

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC PARISH

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

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19th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

Psalter Week 3

Sunday 9th August

BARNSTAPLE SERVICE TIMES

Date		Time	Feasts & Mass Intentions
Saturday	8th	10:00 10:30	St Dominic <i>Confession, Exposition & Rosary (until 11:00)</i>
Sunday	9th	09:30 18:30	19th Sunday OT Anne & Ray Young – 50th Wedding Anniversary Grace Evans RIP
Tuesday	11th	10:00	St Clare
Wednesday	12th	10:00	
Thursday	13th	10:00	
Friday	14th	10:00	St Maximilian Mary Kolbe Sheila Gilligan RIP
Saturday	15th	10:00 10:30	Colin Pickett RIP <i>Confession, Exposition & Rosary (until 11:00)</i>
Sunday	16th	09:30 18:30	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Margaret Jackson RIP The People of the Parish

SOUTH MOLTON SERVICE TIMES

Date		Time	Feasts & Mass Intentions
Saturday	8th	17:30	The People of the Parish
Saturday	15th	17:30	Mags Harrington

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 August: For evangelization in the city.

Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community. <https://thepopevideo.org/>

Requiescat in Pace: Fr Jon Bielawski RIP

Please pray of the soul of Fr Jon Bielawski, who died on 22nd July. Please keep his family, friends and all who mourn him in your prayers as they grieve their loss.

Fr Jon Bielawski's funeral will take place at [Plymouth Cathedral](#) at 12.00 noon on Thursday 27th August.

His Requiem Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Nicholas.

His body will be received into the Cathedral at 4.00p.m. on Wednesday 26th August – the Feast of Blessed Dominic Barberi. Canon John Deeny, Dean of Plymouth, will celebrate a Requiem Mass at 6.00p.m.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord; and let perpetual light shine upon him.

May he rest in peace. Amen. St Mary Magdalen, pray for him. Blessed Dominic Barberi, pray for him.

First Holy Communion 2027

If your child will be in Year 4 or above this autumn and would like to make their First Holy Communion next year, please pick up a letter and form from the Narthex (Barnstaple and South Molton). The documents are also available for download from the Parish website. Please return completed forms to the Parish Office. Classes will start this autumn – details to be confirmed later. Thank you.

Foodbank/Freedom Centre collections:

- St Joseph's: 08/08/26
- St Mary's: 30/08/26

Foodbank Thanks:

The Foodbank is always very grateful for the donations received from parishioners and a very big 'Thank You' is extended to all who give so generously each month.

If you wish to donate, a list of suitable items (non-perishable food items and hygiene items) can be found on the table in the narthex.

Thank you for your ongoing generosity and support.

Children's Liturgy:

There will be no Children's Liturgy during the School Summer Holidays. Sessions will resume on Sunday 13th September.

Save the Date: Worship Night (05/09/26)

Friday 5 September, 7:30-8:30pm at the oratory of the convent in Lynton. Join us for this guided hour of praise and silent prayer - all are welcome. There will be social time for young adults 18-35 beforehand at 6-7:15pm. Text David (07580142808) with your name and which parish you are from for more information.

Marriage in a rut?

Or need help with deeper issues? Retrouvaille has helped thousands of couples find hope and healing in their marriage. Next dates: 2nd - 4th Oct.

www.retrouvaille.org.uk/info Tel: 0788 7296983

Mass for Marriage (12/09/26)

Save the date: Saturday September 12th at noon.

The Cathedral Church of St Mary and St Boniface, Plymouth, PL1 5HW.

Celebrant Bishop Nicholas Hudson

Marriage enriches us all, all are welcome, including those remembering late loved ones. Let us know your anniversaries or intentions, or your planned wedding date. See poster in the narthex.

For more information please contact: deborah.vankroonenburg@prcdtr.org.uk

SEE. SPEAK. ACT: Faith in Action Against Modern Slavery (14/10/26)

14 October 2026 | 1.00–5.00pm | Plymouth Methodist Central Hall

"He has sent me... to set the oppressed free." (Luke 4:18)

Modern slavery is hidden in our communities. Join us for an ecumenical event with expert talks and workshops to learn how your church community can recognise exploitation, safeguard vulnerable people, and help bring freedom and hope. Free event. Booking required: <https://tinyurl.com/36hftacx>

"...we want to be a synodal Church, a Church that moves forward, a Church that always seeks peace, that always seeks charity, that always seeks to be close above all to those who are suffering." Pope Leo XIV

The Diocese of Plymouth Monthly Newsletter:

The July/August newsletter is now out and can be accessed via the following link: <https://email.workwithgusto.co.uk/t/t-47E6F88D98A22DCD2540EF23F30FEDED>

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

The parish is immensely grateful to all donors who have supported the parish during the year and helped to keep our doors open to achieve our Mission. If you are a taxpayer (and haven't already done so), please consider whether you could increase the value of your donation by 25% at no cost to you by signing up for Gift Aid (more details and form available from the Parish Secretary).

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.

Parish Office Hours Mon, Tue, Thurs, & Fri. 8.30 - 12.30 St. Mary's Church House, Higher Church Street, Barnstaple. EX32 8JE Parish Secretary: Helen Black 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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