

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC PARISH

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

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Second Sunday of Advent (Year A)
Weekday: Advent Week 2; Psalter Week 2
Sunday 4th December

BARNSTAPLE SERVICE TIMES

Date		Time	Feasts & Mass Intentions
Saturday	3rd	10:00 10:30	St Francis Xavier For Souls in Purgatory <i>Confession and Exposition</i>
Sunday	4th	09:30 15:30 18:30	2nd Sunday of Advent Tony Goff Syro - Malabar Mass The Pope's Intention for December
Monday	5th	11:00	Funeral Service for Ann Osborne RIP
Tuesday	6th	10:00	The Sick and Housebound
Wednesday	7th	10:00	St Ambrose Mandy Greening RIP
Thursday	8th	10:00	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Parish Patronal Feast) Rosary after Mass
Friday	9th	10:00	Mr E Weld RIP
Saturday	10th	10:00 10:30	The Recently Deceased <i>Confession and Exposition</i>
Sunday	11th	09:30 18:30	3rd Sunday of Advent - Gaudete Sunday John Needham RIP The People of the Parish

SOUTH MOLTON SERVICE TIMES

Date		Time	Feasts & Mass Intentions
Saturday	3rd	17:30	The People of the Parish
Saturday	10th	17:30	Elizabeth Williams 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

Request for a lift to Sunday Masses

A new parishioner to the area is looking for a regular lift to the 9.30am Sunday Mass at St Mary's. She lives in the Rumsam area of Barnstaple. If you think you can help, please contact the parish office for more information. Thank you.

Family looking for a Property to Rent

A family of 4 in our parish are in urgent need of 2 bedroom accommodation to rent. If you can help or know of anything, please contact the parish office.

Ann Osborne RIP

Please pray for the soul of Ann Osborne, a former Barnstaple parishioner, who died recently. Her Funeral will take place on Monday, 5th December at St Mary's. 11am

Extract: Dipping into the Catechism (04/12/22)

What is the relationship between the sacraments and faith? The sacraments not only presuppose faith but with words and ritual elements they nourish, strengthen and express it. By celebrating the sacraments, the Church professes the faith that comes from the apostles. This explains the origin of the ancient saying, "lex orandi, lex credendi," that is, the Church believes as she prays.

Reverse Advent Calendar

We will be running Reverse Advent Calendars in St Mary's and St Joseph's in the lead up to Christmas. These are a way to collect food and special items for families living in poverty in our local area, with all donations going to the North Devon Food Banks. Posters with generally desired items and labelled drop off points will be placed in both churches. Specific Christmas items include:

Mince Pies	Box of chocolates	Christmas pudding
Christmas cake	Box of biscuits	Children's selection box
Tinned ham, spam, corned beef	Large chocolate bar (150 - 200g)	Snacks and nibbles (i.e. peanuts)
Christmas crackers	Jams and pickles	Dried milk
Instant mash potatoes		

The Advent Calendar can also be found on our parish website. Please find relevant dates below:

South Molton	Barnstaple
Official collection date: 10/12/22	Official Collection dates: 18/12/22

W.O.R.K Curry & Quiz Night: Thank you

Many thanks to all who supported the recent W.O.R.K Curry and Quiz, either by attending or giving donations. We raised £1,100 all together. This will be put to very good use in Kenya by Mary Jane. She thanks you all.

Christmas Cake Raffle (- 18/12/22)

Bryony Sapsford will be raffling off a Christmas cake, to raise funds for North Devon Hospice. Tickets will be on sale after every weekend Mass at St Mary's. 50p each, or £2 for a strip. The final draw will take place on Sunday 18th December.

CWL Meeting (06/12/22)

The next CWL meeting will be after Mass on Tuesday, 6th December at Lyn Nelson's house.

South Molton YMCA: Community Prayer (12/12/22)

The YMCA invites you to join us in prayer and praise time for our community. We feel it is vital to our work that of all the churches in town have a time of prayer for the activities we collectively do throughout our community. Please feel free to join us. 1.30 - 2.30pm. YMCA, Mill Street, South Molton. For more info, email amy.somerwill@ymcasouthmolton.org.uk.

Knights of St Columba Meeting (14/12/22)

The next KSC meeting will be held at 2pm in the Red Room at St Mary's.

South Molton & Barnstaple Christmas Flowers (17 & 18/12/22)

There will be second collections on Saturday, 17th December, and Sunday, 18th December, for Christmas flowers for the altars of St Joseph's and St Mary's.

Sisters of Mary Morning Star in Lynton

Day Retreats in Advent (6, 13 & 20/12/22)

11.30am - 6.30pm. Starts at 11.30am with Mass. There will be time for adoration, rosary, walk in the valley of the Rocks, teaching on lectio divina, and ending with vespers. Please bring a packed lunch and a bible. At the Convent in Lynton (EX35 6BS). For more information, contact the Sisters at srsmarymorningstar@gmail.com or 01598 753373.

Eucharistic Prayer Vigil (07/12/22)

The Eucharistic Prayer Vigil, which was due to take place on the 7th of December, has been **cancelled**.

Advent Retreat (16 - 18/12/22)

Come and await the birth of Christ in the heart of a Monastic community. Experience the Advent liturgy, silence, prayer, and lectio Divina lived in joyful expectation with the Blessed Virgin. An opportunity for young women aged 18-35 to study what St Thomas Aquinas teaches on the mystery of the Incarnation, and to learn how to do lectio Divina. To book, email srsmarymorningstar@gmail.com

CCS(P) Christmas Crib Donations.

Putting all children first, especially at Christmas. Please take time to visit our nativity over the Christmas period. The collection will be donated to the Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth) as it works across the Diocese spreading God's love and giving families hope in times of crisis. Thank you for your generosity.

Christmas Offerings

The Christmas offering, along with the Easter offerings, are used by the parish to help support your parish priest. All offerings on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, whether in envelopes or in the plate, will be treated as Christmas offerings.

Christmas Mass Times

The 8pm Christmas Eve Mass and 9.30am Christmas Day Mass will be live streamed. Please visit www.facebook.com/BarnstapleCatholicParish

	24th December Christmas Eve Saturday	25th December Christmas Day Sunday	26th December St Stephen Monday
St Mary's	8pm	9.30am	10am
St Joseph's	5.30pm	-	-

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
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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.