Thomas, James Smith, Helen Claydon-Goldstein Robert Y. Amil, Robert M. Amil and Family**

'Seeds of Faith' 40 Day Challenge for Lent

Our 'Seeds of Faith' group have again produced a postcard for Lent with challenges! Due to COVID-19 we cannot distribute the cards at Mass, or on the street. We have printed some and they were included in the envelope with the newsletter (last week), for those who get it by post. Linda has attached the PDF for those who get the bulletin by email - if you have a printer, you could print it off. Some cards will be available in the narthex for those who attend Mass in church.

Travelling Lent Together

Please join 'Seeds of Faith' for parish time of reflection. We'll meet via Zoom **every Tuesday at 7pm during Lent** for an hour and a half to reflect on one of the Mass readings for the following Sunday.

Come to as many or as few of these meetings as you wish. All are welcome email Liz Allott if you want to attend: lizallott@gmail.com

Caritas Lent Resources

Caritas Plymouth has developed some resources for individual, group and parish reflection during Lent 2021. The resources include 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/2021/02/Lenten-2021-Resources.pdf>

World Day of Prayer Friday 5th March (Formerly called Women's World Day of Prayer) This year the content has been written by women of the Republic of Vanuatu. Due to the worldwide Covid 19 pandemic, this year, for the first time, a service will be broadcast over the internet, from Vanuatu. At our Totnes Churches Together Steering Group meeting this morning, we decided that in the spirit of international ecumenism, we would ask the people of our Totnes parishes to tune in to this worldwide event, rather than having a local service. **Here is the link if you would like to join in.** <https://www.wwdp.org.uk> The YouTube video that shows on the front page is the right one. I hope you enjoy taking part.

Could you walk for water as a personal Lenten challenge by walking 10,000 steps a day, every day, for 40 days? Find out more at cafod.org.uk/walk.

Alternatively, you may wish to support parishioners who are participating in the Big Walk for Water challenge: Liz and Anthony Allott - donate on the [Just Giving page](http://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/anthony-and-lizs-walk) walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/anthony-and-lizs-walk

Stay Awake 2021 – Booking is open via the webpage: visit www.stayawakejc.com for more info and to receive the Zoom link for entry. This is the *third year* for our home-grown **all age** event and takes place on **Saturday 27th February online, via Zoom, 11.00 am to 3.00 pm**

Inspiring / encouraging talks, praise, worship and fellowship, in the comfort of your own home! **Includes a session for children from 1:00 pm – 1:30 pm (Reception – Yr 9).**

Stay Awake allows us to go deeper with Jesus and build Christian discipleship. This is a free event! Be sure to like/follow to keep updated with all things Stay Awake, and to see some fun content!

Online Links: Email: stayawakejc19@gmail.com

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/stayawakejc19/> Instagram: [instagram.com/stayawakejc19](https://www.instagram.com/stayawakejc19)

Plymouth Youth

Your Faith in Action series of talks – 22nd February thru 22nd March 2021 7.30 – 8.30pm on Zoom.

It's amazing – we're all called by God to play our part in making the world a better place! But how? Join our community of young people (aged 13+) for 5 weeks of fun, faith and finding out about how to put your faith into action for the good of others.

Over the first 2 weeks we will get to know each other, our interests and amazing potential - and then meet a group of asylum seekers/refugees and learn from their experience. The subsequent weeks will flow according to the groups interest. For further information and to book a place please email: Saskia Hogbin – Youth Events Worker youth@prcdtr.org.uk

Online Drama course – The Last Supper

This 4 week virtual course is a chance to explore the Last Supper through script, movement and improvisation; thinking about what the disciples were thinking and talked about as they prepared to arrive at a strangers house for the annual Jewish feast; what did they talk about during the feast; how did they react when Jesus talked about one of the being a traitor. The sessions are fun, they include lots of drama games. If you are year 6 or older and would like a place on the course please email Saskia Hogbin – Youth Events Worker youth@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 email Liz on: liz.allott@gmail.com The next coffee morning is on Thursday 11th March

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

Stations of the Cross

Every Sunday at 4pm during Lent. Join us in church (Socially distanced & mask required) or Live stream online (go to our website totnesrcparish.org.uk/mass-times/ click on 'Facebook Live Stream').

Centering Prayer Thursdays at 7pm, Zoom

Twenty minutes with God in silent prayer. For further details and for the Zoom 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

We meet on the first Monday of the month, 10.00 - 12 noon. However, the national lockdown means that this group will have to stop until the rules change.

MARRIAGE MATTERS (www.twainoneflesh.org.uk)

Second Sunday of Lent (Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18 Romans 8:31-34 Mark 9:2-10)

Free to be ourselves

Sometimes we can be overwhelmed by each other's generous sensitivity, thoughtfulness and kindness which have helped us grow in confidence to share our deepest feelings, fears and joys. Let us try this week to find ways of growing in that confidence and trust so that in our relationship we radiate God's joy through the way we love each other.

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During this Season of Lent the Holy Spirit drives us too, like Jesus, into the desert (Mk1:12-15). It is not a physical place, but rather an existential dimension in which we can be silent and listen to the word of God, so that a true conversion might be effected in us.