

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC PARISH

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

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Palm Sunday (Year B)

Psalter Week 2

Sunday 24th March

BARNSTAPLE SERVICE TIMES

Date		Time	Feasts & Mass Intentions
Saturday	23rd	10:00 10:30	Norah Breeda Parker RIP <i>Confession and Exposition</i>
Sunday	24th	09:30 18:30	Palm Sunday <i>(with Children's Liturgy)</i> Mary and Donal Murray The People of the Parish
Tuesday	26th	10:00	Our Lady's Primary School
Wednesday	27th	10:00	NO MASS
Thursday	28th	18:30	Maundy Thursday
Friday	29th	15:00	Good Friday Kathleen Sheila Ferriss RIP <i>Followed by Confession</i>
Saturday	30th	10:00 19:30	Holy Saturday Blessing of Food (Święconka) <i>Followed by Confession</i> Easter Vigil Mass Sr Aida RIP
Sunday	31st	09:30	Easter Sunday Shawn Thorpe RIP

SOUTH MOLTON SERVICE TIMES

Date		Time	Feasts & Mass Intentions
Saturday	23rd	17:30	
Saturday	30th	17:30	NO MASS
Sunday	31st	11.15	Easter Sunday The People of the Parish

Please note there will be no Mass on Wednesday 27th March.

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.

Live Streaming of Holy Week & Easter Services

The Maundy Thursday Mass, Good Friday Service, Easter Vigil Mass and Easter Sunday Mass will be live streamed on the parish Facebook page.

Diocese of Plymouth: Lenten Offerings, Reflections and Prayers (Palm Sunday) A

Reflection on the readings for Palm Sunday, by Monsignor Robert Draper

Mass: Is 50:4-7 Ps 21 Ph 2:6-11 Mk 14:1-15:47

At the beginning and at the end of this week the liturgy offers us two accounts of the Passion, and they could not be more contrasted...Mark is a bleak and sombre account – Jesus is abandoned, torn by grief and ridiculed by everyone. John's account is very different – Jesus is very much in control, aware of his purpose and dies with his mother and the beloved disciple with him...Many in any community may identify with a rejected and grief struck Jesus, feeling abandoned and alone, the reality of Christ's solidarity with humanity in all its frailty is at the heart of Mark's account. But all Christians can hear John's account and recognise that this is an account of the great triumph of Christ over the world and over sin and death.

Caritas at Lent

During Lent this year, Caritas challenges YOU to keep it simple and do little acts each week that will make a positive difference in the lives of those around you. This week's suggestions include sating something nice to each person in your office or family, or observing a Meat-Free Friday

Our Lady's Primary School End of Term Mass (26/03/24)

The children from Our Lady's Primary School will be joining us for their end of term Mass on Tuesday morning. Parishioners are welcome to attend.

Maundy Thursday (28/03/24)

This year there will be the washing of feet at the Mass on Maundy Thursday.

Volunteers are needed for this to take place. Both adults and children are allowed to volunteer. Please sign the list in the Narthex or email the parish office.

Second Collection (29/03/24)

The collection for the 'Holy Places of Palestine' will take place on Good Friday.

Blessing of Easter Food (30/03/24)

Święconka will take place on Saturday, 30th March, 10am at St Mary's Church.

Clocks go forward (31/03/24)

The clocks go forward 1 hour at on Sunday, 31st March, at 1am.

Easter Offerings

Easter Offerings All offerings on Easter Sunday, whether in envelopes or in the plate, will be treated as Easter offerings.

Easter Dawn Service (31/03/24)

St Thomas's CofE parish at Kentisbury are starting Easter Sunday with a dawn service (6am) at Hollacombe Farm (EX31 4NR). It's the first farm on the right as you travel from Blackmoor Gate in the Combe Martin direction, and will be signposted. All welcome. Please come and share in the glories of the sunrise with a simple breakfast and hot drinks. (Come well wrapped!!).

Easter Service Times

	Maundy Thursday 28th March	Good Friday 29th March	Holy Saturday 30th March	Easter Sunday 31st March
St Mary's Barnstaple	6:30pm Mass Watching until 8.30pm	3:00pm Good Friday Service <i>Followed by Confessions</i>	10:00am Blessing of Food <i>Followed by Confessions</i> 7:30pm Easter Vigil Mass	9:30am Easter Mass No Evening Mass
St Joseph's South Molton	-	-	-	11:15am Easter Mass

Gift Aid Envelopes

Gift Aid envelopes for the new financial year are now available to pick up from the Narthex of St Mary's, and the entry of St Joseph's. For those tax payers interested in registering as Gift Aiders, please contact the parish office.

Resurfacing of Higher Church Street (07/04/24)

Please be aware that Higher Church Street, Lower Church Street and Trinity Street are due to be resurfaced on Sunday 7th April. Works will start at 12 noon, meaning that access to the site will be difficult/ inaccessible to those attending the Syro-Malabar Mass, and possibly the evening Mass. If the weather is bad, works will take place at some point over the subsequent 5 days.

CWL Meeting

The next CWL meeting will take place on Tuesday 9th April at 10.30am in the Presbytery.

Childrens Liturgy (21/04/24)

The Children's Liturgy classes will resume on Sunday 21st April.

Knock Pilgrimage 2024 (12/05/24)

Escorted Tour to Westport, Knock & Co Mayo. £899.00pps. Price includes flight, 10kg hold luggage, 5 nights' in 4* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Lunch on three days. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock, Galway City, Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick & Ashford Castle. Contact 01268 762 278, 07740 175557 or knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

Diocese of Plymouth: Youth Weekend (24-26/05/24)

This year's Youth Adventure weekend will be at Grangehurst, Buckfast Abbey, 24th – 26th May. Changing the location has meant that we can offer different adventure activities. We plan to offer caving amongst other activities. This year's theme is 'I am with you' Mt 18:20. In between activities and games, young people will have the chance to explore the scripture and consider ways to communicate with God. This weekend of aimed at 10 – 13 year olds. Cost £100. To book: <https://forms.office.com/e/DkVzq6hTJB> Further questions please contact Saskia: youth@predtr.org.uk

Summer Ignatian Silent Retreats

These retreats are open to those who would like to step back from everyday life and review their journey in faith and be strengthened in their vocation as disciples of the Lord. Location: Sclerder Abbey, nr Looe. Price includes full board & lodging. Please email diocesan-ignatian-retreats@predtr.org.uk or phone 01752 769164 for further information or booking.

- July 5th - 7th (Fri - Sun) Weekend Retreat (£140)
- July 8th - 12th (Mon - Friday) Midweek Retreat (£280)
- July 5th - 12th (Fri - Fri) 6 day Retreat (£475)

Would you like to be a Youth Minister in the Lake District?

Castlerigg Manor (Diocese of Lancaster Retreat Centre) are looking for a Programme Leader to join their youth ministry team. The work involves working on retreats in the heart of the Lake District, and occasionally working on outreach visits around the area. The post is residential and comes with a salary package in the range of £26-28k, made up of paid salary, accommodation, food etc. Would suit somebody with youth ministry experience perhaps recently graduated. Interested – jack@castleriggmanor.co.uk

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
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Plymouth Diocesan Trust

Registered Charity Number 213227

Parish Primary School

Our Lady's Catholic Primary School
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