

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC PARISH

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

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Holy Family (Year A)
Octave of Christmas; Psalter Week 1
Sunday 28th December



BARNSTAPLE SERVICE TIMES

Date		Time	Feasts & Mass Intentions
Saturday	27th	10:00	St John – Apostle & Evangelist Roy Phillips RIP
		10:30	<i>Confession, Exposition & Rosary (until 11:00)</i>
Sunday	28th	09:30	Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
		18:30	The People of the Parish
Tuesday	30th	10:00	Linda Watkins RIP
Wednesday	31st	10:00	The People of Moscow
Thursday	1st	12:00 Noon	Mary, Mother of God - World Day of Peace
Friday	2nd	10:00	St Basil the Great Thanksgiving for the Sacred Heart of Jesus
Saturday	3rd	10:00	The Sick & Housebound
		10:30	<i>Confession, Exposition & Rosary (until 11:00)</i>
Sunday	4th	09:30	2nd Sunday after the Nativity Jeff Rydin RIP
		18:30	Dorothy & Gordon Smith RIP

SOUTH MOLTON SERVICE TIMES

Date		Time	Feasts & Mass Intentions
Saturday	27th	17:30	Carol Phillips RIP
Saturday	3rd	17:30	The People of the Parish

**Please note that Mass on New Years Day will be at 12 Noon
for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God.**

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 January: For Prayer with the Word of God.

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

<https://thepopevideo.org/>

Requiescant in Pace

Please pray for the souls of Mario Menezes & Bob Trickey, both of whom died recently. And please keep their families in your prayers as they grieve their loss.

Thank You

I would like to say an enormous thank you to all those who prepared the church and worked to ensure our Christmas liturgies were carried out with great dignity and solemnity. A lot of people put a lot of work in to make sure this happens.

Thank you also for your many Christmas Cards and presents that I have received. Your generosity is much appreciated.

Fr. Peter

CWL Thanks and Reminder

The CWL would like to say thank you to all the parishioners who have supported them during the last year.

Also a reminder that if you have any unwanted Christmas presents, please pass them on to Maureen Burch. The C.W.L will sell them on their weekly stall to raise money for local charities. Smaller toys may be retained by the church to entertain our youngest parishioners.

Foodbank / Freedom Centre collections:

St Joseph's: 10/01/26 ~ St Mary's: 25/01/26

First Holy Communion Classes:

FHC classes have stopped for the Christmas Holidays and will recommence on Thursday 8th January, from 4:50 – 6pm.

Children's Liturgy:

Children's Liturgy has stopped for the Christmas holidays and will recommence on Sunday 11th January.

CCS(P): Putting all Children First, especially at Christmas Time.

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. We continue to ask you for a combination of concern, prayer and action. May God bless all our supporters and donors.

Office Closed

The parish office will be closed until Monday 5th January 2026. If you need to speak to Fr Peter urgently, please telephone the Presbytery or email him directly. All contact information can be found on the front cover. Thank you.

Missio Calendar 2026:

Missio 2026 calendars can be found in the Narthex, along with the latest issue of the Missio Magazine. Please feel free to take them both.

Teens Residential: (23-25/01/26)

East Shallowford Farm, Dartmoor, 23rd - 25th January 2026

The 2026 Teens Residential (those aged 13-17) - Attenders are invited to explore the lives of people holding refugee and asylum seekers status in the UK. There will be time to question refugees and asylum seekers to hear why they left their homes to seek asylum. On listening to the stories there is a chance for young people to form their own opinion and decide what action they would like to take.

This event cost £50pp. To book: For further information: youth@predtr.org.uk

Dilexi Te – The Burning Heart of the Church's Mission: (21/02/26)

A day of reflection with Bishop Nicholas Hudson

Buckfast Abbey Conference Centre, 21 February 2026, 11am-4pm.

Join Caritas and CAFOD this Lent for a diocesan day to reflect on Pope Leo XIV's powerful Apostolic Exhortation *Dilexi Te*, which calls us to return to the Gospel and reminds us that love of the poorest of our sisters and brothers is part of the "burning heart of the Church's mission".

Hear from our inspirational Speakers: Rt Rev Nicholas Hudson, Bishop of Plymouth; Christine Allen, CAFOD Director; Raymond Friel OBE, CSAN Chief Executive Officer; Fr. Richard Finn OP, University of Oxford.

[Click here to register](#) or email: caritas@predtr.org.uk

World Day of Peace: (01/01/26)

As the Church observes the 59th World Day of Peace on Thursday 1st January, Pope Leo XIV reflects on a world marked by fear, militarization and the threat of war. His first message for this observance can be accessed through this link: <https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/messages/peace/documents/20251208-messaggio-pace.html>

Our Lady's Primary School - Governor Needed

Our Lady's School needs a new Governor to join the Local Governing Board. If you would be interested in serving our parish school in this way, then please speak to Fr.

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.

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)

Gift Aid

For those taxpayers interested in registering as Gift Aiders, please contact the parish office.

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.

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