

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC PARISH

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

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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

Weekday Year 1; Psalter Week 3

Sunday 22nd January

BARNSTAPLE SERVICE TIMES

Date		Time	Feasts & Mass Intentions
Saturday	21st	10:00	St Agnes Andrew Cambourne RIP
		10:30	Confession and Exposition
Sunday	22nd	09:30	3rd Sunday OT Sean & Bernadette Keohane
		18:30	The People of the Parish
Tuesday	24th	10:00	St Francis de Sales Deceased Members of the Stevenson Family
Wednesday	25th	10:00	Conversion of St Paul - Feast Norah O'Shea RIP
Thursday	26th	12:00	Requiem Mass for Geraldine Sainsbury RIP
Friday	27th	10:00	Mavis Eastaugh RIP
Saturday	28th	10:00	St Thomas Aquinas Johnson & Rita's Wedding Anniversary
		10:30	Confession and Exposition
Sunday	29th	09:30	4th Sunday OT Bernard & Mavis Knibbs RIP
		18:30	Rita Bender RIP

SOUTH MOLTON SERVICE TIMES

Date		Time	Feasts & Mass Intentions
Saturday	21st	17:30	Pat Smyth RIP
Saturday	28th	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 Recently Deceased

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

- Geraldine Sainsbury: Thursday, 26th January, at 12pm. St Mary's.
- Diana Stromski: Wednesday, 8th February, at 11am. St Mary's.

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.

Extract: Dipping into the Catechism (22/01/23)

'Why is the Holy Eucharist the paschal banquet? The Holy Eucharist is the paschal banquet in as much as Christ sacramentally makes present His Passover and gives us His Body and Blood, offered as food and drink, uniting us to Himself and to one another in His sacrifice.'

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.

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.

Book Group (25/01/23)

Book Group will be meeting on Wednesday 25th January at 7pm in the Presbytery to discuss The Queen's Gambit by Walter Tevis. All welcome.

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 will be holding a LOUDfence at Christ the King Church in Plymouth starting on Wednesday 15th February and concluding on Friday 17th 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.

Youth Event: Flame 2023 (04/03/23)

Join us on Saturday at OVO Arena, Wembley for the largest Catholic gathering of young people, aged 14 - 21, in England and Wales. The theme of Flame 2023 takes the WYD Scripture ‘Mary arouse and went with haste’ and crystalises it into the theme, ‘Rise Up’. Rise up after the pandemic, rise up as young Catholics, rise up - as Mary did - for the surprising and beautiful adventure that is our Catholic faith. The event will include world renowned speakers, faith leaders and musicians. Plymouth Diocese has 100 tickets; 50 have been distributed to Dorset and 50 to Devon and Cornwall. Coaches will be laid on from Plymouth. For more information, please visit <https://cymfed.org.uk/flame/>. If you would like to be sent an application form, please contact the parish office.

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 contact Plymouth Diocesan Ignatian Spirituality Group at diocesan-ignatian-retreats@prcdtr.org.uk or phone 01752 769164 or 07823 447637 for further information or booking form.

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
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.