

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC PARISH

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

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First Sunday of Advent (Year A)
Weekday: Advent Week 1; Psalter Week 1
Sunday 27th November

BARNSTAPLE SERVICE TIMES

Date		Time	Feasts & Mass Intentions
Saturday	26th	10:00 10:30	For the faithful departed <i>Confession and Exposition</i>
Sunday	27th	09:30 18:30	1st Sunday of Advent Thanksgiving The People of the Parish
Tuesday	29th	10:00	St Cuthbert Mayne For the faithful departed
Wednesday	30th	10:00	St Andrew - Apostle Barbara Ritchie RIP
Friday	2nd	10:00	St Osmund of Salisbury Francis Tindal RIP & Katherine Cullen RIP
Saturday	3rd	10:00 10:30	St Francis Xavier For Souls in Purgatory <i>Confession and Exposition</i>
Sunday	4th	09:30 15:30 18:30	2nd Sunday of Advent Syro - Malabar Mass

SOUTH MOLTON SERVICE TIMES

Date		Time	Feasts & Mass Intentions
Saturday	26th	17:30	
Saturday	3rd	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

Fr Adrian Toffolo

We welcome Monsignor Adrian Toffolo to the parish. As many of you will know, he was at one time parish priest at Barnstaple and South Molton, and helped to set up the charity 'Widows and Orphans in Rural Kenya'. He will be attending all Masses this weekend, where he will speak about W.O.R.K and their current undertakings.

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.

Family looking for a Property to Rent

A family of 4 in our parish are in urgent need of 2 bedroom accommodation to rent. If you can help or know of anything, please contact the parish office.

Ordo and Yearbook 2023 update

There has been a delay with the new Ordos & Yearbooks. We have organised for them to be delivered to the parish in early December. Sorry for any inconvenience.

Extract: Dipping into the Catechism (27/11/22)

What place does the liturgy occupy in the life of the church? The liturgy as the sacred action par excellence is the summit towards which the activity of the Church is directed and it is likewise the font from which all her power flows. Through the liturgy Christ continues the work of our redemption in, with and through his Church.

Reverse Advent Calendar

We will be running Reverse Advent Calendars in St Mary's and St Joseph's in the lead up to Christmas. These are a way to collect food and special items for families living in poverty in our local area, with all donations going to the North Devon Food Banks. Posters with desired items and labelled drop off points will be placed in both churches. The Advent Calendar can also be found on our parish website. Please find relevant dates below:

South Molton	Barnstaple
Reverse Advent Calendar: 19/11/22 - 10/12/22	Reverse Advent Calendar: 20/11/22 - 18/12/22
Official collection date: 10/12/22	Official Collection dates: 27/11/22 and 18/12/22

Christmas Cake Raffle (26/11 - 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 every weekend Mass at St Mary's. They cost 50p each, or £2 for a strip. The final draw will take place on Sunday 18th December.

KSC: Padstow Christmas Fair (01/12/22)

Join the KSC on a day out to Padstow Christmas Fair on the 1st December. Cost £21. Full details on the Narthex Poster or from Bob Trickey (01271 379757).

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CWL Christmas Stall (03-04/12/22)

The CWL will have a Christmas Stall in the Narthex of St Mary's on Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th December. Items Please feel free to take a look after any of the three regular Masses. All money raised will be going to the North Devon Hospice.

CWL Meeting (06/12/22)

The next CWL meeting will be after Mass on Tuesday, 6th December at Lyn Nelson's house.

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

The YMCA invites you to join us in a prayer and praise time for our community. We feel it is vital to our work and that of all the churches in the town to have a time of prayer for all the activities we collectively do throughout our community. Please feel free to join us at any of the dates below. 1.30 - 2.30pm. Mondays fortnightly. YMCA, Mill Street, South Molton. October 31st. November 14th & 28th. December 12th. For more information, please contact Amy on amy.somerwill@ymcasouthmolton.org.uk.

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.

Sisters of Mary Morning Star in Lynton

Day Retreats in Advent (29/11/22, 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.

Eucharistic Prayer Vigil (07/12/22)

Eucharistic Prayer Vigil for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary with a candlelit procession to the grotto weather permitting. At the Convent in Lynton (EX35 6BS). Time to be confirmed, usually at 8.30pm.

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 years to study what St Thomas Aquinas teaches on the mystery of the Incarnation, and to learn how to do lectio Divina with this great Saint. To book or for more information, contact the Sisters at [srsmarymorningstar@gmail.com](mailto:srsmorningstar@gmail.com)

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	-	-

The Pope's Intention for December

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.

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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Plymouth Diocesan Trust

Registered Charity Number 213227

Parish Primary School

Our Lady's Catholic Primary School
Chanter's Hill, Barnstaple.
EX32 8DN

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Principal: Rob Meech

Chair of Governors: Geraldine Herage

Safeguarding Rep. (Barnstaple): Ruth O'Donovan (Tel: 01271 342493)

Please contact her if you have any safeguarding concerns.