

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC PARISH

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

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29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

Psalter Week 1

Sunday 18th October

BARNSTAPLE SERVICE TIMES

Date		Time	Feasts & Mass Intentions
Saturday	17th	10:00	St Ignatius of Antioch Lily Ellis RIP
		10:30	<i>Confession, Exposition & Rosary (until 11:00)</i>
Sunday	18th	09:30	29th Sunday OT - World Mission Day <i>(with Children's Liturgy)</i> Rose Phillips RIP
		18:30	Margaret Clark RIP
Tuesday	20th	10:00	In Thanksgiving
Wednesday	21st	10:00	The Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV
Thursday	22nd	10:00	The Souls in Purgatory
Friday	23rd	10:00	
Saturday	24th	10:00	P. J. Chacko RIP
		10:30	<i>Confession, Exposition & Rosary (until 11:00)</i>
Sunday	25th	09:30	30th Sunday OT <i>(with Children's Liturgy)</i> Brenda Crisp RIP
		18:30	

SOUTH MOLTON SERVICE TIMES

Date		Time	Feasts & Mass Intentions
Saturday	17th	17:30	The People of the Parish
Saturday	24th	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 Pope's Intentions for October: For mental health ministry.

Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

<https://thepopevideo.org/>

First Holy Communion 2027: (18/10/26)

The next FHC session will be at St Mary's **this Sunday** 18th October, after the 9:30 am Mass. *Please note: the classes are now full and no further applications can be accepted.*

Fist Holy Communion Class - Half Term Break

Please note there will be no First Holy Communion Classes on either Sunday 25th October or Sunday 1st November.

Children's Liturgy - Half Term Break

Please note that there will be no Children's Liturgy on either Sunday 25th October or Sunday 1st November.

2nd Collection: World Mission Sunday (18/10/26)

This weekend, parishes worldwide celebrate World Mission Sunday. By supporting Missio – the Pope's charity for world mission – we stand united as God's global family, in prayer, solidarity and action. The Holy Father has chosen the theme 'One in Christ, united in mission' to celebrate 100 years of World Mission Sunday and encourages us to unite with missionaries as they strive to reach out with God's love to communities in need. Please pray for the work of mission and give what you can to this vital collection. Place your donation in the retiring collection baskets, using a Missio envelope to Gift Aid your donation if you are able. Thank you.

CWL Upcoming Events at St Mary's - Save the Date:

- Fun Night - Friday 20th November
- Christmas Stall – Sunday 13th December

Foodbank/Freedom Centre collections:

- St Mary's: 25/10/26
- St Joseph's: 14/11/26

‘Counting’ Volunteers Needed

We are in need of additional volunteers to record our weekly Mass donations. Volunteers would only be counting once every few weeks, though the period between sessions would extend if we were to receive more applications. Please contact the parish office or speak to Fr Peter if you would like to help.

British Summer Time Ends (25/10/26)

A reminder that the clocks will go back one hour on Sunday 25th October.

Diocesan Youth Events

There are several youth events coming up, including a Chocolate Making workshop at Truro Parish Church on Saturday 17th October (ages 10 - 16), and *Flame 2027* in March next year. For details of all events and for more information, see the poster in the narthex or contact Saskia at:

youth@predtr.org.uk

Worship Night: You are invited to a Worship Night on Friday 30th October, 7:30 - 8:30pm. This will be a guided hour of praise and silent prayer at the Sisters of Mary Morning Star, Lee Road, Lynton EX35 6BS. All are welcome. Social time for young adults 18-35 beforehand 6 - 7:15pm. Young adults, text David (07580 142808) for more information.

Prayer Conference - UNBOUND Freedom in Christ (31/10 – 01/11/26)

Saturday 31st October & Sunday 1st November at Buckfast Abbey.

A weekend immersion in the inspirational teaching of UNBOUND Deliverance Ministry. A safe, gentle and non-confrontational freedom and inner healing ministry model which helps people reclaim their true identity in Christ. Come and join us as we unpack each of the key themes of the ministry; Repentance & Faith, Forgiveness, Renunciation, Authority, and the Father’s Blessing. With an opportunity for a personal prayer session and the chance to claim true freedom in Christ. Weekend tickets from £65.

To book: [UNBOUND Freedom in Christ Prayer Retreat](#). Buckfast Abbey, Devon – [Fill in form](#)
Contact Michele Thompson, Officer for Evangelisation for more information:
07940 453607 michele.thompson@predtr.org.uk

For more information on Unbound Ministry: <https://www.unboundprayer.com/>

CCSP Crowdfunder Prize Draw

Would you like to win a calming, relaxing prize bundle which includes handmade items? The draw takes place on Monday, 23 November 2026.

Buy tickets at: <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/a-calming-relaxation-bundle>

Thank you for your continued support.

Plymouth CAST Multi Academy Trust Needs You!

Plymouth CAST is a Catholic multi-academy trust of 34 schools and 1 nursery, spanning the Diocese of Plymouth. Our mission is to be a community of outstanding schools in which our pupils flourish in safe, happy, and stimulating environments and leave us with the knowledge and skills, personal qualities, and aspirations, to make the world a better place, inspired by the Gospel.

We are looking to expand our Board of Directors. We are particularly interested in hearing from you if you have skills and current or recent experience of education at primary or secondary level, particularly within a multi-academy trust. For further information please contact Mrs Leah Paiano: lpaiano@plymouthcast.org.uk

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.

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)

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.

Parish Office Hours Mon, Tue, Thurs, & Fri. 8.30 - 12.30 St. Mary's Church House, Higher Church Street, Barnstaple. EX32 8JE Parish Secretary: Helen Black 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: Lydia Cawsey
<i>Safeguarding Rep: Ruth O'Donovan (Tel: 01271 342493)</i> <i>Please contact her if you have any safeguarding concerns.</i>	