

Additional Newsletter items for 10th October 2021

Parish Notices continued: -

Dear Children of Holy Cross Parish,

We have missed you over the last 18 months, but you haven't been forgotten!

We are planning to start up the Children's Liturgy sessions at the 10:45 Mass on **Sunday 7th November**. We are looking forward to seeing you all then.

For those of you who are in School Year 3 and above, we intend to start the First Holy Communion preparation in December with a view to the First Holy Communion Mass on **Sunday 19th June**, the feast of Corpus Christi.

Registration for First Holy Communion classes for 2022 will be from **14th November**. Look out for the forms at the back of church from that date. Please hand the forms to either Mary Pike or Father Cyriacus.

The introductory meeting for parents, children, and catechists will be on **Saturday 4th December at 10:00 am**.

The first session for children will be on **Sunday 5th December at 9:15 am** in the Upper Room.

This session will be followed by the 10:45 Mass during which the children will be enrolled in the programme.

Father will be running meetings on the second Saturday of each month, excluding January, for parents, children and catechists. These meetings will be held in our church hall with the Tavistock First Holy Communion group joining us.

The children's sessions will then take place on two to three Sundays a month, excluding the school holidays. I will give you a full list of dates at the initial meeting.

We will also put notices in the parish newsletter, so keep an eye out for these on the Parish website: www.holycrossyvelverton.org.uk

Meanwhile, we will keep you all in our prayers

God Bless, *Mary Pike & Kate Jackson*

Our **Catholic Children's Society** Rep, Ann Ruth here at Holy Cross, saved the day when the Diocesan Quiz was postponed. She carried on with the raffle and having decided that most people who had signed up would still be free, a Pizza and Pudding evening was organised instead, as an opportunity to introduce Fr Cyriacus to more of his parishioners, without face masks. Participants were asked to bring a large pizza or make a pudding or provide side dishes. We had a super variety of both items, alongside homemade coleslaw (delicious), garlic bread and cream.

A separate quiz sheet on each table provided tense competition and a small raffle for those present raised another £61. It was really lovely to meet several people whom we hadn't seen in a year or more. We had a truly fun evening and Fr Cyriacus impressed us all by remembering the names of everyone and who was with whom.

The main raffle was drawn on Sunday 3rd after Mass, raising £100.30. The prize winners were: - Michael Boon- A bottle of Port; Michael Parle - A Bottle of Bacardi; Reuben Marks- A Tub of Sweets; Jo Murphy - A Gardener's Gift Set; Joy Jewell - A Pomegranate Diffuser. The Falveys- A Jigsaw; Bernie Knight- a Lunch Box and Jan Marks –a travel mug.

A huge thank you to all who supported all of the above in whatever way, buying raffle tickets, attending the draw and/or the Social evening, donating the generous prizes and supporting the CCS appeal. A grand total of £509 has been sent to the CCS office. **Anon**

Pastoral Message from Bishop Mark to be read at all Masses about the two-year synodal journey launched this weekend by the Holy Father of consultations and discernment in order that the Church can engage everyone in being more missionary. The Bishop's letter will be e-mailed to all parishioners on the Parish Database. If you require a printed copy please contact the Parish Office.

Launch of the Diocesan Phase of the Synodal Process: The local listening phase will take place over the coming months, starting with a Liturgy led by Bishop Mark at the Cathedral at 4pm on Sunday 17th October. All are welcome to attend in person, but the Liturgy will be live streamed and available to access on the Diocesan YouTube Channel. Everyone is also warmly invited to attend one of our initial introductory online events to explain the Synodal journey in more detail and how we plan to go forward in our Diocese. There are two options: Wednesday 20th October from 7-8.30 pm OR Saturday 23 October from 10.30-12.00 noon.

Other Notices:-

Train as a Relationship Counsellor with Marriage Care - Catholic Marriage Care are the largest faith-based relationship support specialists in the UK. We are looking for empathetic listeners who would like to train and volunteer with us as **relationship counsellors** and make a world of difference to couples and families. For more information please visit: www.marriagecare.org.uk/crc

We will also be hosting an online **CRC Open Event** for anyone who would like to know more about this role, the training and Marriage Care. The event will be held on **Monday 25th October (1-2pm)** via Zoom. Anyone interested in joining the Open Event can contact Rachael Obrien at rachaelo@marriagecare.org.uk.

Want to help the children you love find God in everyday life? CELEBRATE is running the **Parenting for Faith** course on Zoom! The Parenting for Faith course is for **you** - it's not just mums and dads who long for children and teens to know God for themselves. Whether you're a parent, guardian, grandparent, family member, friend, or catechist, you can help the young people in your life develop a vibrant and connected relationship with God – whatever their age! Dates: Block one: 2nd, 9th, 16th, & 23rd November 2021. Optional evening: 30th November 2021 with Rachel Turner, Parenting for Faith Pioneer. Block two: 11th, 18th, 25th January & 1st February 2022. During the sessions there will be opportunity to discuss the content in small groups online. These will be organised in regions so that you can get to know other families in your area. [Watch the trailer for the course here.](#) To book your free place on the course, you need to register here: www.celebratetrust.org/parentingforfaith We look forward to seeing you all there! God bless.

The CELEBRATE Team

Youth Leaders Conference: Do you or would you like to volunteer in your parish to support the youth? Volunteer roles can be making tea, encouraging young people to join in diocesan and deanery activities or running events. It's as big a commitment as you would like to make it. Either join us on the 16th October at St Rita's (10- 3.00) or simply email me to express your interest. Booking is essential as lunch will be provided. Rise Theatre will join us on the 16th and will launch the carousel of deanery events due to happen in the new year. Contact: Saskia Hogbin saskia.hogbin@prcdtr.org.uk 01364 645401

EVANGELISING FOR THE SHY, THE HESITANT AND THE INCOMPETENT! – Fr Robbie Lowe. Thursday October 14th. 7pm – 8pm includes Q&A (via Zoom). 'EVANGELISING is for the loud and obnoxious know-it-alls? Yes? I wouldn't know what to do or say. My job is just to try to live a good life etc etc. After all St Francis didn't use words did he? Evangelising is down to the clergy surely?' Fact is the Lord does ask a little more of us. WE ARE THE BEARERS OF THE GOOD NEWS. We are the Church. If we don't do it, nobody will. So.....if you are shy, hesitant or even downright incompetent, let's get together and see what simple things we can do to make a difference and bring people to Jesus. Please register for this FREE event using the following link and you will receive an invitation to join on Zoom <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/evangelising-for-the-shy-the-hesitant-and-theincompetent-fr-robbie-low-tickets-174116445977>

VACANCY – Facilities Assistants

Role: Facilities Assistants – St. Boniface House & Curial Properties - 2 posts

Reporting to: The Head of Property Services

Location: St Boniface House Ashburton, TQ13 7JL

Hours: 21 hours per week (which can be split over 3, 4 or 5 days) usually starting at 8.00am

Salary: £11.39 per hour (Actual Salary £12,438.00 per annum) FTE for 35 hours would be £20,730.00

Copies of the job descriptions and application form are obtainable from the HR Department by emailing recruitment@prcdtr.org.uk or calling 01364 645383. Applications are by application form and covering letter. The last date for applications is Monday 18th October 2021 and interviews will be held on Thursday 4th November 2021 at St Boniface House.