

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC PARISH

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

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## The Epiphany of the Lord (Year C) Psalter 2 Sunday 5th January

### BARNSTAPLE SERVICE TIMES

Date		Time	Feasts & Mass Intentions
Saturday	4th	10:00 10:30	Gordon & Dorothy Smith RIP <i>Confession and Exposition</i>
Sunday	5th	09:30 18:30	<b>The Epiphany of the Lord</b> Dr Regina (Birthday)
Tuesday	7th	10:00	The Recently Deceased
Wednesday	8th	10:00	
Thursday	9th	10:00	The Sick and Housebound
Friday	10th	10:00	Thanksgiving for Job
Saturday	11th	10:00 10:30	<i>Confession and Exposition</i>
Sunday	12th	09:30 18:30	<b>The Baptism of the Lord</b> <i>(with Children's Liturgy)</i> The People of the Parish

### SOUTH MOLTON SERVICE TIMES

Date		Time	Feasts & Mass Intentions
Saturday	4th	17:30	The People of the Parish
Saturday	11th	17:30	

### **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](http://www.facebook.com/BarnstapleCatholicParish).

### **Barnstaple Parish Vacancy - Parish Secretary**

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 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. If you are competent in the use of Microsoft Office systems such as Word and Outlook, willing to learn new programmes including MS Teams, and possess excellent organisational skills we would love to hear from you! Hours: 16 pw over 4 weekday mornings to include Friday. Location: St Mary's Church House, EX32 8JE. To obtain an application form and job description, contact [recruitment@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@prcdtr.org.uk). Send covering letter and application form to [recruitment@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@prcdtr.org.uk). The deadline for applications has been extended.

### **Requiescat in Pace**

Sr. Dympna Kelly, former headteacher of Our Lady's School, passed away peacefully in May 2024. This Christmas, the Marist Sisters received many cards addressed to Sr Dympna from Barnstaple parishioners, and wanted to let us know of her passing, and to thank all those who thought of and wrote to her throughout the years. May she rest in peace.

### **Unwanted Christmas Presents**

Please give any unwanted Christmas presents 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.

### **The Pope's Intention for January - For the Gift of Diversity in the Church**

We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognise the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.

### **Book Group (08/01/25)**

Book Group will be meeting at 7pm on Wednesday 8th January 2025 in the Presbytery to discuss Holy Island by LJ Ross. All welcome.

### **First Holy Communion Classes (09/01/25)**

The next class will take place on Thursday, 9th January, at 5pm in the Presbytery.

### **Foodbank/ Freedom Centre collections**

- St Joseph's: 11/01/25
- St Mary's: 26/01/25

### **Children's Liturgy (12/01/25)**

Children's Liturgy will not be running over the Christmas holiday, and will resume on Sunday 12th January.

### **CWL Meeting (14/01/25)**

The next CWL meeting will take place on Tuesday, 14th January, after Mass in the Presbytery.

### **Plymouth Diocese: 13-17 Year old Youth Residential (24-26/01/25)**

Come and join others from across the Diocese to explore the scripture Job 12:7-10. There will be workshops for you to join including: photography; music; art and filming. £50pp. Contact Saskia Hogbin for further information; [youth@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:youth@prcdtr.org.uk) or follow the link to book: <https://forms.office.com/e/xVBd8tV0fG>

### **Day of Reflection (01/02/25)**

Have you ever asked the question 'Is God calling me to Priesthood or to the Religious life?'. This 'Day of Reflection' for men will be held on Saturday 1 February from 10:00 to 16:00 at Exeter University Chaplaincy, Boniface House, Glenthorne Road, Exeter EX4 4QU. The day will include Mass, a time of Adoration, a short conference, an opportunity for Confession and 'One to One talks' with serving Priests from our Diocese; and sharing food together (this will be provided – please let us know of special dietary requirements). Under 18s are welcome to attend with parents' permission. For more information and to register your interest please contact Fr Jacek Kostuch on [jacek.kostuch@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:jacek.kostuch@prcdtr.org.uk) or [vocation@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:vocation@prcdtr.org.uk)

### **Plymouth Diocese: Gather 2025 (28 - 30/03/25)**

Gather 2025 Jubilate is a weekend of faith, formation and friendship. Livermead Cliff Hotel, Torquay. Booking forms available from the parish office or email [plymouthgather@yahoo.com](mailto:plymouthgather@yahoo.com) for more information.

### **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@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@prcdtr.org.uk)

## **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

## **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.

## **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.*