

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC PARISH

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

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## Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) Weekday Year 2; Psalter Week 3 Sunday 4th September

### BARNSTAPLE SERVICE TIMES

Date		Time	Feasts & Mass Intentions
Saturday	3rd	10:00	<b>St Gregory the Great - Feast</b>
		10:30	Fr Peter - Anniversary of Ordination <b><i>Confession and Exposition</i></b>
Sunday	4th	09:30	<b>23rd Sunday OT</b>
			George Smith RIP
		15:30	Syro- Malabar Mass
		18:30	Margaret Norman
Tuesday	6th	10:00	The Sick and Housebound
Wednesday	7th	10:00	The People of Pakistan
Friday	9th	10:00	The Care of Creation
Saturday	10th	10:00	The Recently Deceased
		10:30	<b><i>Confession and Exposition</i></b>
Sunday	11th	09:30	<b>24th Sunday in OT</b>
			Sir Bouchier Wrey RIP
		18:30	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	

### **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)

### **Large Print Newsletters**

Copies of the newsletter and Mass sheets are now available in large print. These can be found at the back of church

### **Second Collection: Pakistan Floods Appeal**

Devastating floods have hit Pakistan, leaving millions in urgent need of help to survive. A third of the country is now underwater (that's an area almost the size of Great Britain). Your donation will help CAFOD's local partners support communities with clean drinking water, food, emergency medical assistance and shelter. Please pray for those affected, give via the second collection or donate now at [www.cafod.org.uk/give](http://www.cafod.org.uk/give)

### **Day of Special Prayer**

World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation: The annual World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation offers to individual believers and to the community a precious opportunity to renew our personal participation in this vocation as custodians of creation, raising God our thanks for the marvellous works that He has entrusted to our care, invoking his help for the protection of creation and his mercy for the sins committed against the world in which we live.

### **Season of Creation 2022 (01/09/22 - 04/10/22)**

The burning bush is the symbol for this year's Season of Creation which runs until the Feast of St Francis of Assisi on 4 October. The recent prevalence of wildfires are signs of the devastating effects that climate change is having on the most vulnerable of our planet. Creation cries out as forests burn and people and animals are forced to migrate. However, the fire that called to Moses as he tended the flock on Mount Horeb did not consume or destroy the bush. This flame of the Spirit revealed God's presence. In this Season of Creation, this symbol of God's Spirit calls us to listen to the voice of creation and consider how we can be good stewards of the earth's valuable resources. There is an opportunity for everyone to share ideas about what more we can do care for our common home through an online survey. <https://www.plymouth-diocese.org.uk/the-diocese/how-we-work/environment/season-of-creation/>

### **Dipping into the Catechism: Extract (04/09/22)**

**How did Jesus conduct himself in regard to the Law of Israel?** Jesus did not abolish the Law given by God to Moses on Mount Sinai but he fulfilled it by giving it its definitive interpretation. He himself was the divine Legislator who fully carried out this Law. Furthermore ... he offered by means of his expiatory death the only sacrifice capable of making atonement for all the "transgressions committed by men under the first Covenant" (Hebrews 9:15)

### **CWL Meeting (06/09/22)**

The next CWL meeting will take place on Tuesday, 6th September, at 1.30pm in the Red Room.

### **South Molton Food Bank Collection (10/09/22)**

Collections for the South Molton Food Bank are restarting. The first one will take place on the 10th of September. Collections will continue on the second Saturday of every month. Please leave any donations in the labelled box in St Joseph's. Particular items needed at this time include toothbrushes, washing powder and fabric softener. Thank you

### **Gift Aid Talk (10 - 11/09/22)**

Brian Sapsford will be speaking to us about the Gift Aid scheme at mass on the 10th at St Joseph's and 11th at St Mary's. If you have any questions about becoming a Gift Aider, please speak to Brian or contact the parish office.

### **The Visit of the Relics of Saint Bernadette (09 - 10/09/22)**

The relics of St Bernadette will be coming from Lourdes to the UK for a national tour of parishes and chaplaincies in September and October 2022. They are set to visit Plymouth Cathedral on the 9th and 10th of September. If anyone who has attended the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes and would like to be involved in the Lourdes Liturgy at the Plymouth Cathedral at 6pm on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September, please contact Fr Kieran Kirby on 01392 272815 or email [Kieran.kirby@predtr.org.uk](mailto:Kieran.kirby@predtr.org.uk)

### **Exeter Deanery Season of Creation Youth Event (17/09/22)**

Aimed at young parishioners from the ages of 6-16, this event will take place in Sidmouth from 10am-2:30pm. We will meet together at 10am in St Teresa's Hall and the day will be led by a local artist Cara Roxanne. Caritas Plymouth are kindly sponsoring the day and so there is no charge. However, all youngsters will need to bring a small spade for digging on the beach, two separate bags for collecting items in and a packed lunch. For more information, please email [youth@predtr.org.uk](mailto:youth@predtr.org.uk)

### **Diocesan Youth Ministry: 'Sing from the Heart' (24/09/22)**

This event will be held at Buckfast Abbey, 10am-5pm. All singing abilities are welcome. Young people will join together to explore a range of hymns, songs and chants with Buckfast Abbey Choirmaster, Matthew Searles. Friends and family are invited to arrive at 3.30pm to a mini concert, followed by a BBQ for all. For further information contact: Saskia, [youth@predtr.org.uk](mailto:youth@predtr.org.uk)

### **Vocations to Priesthood - Day of Reflection (29/10/22)**

Have you ever asked the question 'Is God calling me to Priesthood or to the Religious life?' This 'Day of Reflection' for men will be held from 10:00 to 16:00 at University of Exeter, Catholic Chaplaincy - within easy walking distance from Exeter St Davids Railway Station. For further information and to register for the event, contact Fr Jacek at [Jacek.Kostuch@predtr.org.uk](mailto:Jacek.Kostuch@predtr.org.uk) or speak to your Parish Priest by 16th October at the latest. Arrangements can be made to collect you from Exeter St David's Railway Station and returned after, if required.

### **The Pope's Intention for September**

For the abolition of the death penalty. We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country.

### **Volunteering Opportunity: Norah Bellot Court**

Norah Bellot Court is a Retirement Living Scheme in the centre of Barnstaple. We have 46 flats for people aged 60 and over. We need new volunteers to help us provide activities for our residents. Volunteering opportunities include helping to run our various Chat, Coffee and Quiz groups, Indoor Bowls, Bingo, Seated Exercises, the “Matters of Faith” group, join our “Friday Club” team of volunteers or come up with a new activity. We are always open to suggestions. Please contact Sally via email: [sally.blackmore@mha.org.uk](mailto:sally.blackmore@mha.org.uk) or phone and leave your contact details on 01271 379787 and I will get back to you.

### **Free draw: Win a trip to Medjugorje with the Irish Centre**

Win one week’s all included package trip to Medjugorje for one person. This includes 7 nights B&B, return airport transfer and flight (up to €300 flight & luggage value). To be in with a chance to win go to our website [www.med-irishcentre.com](http://www.med-irishcentre.com). For more details tel. 00353 1443 4510 or email [reservations@med-irishcentre.com](mailto:reservations@med-irishcentre.com). Our next draw is for 31st October.

### **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.

### **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

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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.*