

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC PARISH

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

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Second Week in Christmastide (Year A)

Psalter Week 2

Sunday 4th January

BARNSTAPLE SERVICE TIMES

Date		Time	Feasts & Mass Intentions
Saturday	3rd	10:00	St John – Apostle & Evangelist
		10:30	Varghese Balaesehingal RIP <i>Confession, Exposition & Rosary (until 11:00)</i>
Sunday	4th	09:30	2nd Sunday After the Nativity
			Jeff Rydin RIP
		18:30	Dorothy & Gordon Smith RIP
Tuesday	6th	10:00	The Epiphany of the Lord
		18:30	<i>(Holiday of Obligation)</i>
Wednesday	7th	10:00	Gwen Dockrell RIP
Thursday	8th	10:00	
Friday	9th	10:00	
Saturday	10th	10:00	Thanksgiving to God for successful qualification as Optometrist and a new home.
		10:30	<i>Confession, Exposition & Rosary (until 11:00)</i>
Sunday	11th	09:30	The Baptism of the Lord (with Children's Liturgy)
		18:30	Albert Lucas RIP

SOUTH MOLTON SERVICE TIMES

Date		Time	Feasts & Mass Intentions
Saturday	3rd	17:30	The People of the Parish
Saturday	11th	17:30	The People of the Parish

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 Pope's Intentions for January: For Prayer with the Word of God.

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church. <https://thepopevideo.org/>

The Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

This feast is a holiday of obligation for all Catholics. There is therefore Mass in the morning at 10.00 and in the evening at 18:30.

Thank You

I would like to say an enormous thank you to all those who prepared the church and worked to ensure our Christmas liturgies were carried out with great dignity and solemnity. A lot of people put a lot of work in to make sure this happens.

Thank you also for your many Christmas Cards and presents that I have received. Your generosity is much appreciated.

Fr. Peter

Requiescant in Pace

Please pray of the souls of Mario Menezes & Bob Trickey, both of whom died recently. And please keep their families in your prayers as they grieve their loss. Funeral details tbc.

CWL Thanks and Reminder

The CWL would like to say thank you to all the parishioners who have supported them during the last year.

Also a reminder that if you have any unwanted Christmas presents, please pass them on to Maureen Burch. The C.W.L will sell them on their weekly stall to raise money for local charities. Smaller toys may be retained by the church to entertain our youngest parishioners.

CWL Meeting (06/01/26)

The next CWL Meeting will take place on Tuesday 6th January.

Foodbank / Freedom Centre collections:

St Joseph's: 10/01/26 ~ St Mary's: 25/01/26

First Holy Communion Classes:

FHC classes will recommence on Thursday 8th January, from 4:50 – 6pm.

Children's Liturgy:

Children's Liturgy will recommence on Sunday 11th January.

CCS(P): Putting all Children First, especially at Christmas Time.

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. We continue to ask you for a combination of concern, prayer and action. May God bless all our supporters and donors.

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Book Group (07/01/26)

Book Group will be meeting on Wednesday 7th January at 7pm, in the Presbytery to discuss 'The Ghost' by Robert Harris. All welcome.

Teens Residential: (23-25/01/26)

East Shallowford Farm, Dartmoor, 23rd - 25th January 2026

The 2026 Teens Residential (those aged 13-17) - Attenders are invited to explore the lives of people holding refugee and asylum seekers status in the UK. There will be time to question refugees and asylum seekers to hear why they left their homes to seek asylum. On listening to the stories there is a chance for young people to form their own opinion and decide what action they would like to take.

This event cost £50pp. To book: For further information: youth@predtr.org.uk

Dilexi Te – The Burning Heart of the Church's Mission: (21/02/26)

A day of reflection with Bishop Nicholas Hudson

Buckfast Abbey Conference Centre, 21 February 2026, 11am-4pm.

Join Caritas and CAFOD this Lent for a diocesan day to reflect on Pope Leo XIV's powerful Apostolic Exhortation *Dilexi Te*, which calls us to return to the Gospel and reminds us that love of the poorest of our sisters and brothers is part of the "burning heart of the Church's mission".

Hear from our inspirational Speakers: Rt Rev Nicholas Hudson, Bishop of Plymouth; Christine Allen, CAFOD Director; Raymond Friel OBE, CSAN Chief Executive Officer; Fr. Richard Finn OP, University of Oxford.

[Click here to register](#) or email: caritas@predtr.org.uk

The Buckfast Institute:

The Buckfast Institute is a new initiative from Buckfast Abbey that promotes Catholic education in the UK through on-site and online courses.

The Institute has an upcoming, four-part *Theology of the Body* course (dates in January & February), which is being offered by in-house theologian, Dr Andrew Kaethler. A poster for the course can be seen in the Narthex.

Our Lady's Primary School - Governor Needed

Our Lady's School needs a new Governor to join the Local Governing Board. If you would be interested in serving our parish school in this way, then please speak to Fr.

Receive our Parish Newsletter by E-mail

Please contact the office if you would like to have the parish newsletter emailed to you each week. It is an excellent way to find out what is happening in our churches, and will keep you up to date with any changes to our regular Mass times.

The Rosary

The Rosary is prayed at St Joseph's every Thursday at 10am, and at St. Mary's every Saturday morning after Mass (at about 10.30am). This is an opportunity for parishioners to participate in this great prayer tradition of the Church and to meditate on the life of Christ.

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)

Gift Aid

For those taxpayers interested in registering as Gift Aiders, please contact the parish office.

Sunday Morning Parking

We respectfully request that, on Sunday Mornings, St Mary's car park be reserved for elderly parishioners and those with disabilities. Please could all other parishioners look for off site alternatives. Thank you.

Parish Office Hours	Parish Primary School
Mon, Tue, Thurs, & Fri. 8.30 - 12.30	Our Lady's Catholic Primary School
St. Mary's Church House, Higher	Chanter's Hill, Barnstaple.
Church Street, Barnstaple. EX32 8JE	EX32 8DN
Parish Secretary: Helen Black	Tel: 01271 345164
Plymouth Diocesan Trust	Principal: Rob Meech
Registered Charity Number 213227	Chair of Governors: Lydia Cawsey

Safeguarding Rep: Ruth O'Donovan (Tel: 01271 342493)
Please contact her if you have any safeguarding concerns.