

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC PARISH

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

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## The Baptism of the Lord (Year A) Weekday Year 1; Psalter Week 1 Sunday 8th January

### BARNSTAPLE SERVICE TIMES

Date		Time	Feasts & Mass Intentions
Saturday	7th	10:00 10:30	Vincent & Hannah Hogg RIP <i>Confession and Exposition</i>
Sunday	8th	09:30 18:30	<b>The Baptism of the Lord</b> Joyce Roberts RIP The People of the Parish
Tuesday	10th		<b>NO MASS</b>
Wednesday	11th	10:00	Albert & Teresa Lucas
Friday	13th	10:00	Harriet Parker RIP
Saturday	14th	10:00 10:30	Mary MacDuffy & Michael Sheridan <i>Confession and Exposition</i>
Sunday	15th	09:30 18:30	<b>2nd Sunday OT</b> Heather & Fred Wilson RIP Gordon Smith RIP

### SOUTH MOLTON SERVICE TIMES

Date		Time	Feasts & Mass Intentions
Saturday	7th	17:30	Pat Smyth RIP
Saturday	14th	17:30	The People of the Parish

*Please note that there will be no Mass on Tuesday 10th 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](http://www.facebook.com/BarnstapleCatholicParish)

## **The Recently Deceased**

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Diana Stromski, Catherine Patricia Smyth and Geraldine Sainsbury, members of our Parish who have all passed away recently. Catherine Smyth's Funeral will take place on Friday, 20th January, at 1.30pm in St Joseph's.

## **St. Mary's Old Church Update**

Phase 1 of the work on the old church in Barnstaple should be completed by the spring. There is a handout available in the Narthex, and on the website, about the work that has been done so far, what will be done in the next few months, and the next phase of the project of bringing the old church back into use. Please do take time to read this. I would like to thank the contractors who have been working on the old church. Not only have they done a great job on restoring the building but have had to do so in all kinds of weather: from rather searing heat in the summer to some bitterly cold days just before Christmas.

## **Extract: Dipping into the Catechism (08/01/23)**

**What is the Eucharist?** The Eucharist is the very sacrifice of the Body and Blood of the Lord Jesus which He instituted to perpetuate the sacrifice of the cross throughout the ages until His return in glory. Thus He entrusted to His Church this memorial of His death and Resurrection. It is a sign of unity, a bond of charity, a paschal banquet, in which Christ is consumed, the mind is filled with grace, and a pledge of future glory is given to us.

## **Unwanted Christmas Presents**

Please give any unwanted Christmas presents to Maureen Burch. The C.W.L will sell them on their weekly stall to raise money for local charities. Thank you.

## **CWL Meeting (10/01/23)**

The next CWL meeting will take place in the Red Room at 10.30am on Tuesday, 10th January.

## **Thank You from the CWL**

Through their Sunday coffee mornings, The CWL have raised over £300 for Our Lady's Primary School. They have also written a cheque for £240 to North Devon Hospice, money raised through their Christmas and Pannier Market stalls. Thank you to everyone who contributed.

## **The Pope's Intention for January: For Educators**

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

## **Synodal Journey: A conversation about safeguarding (09/01/23)**

Recently we have seen the release of the final report from the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA) which highlighted the terrible and damaging impact on children and families caused by abusers. Whilst looking back, this paints a very grim picture of society as a whole. Looking forward both nationally and locally there is a great deal of work undertaken both in the voluntary and statutory sector to prevent abuse from occurring, and to work with and support those who have been hurt in the past. We as a Diocese are playing our part in that not only within the Church, but in wider society. Being aware that many of you may have questions around how safe my church is, what are the implications arising from the IICSA report, and what about safeguarding and the synodal journey, we have decided to host an online event which will be led by Robert Brown, the Senior Safeguarding Professional employed by the Diocese. The event will take place on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January between 6:00pm and 7:30pm.

If you wish to attend the online event, then please sign up via Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/synodal-journey-a-conversation-about-safeguarding-tickets-471079791337> so that we can send the Zoom meeting details to you. This will also provide you the opportunity to highlight any questions you would like to be answered at the meeting. Should you have any questions or concerns in the interim then please contact e-mail [safeguarding@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@prcdtr.org.uk)

## **Foodbank Collection: South Molton (14/01/23)**

The next collection for South Molton Foodbank will take place on Saturday, 14th January. Please leave any donations in the labelled box.

## **2nd Collection: White Flower Appeal (15/01/23)**

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will be holding its annual appeal next weekend. SPUC wants to raise awareness of the widespread problem of abortion coercion. According to an independent poll, 87% of GPs are concerned that the Government's 'pills by post' scheme leaves women vulnerable to coerced abortion. SPUC is calling on the Prime Minister to condemn this abhorrent tragedy. Please give what you can. Leaflets and stickers can be found in the Narthex.

### **Day of Special Prayer: Peace Day (15/01/23)**

For peace between nations, a lasting peace with justice. For all who work for peace; that they may never forget the victims of war. For individuals, groups or movements that promote war and conflict, that Christ, the Prince of Peace, might turn hearts to a culture of life.

### **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](mailto:carolinefarey@btinternet.com)

### **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2023:**

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

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

### **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)

<p><b>Parish Office Hours</b> Mon, Tue, Thurs, &amp; Fri. 8.30 - 12.30 St. Mary's Church House, Higher Church Street, Barnstaple. EX32 8JE <b>Parish Secretary:</b> Claire Spears <b>Plymouth Diocesan Trust</b> Registered Charity Number 213227</p>	<p><b>Parish Primary School</b> Our Lady's Catholic Primary School Chanter's Hill, Barnstaple. EX32 8DN Tel: 01271 345164 Principal: Rob Meech Chair of Governors: Geraldine Herage</p>
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***Safeguarding Rep. (Barnstaple): Ruth O'Donovan (Tel: 01271 342493)***

*Please contact her if you have any safeguarding concerns.*