

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC PARISH

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

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Solemnity of Mary Mother of God (Year A)

Second Week in Christmastide; Psalter Week 2

Sunday 1st January

BARNSTAPLE SERVICE TIMES

Date		Time	Feasts & Mass Intentions
Saturday	31st	10:00 10:30	Seventh Day of the Christmas Octave <i>Confession and Exposition</i>
Sunday	1st	09:30 15:30 18:30	Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God The People of the Parish Syro-Malabar Mass Arthur Donal Lennon RIP
Tuesday	3rd	10:00	The Sick and Housebound
Wednesday	4th	10:00	Requiem Mass for Pope Benedict XVI
Thursday	5th	18:30	Vigil of the Epiphany of the Lord
Friday	6th	10:00	The Epiphany of the Lord (Holy Day of Obligation)
Saturday	7th	10:00 10:30	Vincent & Hannah Hogg RIP <i>Confession and Exposition</i>
Sunday	8th	09:30 18:30	The Baptism of the Lord

SOUTH MOLTON SERVICE TIMES

Date		Time	Feasts & Mass Intentions
Saturday	31st	17:30	
Saturday	7th	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

Baptism

At the 9:30am Sunday Mass the baptism of Adele Chukwuyem will take place. Please pray for her as we welcome her into the Church.

Pope Benedict XVI RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Pope Benedict XVI who died this week. He dedicated his life to God and was a great servant of the Church. May he now enjoy his eternal reward. The Mass on Wednesday will be Requiem Mass for Pope Benedict. His funeral will take place on Thursday morning.

Diana Stromski RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Diana Stromski, who died this week.

The Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord - Holy Day of Obligation

Friday 6th January is the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. It is a celebration of the Magi, the wise men, visiting the baby Jesus in Bethlehem. The visit of the Magi makes manifest that Our Lord came as a saviour for all nations, all people.

The Epiphany is a Holy Day of Obligation and so as Catholics we have an obligation to attend Mass. Therefore, there will be a Vigil Mass on Thursday at 6:30pm and on Friday at 10:20am.

Thank You

I would like to thank parishioners for all the cards and gifts I have received this Christmas. *Canon Peter*

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.

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.

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

What is the meaning of the Christian name received at Baptism? The name is important because God knows each of us by name, that is, in our uniqueness as persons. In Baptism a Christian receives his or her own name in the Church. It should preferably be the name of a saint who might offer the Baptized a model of sanctity and an assurance of his or her intercession before God. Please see the parish website for the full text.

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.

Synodal Journey: A conversation about safeguarding online event (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 9th January between 6:00pm and 7:30pm. If you wish to attend 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

Foodbank Collection: South Molton (14/01/22)

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

CCSP: Win a signed Exeter Chiefs rugby ball & Plymouth Argyle football.

Would you like to win these two signed balls or do you know someone who would love them? To be in with a chance, please visit the following link before 12 noon on Thursday, 5 January 2023: <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/exeter-chiefs-rugby-ball-plymouth-city-football>. Thanks to both clubs for kindly donating these balls so that we can raise some money to support our Essential Grants programme to help more vulnerable children and their families.

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)



THE MEMORARE

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother; to thee do I come; before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

Parish Office Hours

Mon, Tue, Thurs, & Fri. 8.30 - 12.30
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Please contact her if you have any safeguarding concerns.