

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC PARISH

St. Mary, Immaculate Mother of God, Barnstaple  
& St. Joseph's, South Molton

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## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

Weekday Year 1; Psalter Week 2

**Sunday 15th January**

### BARNSTAPLE SERVICE TIMES

Date		Time	Feasts & Mass Intentions
Saturday	14th	10:00	Mary MacDuffy & Michael Sheridan
		10:30	<i>Confession and Exposition</i>
Sunday	15th	09:30	<b>2nd Sunday OT</b>
			Heather & Fred Wilson RIP
		18:30	Gordon Smith RIP
Tuesday	17th	10:00	<b>St Anthony</b>
Wednesday	18th	10:00	Mrs Mary RIP
Friday	20th	10:00	Vincent & Hannah Hogg RIP
Saturday	21st	10:00	<b>St Agnes</b>
			Andrew Cambourne RIP
		10:30	<i>Confession and Exposition</i>
Sunday	22nd	09:30	<b>3rd Sunday OT</b>
			Sean & Bernadette Keohane
		18:30	The People of the Parish

### SOUTH MOLTON SERVICE TIMES

Date		Time	Feasts & Mass Intentions
Saturday	14th	17:30	The People of the Parish
Friday	20th	13:30	Requiem Mass for Catherine Patricia Smyth RIP
Saturday	21st	17:30	Pat Smyth RIP

## **Live Streaming of Mass from St. Mary's: Sunday at 9.30 am**

Sunday Mass is live streamed from St Mary's, Barnstaple at 9:30am. This can be found on the Barnstaple parish Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/BarnstapleCatholicParish](http://www.facebook.com/BarnstapleCatholicParish)

## **The Recently Deceased**

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Catherine Patricia Smyth, Diana Stromski and Geraldine Sainsbury, members of our Parish who have all passed away recently. Their Funerals will take place as follows:

- Catherine 'Pat' Smyth: Friday, 20th January, at 1.30pm. St Joseph's.
- Geraldine Sainsbury: Thursday, 26th January, at 12pm. St Mary's.
- Diana Stromski: Wednesday, 8th February, at 11am. St Mary's.

## **St. Mary's Old Church Update**

Phase 1 of the work on the old church in Barnstaple should be completed by the spring. There is a handout available in the Narthex, and on the website, about the work that has been done so far, what will be done in the next few months, and the next phase of the project of bringing the old church back into use. Please do take time to read this. I would like to thank the contractors who have been working on the old church. Not only have they done a great job on restoring the building but have had to do so in all kinds of weather: from rather searing heat in the summer to some bitterly cold days just before Christmas.

## **Extract: Dipping into the Catechism (15/01/23)**

**'What are the essential & necessary elements for celebrating the Eucharist?** The essential elements are wheat bread and grape wine.

**In what way is the Eucharist a memorial of the sacrifice of Christ?**

The Eucharist is a memorial in the sense that it makes present and actual the sacrifice which Christ offered to the Father on the cross, once and for all on behalf of mankind. The sacrificial character of the Holy Eucharist is clear from the very words of Jesus when He instituted the sacrament: "This is my Body which is given for you" and "This cup is the New Covenant in my Blood that will be shed for you" (Luke 22:19-20). The sacrifice of the cross and the sacrifice of the Eucharist are one and the same sacrifice. The priest and the victim are the same; only the manner of offering is different: in a bloody manner on the cross, in an un-bloody manner in the Eucharist.'

Please find the rest of the document on our parish website.

### **Freedom Centre/ Foodbank Collection: Barnstaple (29/01/23)**

The next collection for Barnstaple Freedom Centre/ Foodbank will take place on Sunday, 29th January. Please leave any donations in the labelled box.

### **2nd Collection: White Flower Appeal (15/01/23)**

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will be holding its annual appeal this weekend. SPUC wants to raise awareness of the widespread problem of abortion coercion. According to an independent poll, 87% of GPs are concerned that the Government's 'pills by post' scheme leaves women vulnerable to coerced abortion. SPUC is calling on the Prime Minister to condemn this abhorrent tragedy. Please give what you can. Leaflets and stickers can be found in the Narthex.

### **Days of Special Prayer**

#### **Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity (18– 25/01/23)**

For unity among the churches, a unity founded upon truth and compassion. For the churches to find a common voice, to speak on matters that affect the whole of society.

#### **Sunday of the Word of God (22/01/23)**

For openness to the Word so that we may hear God speaking to us today. For all called to proclaim the word; that they may communicate God's message to all.

### **Synodality Series (11/02/23)**

By popular demand, the diocese is offering 2 further talks by Dr Caroline Farey on vital aspects of synodality. Come and discuss in person or join the day online via zoom. The talks will take place at St Peter's Catholic Church, Crownhill, Plymouth, PL5 3AX For those attending the day there will be 10.30am Refreshments and 12.15pm Lunch break. (Bring your own lunch). There is also Mass at 9.30am. To request a zoom link please email:

[carolinefarey@btinternet.com](mailto:carolinefarey@btinternet.com)

#### **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2023:**

11.00am: Talk 1. Sharing the priesthood of Christ.

1.15pm: Talk 2. Should women share in the hierarchy?

## **The Pope's Intention for January: For Educators**

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

## **LOUDfence in the Diocese of Plymouth (15 - 17/02/23)**

The diocese will be holding a LOUDfence at Christ the King Church in Plymouth starting on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February and concluding on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February. A LOUDfence is a visible display of support and solidarity with those who have been affected by abuse. Attendees are encouraged to tie ribbons around a fence which could also include a message of support. We want survivors to know that we hear you, we believe you and that we are here to support you. We hope that you can join us. More details will follow soon.

## **Gift Aid Envelopes**

Gift Aid envelopes are available to pick up from the Narthex. For those tax payers interested in registering as Gift Aiders, please contact the parish office.

## **Financial Support of the Parish**

Parishioners who wish to contribute to the financial support of the parish can do so in the following ways:

- Placing a donation in a collection basket in the church
- Posting cheques or money to the presbytery
- By Standing Order or BACS Transfer (contact the parish office for details)

### **Parish Office Hours**

Mon, Tue, Thurs, & Fri. 8.30 - 12.30  
St. Mary's Church House, Higher Church  
Street, Barnstaple. EX32 8JE

**Parish Secretary:** Claire Spears

**Plymouth Diocesan Trust**

Registered Charity Number 213227

### **Parish Primary School**

Our Lady's Catholic Primary School  
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*Please contact her if you have any safeguarding concerns.*