

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC PARISH

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

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Third Sunday of Advent (Year A)
Weekday: Advent Week 3; Psalter Week 3
Sunday 11th December

BARNSTAPLE SERVICE TIMES

Date		Time	Feasts & Mass Intentions
Saturday	10th	10:00 10:30	Ann Osborne RIP <i>Confession and Exposition</i>
Sunday	11th	09:30 18:30	3rd Sunday of Advent - Gaudete Sunday John Needham RIP The People of the Parish
Tuesday	13th	10:00 10:30	NO MASS Our Lady's School Nativity
Wednesday	14th	10:00	St John of the Cross The Recently Deceased
Thursday	15th	10:00	Our Lady's School End of Term Mass
Friday	16th	10:00	
Saturday	17th	10:00 10:30	The Sick and Housebound <i>Confession and Exposition</i>
Sunday	18th	09:30 18:30	4th Sunday of Advent

SOUTH MOLTON SERVICE TIMES

Date		Time	Feasts & Mass Intentions
Saturday	10th	17:30	Elizabeth Williams RIP
Saturday	17th	17:30	The People of the Parish

Please note that there will be no 10am Mass on Tuesday 13th, as Our Lady's will be holding their School Nativity at 10.30am

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

Request for a lift to Sunday Masses

A new parishioner to the area is looking for a regular lift to the 9.30am Sunday Mass at St Mary's. She lives in the Rumsam area of Barnstaple. If you think you can help, please contact the parish office for more information. Thank you.

Ordos/ Yearbooks 2023

The new Ordos and Yearbooks have arrived in the parish. Preordered Yearbooks can be found, labelled, in the Narthex. Ordos can be collected from the parish office. Thank you.

Extract: Dipping into the Catechism (11/12/22)

How is the liturgy celebrated? The celebration of the liturgy is interwoven with signs and symbols whose meaning is rooted in creation and in human culture. It is determined by the events of the Old Testament and is fully revealed in the Person and work of Christ.

Reverse Advent Calendar (18/12/22)

The final collection date for the reverse advent calendar at St Mary's is Sunday, 18th December. The poster in the Narthex, and on the parish website, detail general items required by the Foodbank. Desired Christmas items include snack and nibbles e.g. peanuts, mince pies, boxes of chocolates, Christmas cake, Christmas pudding, crackers & children's selection boxes.

Christmas Cake Raffle (- 18/12/22)

Bryony Sapsford will be raffling off a Christmas cake, to raise funds for North Devon Hospice. Tickets will be on sale after weekend Masses at St Mary's. 50p each, or £2 for a strip. The final draw will take place on Sunday 18th December. Thank you to all those who've bought tickets so far. Cake decorations will also be available for purchase at the same stall.

South Molton YMCA: Community Prayer (12/12/22)

The YMCA invites you to join us in prayer and praise time for our community. We feel it is vital to our work that of all the churches in town have a time of prayer for the activities we collectively do throughout our community. Please feel free to join us. 1.30 - 2.30pm. YMCA, Mill Street, South Molton. For more info, email amy.somerwill@ymcasouthmolton.org.uk.

Our Lady's School Nativity (13/12/22)

Our Lady's will be holding their School Nativity at St Mary's on Tuesday 13th December at 10.30am. All welcome, though please be aware that we are expecting the church to be busier than usual.

CWL Christmas Stall: THANK YOU

The stall run by the CWL on Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th December raised £107.10 for North Devon Hospice. Thank you to all those who contributed.

Knights of St Columba Meeting (14/12/22)

The next KSC meeting will be held at 2pm in the Red Room at St Mary's.

Carols in the Pannier Market (15/12/22)

Churches Together (Barnstaple) have booked a slot to sing carols at the Pannier Market at the ate night shopping and street food event. 7pm to 8pm. Please gather at 6.45pm. There will be enough carol sheets for all to share in the Christmas cheer.

South Molton & Barnstaple Christmas Flowers (17 & 18/12/22)

There will be second collections on Saturday, 17th December, and Sunday, 18th December, for Christmas flowers for the altars of St Joseph's and St Mary's.

Sisters of Mary Morning Star in Lynton

Day Retreats in Advent (6, 13 & 20/12/22)

11.30am - 6.30pm. Starts at 11.30am with Mass. There will be time for adoration, rosary, walk in the valley of the Rocks, teaching on lectio divina, and ending with vespers. Please bring a packed lunch and a bible. At the Convent in Lynton (EX35 6BS). For more information, contact the Sisters at srsmarymorningstar@gmail.com or 01598 753373.

Advent Retreat (16 - 18/12/22)

Come and await the birth of Christ in the heart of a Monastic community. Experience the Advent liturgy, silence, prayer, and lectio Divina lived in joyful expectation with the Blessed Virgin. An opportunity for young women aged 18-35 to study what St Thomas Aquinas teaches on the mystery of the Incarnation, and to learn how to do lectio Divina. To book, email srsmarymorningstar@gmail.com

CCS(P) Christmas Crib Donations.

Putting all children first, especially at Christmas. 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. Thank you for your generosity.

Christmas Mass Times

The 8pm Christmas Eve Mass and 9.30am Christmas Day Mass will be live streamed. Please visit www.facebook.com/BarnstapleCatholicParish

	24th December Christmas Eve Saturday	25th December Christmas Day Sunday	26th December St Stephen Monday
St Mary's	8pm	9.30am	10am
St Joseph's	5.30pm	-	-

Christmas Day

Although Christmas Day falls on a Sunday this year, there will be no Sunday morning coffee after Mass. This has been decided to enable volunteers to go home and celebrate the festivities with their families.

The Pope's Intention for December: For Volunteer not-for-profit organisations.

We pray that volunteer non-profit organisations, committed to human development, find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international co-operation.

Christmas Offerings

The Christmas offering, along with the Easter offerings, are used by the parish to help support your parish priest. All offerings on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, whether in envelopes or in the plate, will be treated as Christmas offerings.

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
St. Mary's Church House, Higher Church
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Parish Secretary: Claire Spears

Plymouth Diocesan Trust

Registered Charity Number 213227

Parish Primary School

Our Lady's Catholic Primary School
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Please contact her if you have any safeguarding concerns.