IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC PARISH St. Mary, Immaculate Mother of God, Barnstaple & St. Joseph's, South Molton

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Second Sunday of Easter (Year B) Psalter Week 2 Sunday 7th April

BARNSTAPLE SERVICE TIMES			
Date		Time	Feasts & Mass Intentions
Saturday	6th	10:00 10:30	Easter Saturday Confession and Exposition
Sunday	7th	15:30	2nd Sunday of Easter - Octave of Easter Syro– Malabar Mass The People of the Parish
Tuesday	9th	10:00	Barbara Peasley RIP
Wednesday	10th	10:00	The Pope's Intentions for April
Thursday	11th	10:00	St Stanislaus
Friday	12th	10:00	Thanksgiving for the Sacred Heart
Saturday	13th	10:00 10:30	The Sick and Housebound Confession and Exposition
Sunday	14th		3rd Sunday of Easter Teresa and Albert Lucas The Recently Deceased
SOUTH MOLTON SERVICE TIMES			
Date		Time	Feasts & Mass Intentions
Saturday	6th	17:30	
Saturday	13th	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: <u>www.facebook.com/</u> BarnstapleCatholicParish.

The Pope's Intention for April

Let us pray for the dignity and worth of women be recognized in every culture and for an end to the discrimination they face in various parts of the world.

Requiescat in Pace - Monsignor George Hay

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Monsignor George Hay, a priest of our Diocese, who died this week aged 93. He had served the Church faithfully as a priest for 65 years.

<u>Thank You</u>

I would like to thank all those who gave so much time and energy into our celebration of Holy Week and Easter. It is only with parishioners giving of their time that we are able to celebrate the liturgy in such a wonderful way.

Resurfacing of Higher Church Street (07/04/24)

Please be aware that Higher Church Street, Lower Church Street and Trinity Street are due to be resurfaced on Sunday 7th April. It is expected that work will start about 12 noon, meaning that vehicular access to the site will be difficult/ inaccessible to those attending the Syro-Malabar Mass, and possibly the evening Mass. Pedestrian access will not be affected. If the weather is bad, the work will take place at some point over the subsequent 5 days.

Canon Christopher Whitehead

Canon Christopher, was put forward as the next Bishop of Plymouth, but had to step down. The Diocese of Clifton have now issued the following statement: "The Diocese of Clifton has undertaken a preliminary investigation into the allegations raised against Canon Christopher Whitehead. At the conclusion of the aforementioned inquiry, it was determined that no canonical action was warranted. The Diocese communicates that Canon Whitehead has resumed his duties as Parish Priest of Saint John the Evangelist in Bath." The Diocese of Plymouth continues to wait for a new Bishop.

CWL Meeting (09/04/24)

The next CWL meeting will take place on Tuesday 9th April at 10.30am in the Presbytery.

Foodbank Collections

- South Molton (13/04/24)
- Barnstaple (28/04/24)

Childrens Liturgy (21/04/24)

The Children's Liturgy classes will resume on Sunday 21st April.

Knock Pilgrimage 2024 (12/05/24)

Escorted Tour to Westport, Knock & Co Mayo. £899.00pps. Price includes flight, 10kg hold luggage, 5 nights' in 4* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Lunch on three days. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock, Galway City, Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick & Ashford Castle. Contact 01268 762 278. 07740 175557 or knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

Diocese of Plymouth: Youth Weekend (24-26/05/24)

This year's Youth Adventure weekend will be at Grangehurst, Buckfast Abbey, $24^{th} - 26^{th}$ May. Changing the location has meant that we can offer different adventure activities. We plan to offer caving amongst other activities. This year's theme is 'I am with you' Mt 18:20. In between activities and games, young people will have the chance to explore the scripture and consider ways to communicate with God. This weekend of aimed at 10 - 13 year olds. Cost £100. To book: https://forms.office.com/e/DkVzq6hTJB Further questions please contact Saskia: vouth@prcdtr.org.uk

Summer Ignatian Silent Retreats

These retreats are open to those who would like to step back from everyday life and review their journey in faith and be strengthened in their vocation as disciples of the Lord. Location: Sclerder Abbey, nr Looe. Price includes full board & lodging. Please email diocesan-ignatian-retreats@prcdtr.org.uk or phone 01752 769164 for further information or booking.

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- July 5th 7th (Fri Sun) Weekend Retreat (£140) July 8th 12th (Mon Friday) Midweek Retreat (£280) July 5th -12th (Fri Fri) 6 day Retreat (£475)

Gift Aid Envelopes

Gift Aid envelopes for the new financial year are now available to pick up from the Narthex of St Mary's, and the entry of St Joseph's. 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)

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

(Divine mercy Sunday is celebrated on the Second Sunday of Easter.)



Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself. Amen.

Parish Office Hours

Mon, Tue, Thurs, & Fri. 8.30 - 12.30 St. Mary's Church House, Higher Church Street, Barnstaple. EX32 8JE **Parish Secretary:** Claire Spears **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

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