

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC PARISH

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

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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

Weekday Year 1; Psalter Week 4

Sunday 29th January

BARNSTAPLE SERVICE TIMES

Date		Time	Feasts & Mass Intentions
Saturday	28th	10:00	St Thomas Aquinas Johnson & Rita's Wedding Anniversary
		10:30	<i>Confession and Exposition</i>
Sunday	29th	09:30	4th Sunday OT Bernard & Mavis Knibbs RIP
		18:30	Rita Bender RIP
Tuesday	31st	10:00	NO MASS
Wednesday	1st	10:00	John & Brigid Keohane RIP
Thursday	2nd	10:00	The Presentation of the Lord
Friday	3rd	10:00	Helen Hind RIP
Saturday	4th	10:00	Joseph Philip
		10:30	<i>Confession and Exposition</i>
Sunday	5th	09:30	5th Sunday OT Ann Pobjoy RIP
		15:30	Syro-Malabar Mass
		18:30	Sam Jones RIP

SOUTH MOLTON SERVICE TIMES

Date		Time	Feasts & Mass Intentions
Saturday	28th	17:30	The People of the Parish
Saturday	4th	17:30	The People of the Parish

Please note that there will be no Mass on Tuesday, 31st January.

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

The Recently Deceased

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Diana Stromski. Her Funeral will take place at St Mary's on Wednesday, 8th February, at 11am.

First Holy Communion Classes

First Communion Preparation Classes will start on Thursday 9th February at 5.00pm. These classes will then be every Thursday at 5.00pm, although there will be breaks for half terms and for the Easter holiday. If you haven't done so already, please ensure that the parish office is aware that you want your child to start preparation for First Communion. Children wanting to start preparation classes should be in year 4 or above at school. At this first meeting, there will be a short meeting for parents with Fr. Peter starting at 5.00pm. Children preparing for First Communion will need to attend these classes on a regular basis and also be regularly attending Mass. No date has yet been set for the First Communion but it will be either in June or July, before the end of term.

Needed: Fire Marshal and First Aid Volunteers

We are looking for volunteers to act as First Aiders and Fire Marshalls in St Mary's and St Joseph's Church. Once we have enough names, we will organise for an external company to visit the parish and provide the appropriate training. Please contact the parish office if you are interested.

Extract: Dipping into the Catechism (29/01/23)

Why did Christ institute the sacraments of Penance and the Anointing of the sick? Christ, the physician of our soul and body, instituted these sacraments because the new life that He gives us in the sacraments of Christian initiation can be weakened and even lost because of sin. Therefore, Christ willed that His Church should continue His work of healing and salvation by means of these two sacraments

Needed: Church Musicians and Choir Members

Our choir and music group lead congregational singing in joyful celebration of our faith. We are aiming to recruit some new members, and singers/musicians of all ages and abilities are welcome. We know that there are many strong and tuneful voices in our congregation, please offer your gifts to the Music Ministry in our Parish and join the music group. Music group members are encouraged to attend rehearsals, but it is not compulsory. You can simply turn up on Sunday and sing! If you have any questions, please speak to Jackie, Di, or Nigel.

Freedom Centre/ Foodbank Collection: South Molton (11/02/23)

The next collection for South Molton Foodbank will take place on Saturday, 11th February January. Please leave any donations in the labelled box.

2nd Collection: Lepra Appeal (29/01/23)

‘Despite being curable, leprosy if left untreated can cause life changing disabilities and even blindness. Sadly, due to the misinformation and prejudice surrounding the disease, many children are unable to attend school and adults are cast out from their communities and forced to live isolated lives away from their families and friends. During the difficult times of the COVID-19 crisis, so many of us in the UK can now resonate with such feelings of isolation with the social distancing measures we experienced.’

‘It costs Lepra £25 to change a life. If found early enough and treatment provided, the disease can be halted, preventing disability. Reconstructive surgery often restores the use of limbs and sight to both children and adults. With a course of multidrug therapy, it is possible to cure leprosy and with your help we hope that it will one day be beaten. Please give what you can and keep the people who have leprosy in your prayers.’

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

Saturday 11th February 2023:

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

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

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

The Diocese of Plymouth are holding a LOUDfence at Christ the King Church in Plymouth. A LOUDfence is a visible display of support and solidarity with those who have been affected by abuse. We want to show survivors of abuse that we hear you, we believe you and that we are here to support you. Attendees will be encouraged to tie a ribbon to a fence which could also include a message of support. The event is open to everyone, and the LOUDfence will be in place at the front of the church from 2pm on Wednesday 15th until 4:30pm on Friday 17th, for ribbons and messages to be added. Members of the safeguarding team will be present during working hours. Here is a full schedule of events for the LOUDfence:

Wednesday 15th February at 2pm – Opening of the LOUDfence.

Thursday 16th February – LOUDfence open all day.

Friday 17th February – LOUDfence open until 4:30pm.

A Survivors Mass will be held at 12 Noon, celebrated by Fr Mark Skelton.

If you are unable to attend the LOUDfence but would like to send a message of support for this, please visit: <https://www.plymouth-diocese.org.uk/the-diocese/how-we-work/vicariate-for-safeguarding-and-pastoral-care/loudfence/> and complete the online form, or send an e-mail to: sophie.scagell@prcdtr.org.uk

Stay Awake (11/03/23)

'Stay Awake' is taking place for the 5th year at All Saints Church of England Academy, Weymouth, 10:00 – 19:00. This is your Invitation! Please come and bring your friends and neighbours to an inspirational day of growing closer to Jesus. There will be Mass, Praise and Worship, Kids' activities, Fellowship, Workshops, a Prayer Room and Pizza in the evening for dinner! What's not to love?! Tickets are free for those in Year 9 and under and only £10 for everyone else! Please see www.stayawakejc.com for more information and to book tickets!

Plymouth Diocesan Ignatian Spirituality Group : Retreats

Lenten Retreats - Venue: St Rita's Centre Honiton, East Devon

Feb 24th – 26th (Fri – Sun) Weekend Retreat

Feb 27th – 3rd March (Mon – Fri) Midweek Retreat

Feb 24th – 3rd March (Fri - Fri) 6-day retreat.

Summer Retreats - Venue: Sclerder Abbey, nr Looe, Cornwall

Jun 30th – 2nd July (Fri - Sun) Weekend Retreat

July 3rd – 7th July (Mon - Fri) Midweek Retreat

Jun 30th – 7th July (Fri - Fri) 6-day Retreat

Cost includes full board & lodging. Recommended donation: Weekend Retreat £140; Midweek Retreat £240; 6 – day Retreat £450.

Please email diocesan-ignatian-retreats@predtr.org.uk or phone 01752 769164 or 07823 447637 for further information or booking form.

Gift Aid Envelopes

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
Chanter's Hill, Barnstaple.
EX32 8DN

Tel: 01271 345164

Principal: Rob Meech

Chair of Governors: Geraldine Herage

Safeguarding Rep. (Barnstaple): Ruth O'Donovan (Tel: 01271 342493)

Please contact her if you have any safeguarding concerns.