

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC PARISH

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

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Our Lord, Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (Year B) Psalter Week 2 Sunday 24th November

BARNSTAPLE SERVICE TIMES

Date		Time	Feasts & Mass Intentions
Saturday	23rd	10:00 10:30	Peter John Moran RIP <i>Confession and Exposition</i>
Sunday	24th	09:30 18:30	Our Lord, Jesus Christ, King of the Universe <i>(with Children's Liturgy)</i> Deceased Members of the Martin Family RIP Special Intention
Tuesday	26th	10:00	For the Faithful Departed
Wednesday	27th	10:00	Celin John RIP
Thursday	28th	10:00	For the Faithful Departed
Friday	29th	10:00	St Cuthbert Mayne For the Faithful Departed
Saturday	30th	10:00 10:30	St Andrew - Apostle For the Faithful Departed <i>Confession and Exposition</i>
Sunday	1st	09:30 18:30	1st Sunday of Advent <i>(with Children's Liturgy)</i> Ann Patrick RIP The People of the Parish

SOUTH MOLTON SERVICE TIMES

Date		Time	Feasts & Mass Intentions
Saturday	23rd	17:30	The People of the Parish
Saturday	30th	17:30	For the Faithful Departed

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.

Barnstaple Parish Vacancy - Parish Secretary

We are recruiting a Parish Secretary for the Parish of Barnstaple reporting to the Parish Priest.

The purpose of the role is to manage the administrative and secretarial support alongside the office resources to ensure the smooth running of the Parish and to enable the Parish Priest to carry out his Diocesan responsibilities. The post holder will be given scope to develop the role, review essential processes and improve them where necessary to ensure the effective provision of support for Parish activities. If you are competent in the use of Microsoft Office systems such as Word and Outlook, willing to learn new programmes including MS Teams, possess excellent organisational skills and have the ability to act as a key representative for the Plymouth Diocesan Trust we would love to hear from you! Hours: 16 hours per week over 4 weekday mornings to include Friday. Location: St Mary's Church House, Higher Church Street, Barnstaple, EX32 8JE. Closing date: Monday 2nd December. To apply, contact recruitment@prcdtr.org.uk to obtain an application form and job description. Applications are by covering letter and application form to recruitment@prcdtr.org.uk.

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, in to 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.

Book Group (27/11/24)

Book Group will be meeting Wednesday 27th November at 7pm in the Presbytery to discuss Never by Ken Follett. All welcome.

First Holy Communion Classes

The next class will take place on Thursday 28th November at 5pm in the Presbytery.

Foodbank/ Freedom Centre collections

- St Joseph's: 08/12/24
- St Mary's: 15/12/24 (earlier date due to Christmas)

Advent Retreat: St Rita's Centre, Honiton. (07/12/24)

'Jesus is Coming - Why?'. Led by Fr. Jonathan Bielawski. The day will begin with coffee/tea on arrival at 9.30am. The talk will start at 10.00am. Post - talk questions – reflections will be at 11.05am. Adoration in silence (with an opportunity for Confession) will be at 12.00pm. Lunch will be served at 1pm. Holy Mass at 2.45pm. Depart at 3.30pm. The charge for the day, including lunch, is just £25.00. Visit www.stritascentre.org for more information.

Urgently wanted: Stella Maris Donations (08/12/24)

Stella Maris, the charity that cares for Seafarers, needs your help. Ann Donnelly, Stella Maris' Chaplain for Teignmouth and Plymouth, is looking for men's clothes, warm hats & gloves, toiletries, sweets and treats. A great deal of Ann's time is spent visiting Seafarers who are recovering from accidents and illnesses in Devon hospitals. She is appreciative of having items to take them, especially when they are worried about losing their income whilst admitted to hospital. There will be a drop-off box for donations in the Narthex of St Mary's. Please have everything in by 8th December. We depend on Seafarers to bring our Christmas foodstuffs and presents into this country. Remember them with your kindness and prayers.

Advent Retreat: Lynton (13-15/12/24)

With the Sisters of Mary Morning Star (EX35 6BS). Come and pray with a contemplative community, join us for times of Eucharistic adoration, singing the psalms, study, and lectio divina, and see the stunning North Devon coastline. An opportunity for women aged 18-35 years to come and experience the joy and the silence of the Blessed Virgin Mary as she awaited the birth of Jesus. To book or for more info, email: srsmorningstar@gmail.com.

Advent Service: Barnstaple (15/12/24)

3pm. The children of our Parish will be leading us in readings, prayers and music on our journey through Advent. There will be refreshments afterwards in the Presbytery. Everyone is welcome.

Caritas Photography Project

Beauty - What about God's creation, inspires you, brings you joy, and makes you draw deeper in relationship with him?

Caritas would like to see your photographs that depict your interpretation of the topic of Beauty. In this season there are so many changes of colour, and the weather throws different light across the outdoors. It may be that you are blessed to have an artistic member of your congregation that brings the outdoors in, in the flower arrangements that they make or there may be certain times of the day when light casts a pool of sunshine across the altar or other special space. You can share your photos by following this link: [Jubilee Care for Creation Photography Project \(office.com\)](http://Jubilee%20Care%20for%20Creation%20Photography%20Project%20%28office.com%29) or email caritas@predtr.org.uk

Children's Toys Needed

St Mary's Church are in need of some small toys for babies and children attending Mass on Sunday mornings. These toys are made available to play with in the Narthex. Please give any donations to Maureen Burch or Fr Peter.

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 Safeguarding Office - Support for victims of abuse

The Safeguarding Office provides advice and support to all victims of abuse. We are not here to blame, judge or make excuses for the abuser. We are here to help by providing support, advice, and signposting to relevant organisations. Our dedicated team of safeguarding professionals work closely with other agencies including the Police, Probation, Social Services, and to standards that are set out by the Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency. Call us on 01364 645430 (Weekdays, 9am – 4:30pm) or e-mail on safeguarding@predtr.org.uk

Gift Aid

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 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

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

Please contact her if you have any safeguarding concerns.