

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC PARISH

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

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Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph (Year C) Octave of Christmas C; Psalter 4 Sunday 29th December

BARNSTAPLE SERVICE TIMES

| Date | | Time | Feasts & Mass Intentions |
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| Saturday | 28th | 10:00 | The Holy Innocents Roy Phillips RIP |
| | | 10:30 | <i>Confession and Exposition</i> |
| Sunday | 29th | 09:30 | Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Linda Watkins RIP |
| | | 18:30 | The People of the Parish |
| Tuesday | 31st | 10:00 | |
| Wednesday | 1st | 12:00 | Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God |
| Thursday | 2nd | 10:00 | St Basil the Great |
| Friday | 3rd | 10:00 | |
| Saturday | 4th | 10:00 | Gordon & Dorothy Smith RIP |
| | | 10:30 | <i>Confession and Exposition</i> |
| Sunday | 5th | 09:30 | The Epiphany of the Lord Dr Regina (Birthday) |
| | | 18:30 | |

SOUTH MOLTON SERVICE TIMES

| Date | | Time | Feasts & Mass Intentions |
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| Saturday | 28th | 17:30 | The Recently Deceased |
| Saturday | 4th | 17:30 | |

Please note that Mass on Wednesday will be at 12 noon.

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.

Christmas Thank You

Gifts & Cards

Many thanks for you Christmas cards and gifts this Christmas. They are very much appreciated.

Christmas Celebrations

Many thanks to all those who put so much time and effort in to the preparation of the church, the preparation of the liturgy and all those who give so much time to ensuring our Christmas Masses run smoothly and are great celebrations of such a wonderful feast. It requires great effort in so many different ways. I am very grateful for your time and dedication.

Fr. Peter

New Parish Secretary Urgently Required

After 6 years of serving the parish as the parish secretary, Claire is now moving on in mid-January. This is an important role in the running and administration of the parish.

The purpose of the role is to manage the administrative and secretarial support alongside the office resources to ensure the smooth running of the Parish and to enable the Priest to carry out his Diocesan responsibilities. The post holder will be given scope to develop the role, review essential processes and improve them where necessary. If you are competent in the use of Microsoft Office systems such as Word and Outlook, willing to learn new programmes including MS Teams, and possess excellent organisational skills we would love to hear from you! Hours: 16 pw over 4 weekday mornings to include Friday. Location: St Mary's Church House, EX32 8JE. To obtain an application form and job description, contact recruitment@prcdtr.org.uk. Send covering letter and application form to recruitment@prcdtr.org.uk. The deadline for applications has been extended.

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.

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. Smaller toys may be retained by the church to entertain our youngest parishioners.

Office Closed

Please be advised that the parish office will close on Friday 20th December 2024 and re-open on Thursday 2nd January 2025. If you need to speak to Fr Peter urgently, please telephone the Presbytery or email him directly. All contact information can be found on the front cover. Thank you.

The Pope's Intention for January - For the Gift of Diversity in the Church

We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognise the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.

Book Group (08/01/25)

Book Group will be meeting at 7pm on Wednesday 8th January 2025 in the Presbytery to discuss Holy Island by LJ Ross. All welcome.

Foodbank/ Freedom Centre collections

- St Joseph's: 11/01/25
- St Mary's: 26/01/25

First Holy Communion Classes (09/01/25)

The next class will take place on Thursday, 9th January, at 5pm in the Presbytery.

Children's Liturgy (12/01/25)

Children's Liturgy will not be running over the Christmas holiday, and will resume on Sunday 12th January.

Plymouth Diocese: 13-17 Year old Youth Residential (24-26/01/25)

Come and join others from across the Diocese to explore the scripture Job 12:7-10. There will be workshops for you to join including: photography; music; art and filming. £50pp. Contact Saskia Hogbin for further information; youth@predtr.org.uk or follow the link to book: <https://forms.office.com/e/xVBd8tV0fG>

Plymouth Diocese: Gather 2025 (28 - 30/03/25)

Gather 2025 Jubilate is a weekend of faith, formation and friendship. Livermead Cliff Hotel, Torquay. Booking forms available from the parish office or email plymouthgather@yahoo.com for more information.

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.

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

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

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
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Plymouth Diocesan Trust

Registered Charity Number 213227

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Please contact her if you have any safeguarding concerns.