

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC PARISH

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

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Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

Weekday Year 2; Psalter Week 2

Sunday 25th September

BARNSTAPLE SERVICE TIMES

Date		Time	Feasts & Mass Intentions
Saturday	24th	10:00 10:30	Our Lady of Walsingham <i>Confession and Exposition</i>
Sunday	25th	09:30 18:30	26th Sunday OT The People of the Parish
Tuesday	27th	10:00	St Vincent de Paul
Wednesday	28th	10:00	
Thursday	29th	14:15	Requiem Mass for Anne Stocks
Friday	30th	10:00	St Jerome The Care of Creation
Saturday	1st	10:00 10:30	St Therese of the Child Jesus Eve and Gerald Forth <i>Confession and Exposition</i>
Sunday	2nd	09:30 15:30 18:30	Bridget Keohane RIP Syro - Malabar Mass The People of the Parish

SOUTH MOLTON SERVICE TIMES

Date		Time	Feasts & Mass Intentions
Saturday	24th	17:30	Thanksgiving: Rosemary & Gordon
Saturday	1st	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

Letter from King Charles III to Faith Leaders: Extract

'I have always thought of Britain as a 'community of communities.' That has led me to understand that the Sovereign has an additional duty – less formally recognized but to be no less diligently discharged. It is the duty to protect the diversity of our country, including by protecting the space for Faith itself and its practise through the religions, cultures, traditions and beliefs to which our hearts and minds direct us as individuals. This diversity is not just enshrined in the laws of our country, it is enjoined by my own faith. As a member of the Church of England, my Christian beliefs have love at their very heart. By 3 my most profound convictions, therefore – as well as by my position as Sovereign – I hold myself bound to respect those who follow other spiritual paths, as well as those who seek to live their lives in accordance with secular ideals.'

For the full letter, please see the parish website.

Dipping into the Catechism: Extract (25/09/22)

What does it mean that the Spirit "has spoken through the prophets"? The term "prophets" means those who were inspired by the Holy Spirit to speak in the name of God. The Spirit brings the prophecies of the Old Testament to their complete fulfilment in Christ whose mystery he reveals in the New Testament.

The Recently Deceased

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Anne Stocks, who passed away recently. Her Requiem Mass will take place on the 29th September, at 2.15pm If you are likely to attend the Funeral or the Wake , please fill out the check sheet on the Narthex table.

The Marriage of Alex Gonçalves Da Silva & Lenka Burikova

Please pray for Alex & Lenka, who are getting married next weekend in St Mary's Church.

Children's Liturgy Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers to run and assist the Children's Liturgy on Sunday mornings. If you are interested in helping, please speak to Fr Peter or email the parish office. All contact information is on the front cover. Thank you.

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/>

Book Group (28/09/22)

Book Group will be meeting next Wednesday 28th September at 7pm in the Presbytery to discuss Metropolis by Philip Kerr. All welcome

Catechists, youth leaders and volunteers (01/10/22)

10 – 3.30, St Rita’s, Honiton. This is a great chance for all who work with the youth in our diocese to get together and share experiences and ideas. There will be a guest speaker, Ben Slater from Five Ways who will talk about supporting young people living with neurodiversity. Lunch is provided. Booking is essential: <https://forms.office.com/r/a0QkYtsQu2> or email Saskia: youth@predtr.org.uk

CAFOD Family Fast Day – World Food Crisis Appeal (07/10/22)

Millions of families are facing a food crisis that could be the worst in living memory. As each day goes by, the situation worsens. As people of faith we must act. Your donations can help CAFOD’s local experts to provide emergency food supplies to families in the worst affected countries in East Africa and support communities around the world working hard to put food on the table. Please give today and consider starting a monthly gift to help CAFOD’s vital work around the world with our sisters and brothers in need, using the CAFOD Fast Day envelopes for our parish collection or go to cafod.org.uk/fastday.

South Molton Freedom Centre/ Foodbank (08/10/22)

The next collection for the South Molton Freedom Centre/ Food bank will take place on Saturday, 8th October. Suggested donation include: Tins (e.g curry, chilli, beans (not baked), fruit, custard, rice pudding etc.), gravy granules, condiments, squash, biscuits and chocolate.

World Mental Health Day (10/10/22)

This year’s theme is, ‘Make mental health and wellbeing for all a global priority’. Mental health problems exist in our lives, families, workplaces and communities, impacting everyone. Stigma and discrimination continue to be a barrier to social inclusion and access to the right care. Our society should offer everyone the same chance to enjoy mental health. It is important that mental health is recognised, promoted, and protected, and that everyone has access to the mental health care they require. We can all do our part to raise awareness of the preventative mental health measures that are most effective, and World Mental Health Day is a chance for us to do so together.

World Mental Health Day also provides an opportunity to discuss mental health in general - how to look after it, how crucial it is to talk to others about problems and the importance of reaching out for help if you are struggling.

If you need any help or support with your mental health or are worried about someone else, please contact the Safeguarding Office on 01364 645430. We are open Monday to Friday between 9am and 5pm.

You can also contact the mental health charity Mind. They provide advice and support to empower anyone who is experiencing mental health problems. Their contact details are Mind Infoline: 0300 123 3393. Website: <https://www.mind.org.uk/>

Escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland (12/10/22)

£699.00 per person sharing. Price includes return flight, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with full board. All entertainment and excursions included. Day trips to Westport, Ballintubber Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Fr. Peyton Centre & National Museum. Single supplement £100.00. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

The Pope's Intention for October: For a Church open to everyone

We pray for the Church; ever faithful to, and courageous in preaching the Gospel, may the Church be a community of solidarity, fraternity and welcome, always living in an atmosphere of synodality.

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
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Plymouth Diocesan Trust

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Please contact her if you have any safeguarding concerns.