

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC PARISH

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

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Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

Psalter Week 3

Sunday 2nd November

BARNSTAPLE SERVICE TIMES

Date		Time	Feasts & Mass Intentions
Saturday	1st	10:00 10:30	William Cooper RIP <i>Confession, Exposition & Rosary (until 11:00)</i>
Sunday	2nd	09:30 18:30	All Saints Corazon Noonan RIP Wiktoria Putaj RIP
Tuesday	4th		NO MASS
Wednesday	5th	10:00	Richard Hatton RIP
Thursday	6th	10:00	Thanksgiving
Friday	7th	10:00	Thanksgiving for the Sacred Heart of Jesus
Saturday	8th	10:00 10:30	For the Faithful Departed <i>Confession, Exposition & Rosary (until 11:00)</i>
Sunday	9th	09:30 18:30	Remembrance Sunday (with Children's Liturgy) The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica Bronisław Putaj RIP The People of the Parish

SOUTH MOLTON SERVICE TIMES

Date		Time	Feasts & Mass Intentions
Saturday	1st	17:30	The People of the Parish
Saturday	8th	17:30	Deceased Members of the McKeogh Family

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 November: For the Prevention of Suicide

Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

<https://thepopevideo.org/>

Remembrance Sunday: (09/11/25)

The 9:30am Mass on Sunday 9th November will be a Requiem Mass and will include an Act of Remembrance.

Remembering the Dead in November

If you would like to put forward any names for remembrance, please put the names of the deceased, along with any donation, into one of the 'Holy Souls' envelopes found on the table next to the font. These can be returned to drop off points at St Mary's or sent to the parish office. The names will be transferred to the 'Holy Souls Intentions' box, which will remain on the altar throughout November.

New Bishop of Plymouth

His Holiness Pope Leo XIV has appointed the Right Reverend Nicholas Hudson as the new Bishop of Plymouth. Bishop Nicholas is currently an auxiliary bishop in the Archdiocese of Westminster and has previously been the Rector of the English College in Rome. Bishop Nicholas will be installed as the Bishop of Plymouth on Saturday 29th November. Please pray for him as he prepares to take over as the pastor of our Diocese.

Special Edition Newsletter

A newsletter regarding the announcement that Pope Leo XIV has appointed Bishop Nicholas Hudson as our new Bishop of Plymouth has been issued and can be accessed at: <https://email.workwithgusto.co.uk/t-t-3D44E10F9BB463122540EF23F30FEDED>.

CWL Meeting (07/11/25)

The next CWL Meeting will take place on Tuesday 7th November after Mass.

Foodbank / Freedom Centre collections:

- St Joseph's: 08/11/25
- St Mary's: 30/11/25

First Holy Communion Classes: 4.50 pm - St Mary's Presbytery
The next class will be on Thursday 6th November.

Children's Liturgy:

Children's Liturgy will not be running during Half-Term and will resume on Sunday 9th November.

Hymnal dedications

Hymnal dedications are available for purchase, with each bookplate sitting inside the front cover of one of our hymn books. They can be dedicated to a loved one, or celebrate an event, such as a marriage or anniversary. £5.00 each. Contact the Parish Office for more information.

Advent Service: (07/12/25)

If any of our young parishioners would like to take part in our Advent Service this year on Sunday 7th December at 3pm, please can you see either Di, Cath or Yvonne at the 9.30 Sunday mass or email our Parish Secretary who will pass on your details: barnstaple@prcdtr.org.uk Thank you.

Volunteers Needed: Flower Arranging

Could you spare some time to help arrange the flowers at St Mary's?
Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to help. Thank you.

Plymouth Diocesan Ignatian Spirituality Group - Advent Retreats:

St Rita's Centre Honiton, East Devon, EX14 1AP.

- 28-30 Nov (Fri – Sun) Weekend Retreat £160
- 28 Nov to 2 Dec (Fri – Tues) Extended Weekend Retreat £280
- 1-5 Dec (Mon – Fri) Midweek Retreat £275
- 28 Nov to 5 Dec (Fri - Fri) 6-day retreat £475

St Rita's Centre Honiton is a well-appointed retreat house with comfortable ensuite accommodation situated in the Vale of Honiton.

Cost includes full board & lodging, but help is available for those who would like to go on retreat but have difficulties with the recommended donations. Similar retreats of varying lengths are available for Lent 2026.

For further details and bookings contact Plymouth Diocesan Ignatian Spirituality Group at diocesan-ignatian-retreats@prcdtr.org.uk
Phone 01752 769164 or 07823 447637. See the poster in the Narthex for more information.

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 Peter.

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.

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.

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 tax payers interested in registering as Gift Aiders, please contact the parish office.

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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