

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC PARISH

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

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## First Sunday of Advent (Year C) Psalter Week 1 Sunday 1st December

### BARNSTAPLE SERVICE TIMES

Date		Time	Feasts & Mass Intentions
Saturday	30th	10:00	<b>St Andrew - Apostle</b> For the Faithful Departed
		10:30	<b>Confession and Exposition</b>
Sunday	1st	09:30	<b>1st Sunday of Advent</b> <i>(with Children's Liturgy)</i> Ann Patrick RIP
		18:30	The People of the Parish
Tuesday	3rd	10:00	<b>St Francis Xavier (Migrant's Day)</b> Thanksgiving: First Wedding Anniversary
Wednesday	4th	10:00	Mr E Weld RIP
Thursday	5th	10:00	The Pope's Intention for December
Friday	6th	10:00	Thanksgiving for the Sacred Heart
Saturday	7th	10:00	<b>St Ambrose</b> The Sick and Housebound
		10:30	<b>Confession and Exposition</b>
Sunday	8th	09:30	<b>2nd Sunday of Advent (Bible Sunday)</b> <i>(with Children's Liturgy)</i> Teresa & Albert Lucas
		18:30	The People of the Parish

### SOUTH MOLTON SERVICE TIMES

Date		Time	Feasts & Mass Intentions
Saturday	30th	17:30	For the Faithful Departed
Saturday	7th	17:30	Jack & Mary Byrne RIP

### **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 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, and possess excellent organisational skills 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, EX32 8JE. Closing date: 02/12/24. To apply, contact [recruitment@predtr.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@predtr.org.uk) to obtain an application form and job description. Send covering letter and application form to [recruitment@predtr.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@predtr.org.uk).

### **The Pope's Intention for December: For Pilgrims of Hope**

We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognise the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

### **Day of Special Prayer: Migrant's Day (03/12/24)**

For our society; that it may always welcome the stranger. For those countries from which asylum seekers and refugees have fled; that all may work together for peace and justice.

### **First Holy Communion Classes (05/12/24)**

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

### **Christmas Flower Second Collection (07-08/12/24)**

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

- St Joseph's: 07/12/24
- St Mary's: 15/12/24 (earlier date due to Christmas)

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

The Stella Maris Chaplain for Teignmouth and Plymouth is looking for men's clothes, warm hats & gloves, toiletries, sweets and treats. A great deal of her time is spent visiting Seafarers who are recovering from accidents and illnesses in Devon hospitals. She is appreciative of having items to take to them, especially when they are worried about losing their income whilst admitted to hospital. There is 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: srsmarymorningstar@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.

### **South Molton Festive Events**

- **Carols by Candlelight (08/12/24)**  
6pm South Molton Pannier Market. Christmas carols and celebrations supporting our local children's hospice. To find out more, visit [www.chsw.org.uk/carols](http://www.chsw.org.uk/carols)
- **Christmas treats after Mass (21/12/24)**  
St Joseph's. Christmas treats served with coffee after Mass.

### **Barnstaple Festive Events & Churches Together**

- **Carols by Candlelight (05/12/24)**  
6pm Barnstaple Pannier Market. Christmas carols and celebrations supporting our local children's hospice. To find out more, visit [www.chsw.org.uk/carols](http://www.chsw.org.uk/carols)
- **CWL Christmas Stall (08/12/24)**  
After the 9.30am Mass in the Narthex of St Mary's.
- **Christmas Tree Festival (12-16/12/24)**  
St Peter's Church, Town Centre .
- **Nativity Trail in the Town Centre (14/12/24)**  
10.30am – 1pm. Free. Children are invited to find various characters from the first Christmas, who will be dotted around the High Street and Green Lanes. Simply collect a passport from any of the Nativity characters in the High Street to get started. Find them all to collect stickers and a code word. Get a prize at the end in exchange for the coded message.
- **Christmas Tale Trail (14/12/24)**  
3-6pm. Grosvenor Church. aimed at primary school children but younger or older welcome. An exciting quest, crafts, games, a very special performance and much more. Child £2, Adult £3. Places are limited so must be booked in advance at <https://bit.ly/4fkVW85>
- **A Quiet Christmas Service (14/12/24)**  
3pm. Holy Trinity Church. A gentle Christmas service for the bereaved, estranged and those going through a tough time.
- **Pannier Market Churches Together Carol Singing (19/12/24)**  
Meet at 5.45pm with singing from 6-7pm. All welcome.

## Christmas Services 2024

	<b>24th December Christmas Eve Tuesday</b>	<b>25th December Christmas Day Wednesday</b>	<b>26th December St Stephen's Day Thursday</b>
<b>St Mary's</b>	7.30pm	9:30am	10am
<b>St Joseph's</b>	-	11.15 am	-

### 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.

### Christmas Offerings

Christmas offerings, along with Easter offerings, are used by the parish to help support your parish priest. All offerings on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, whether in envelopes or in the plate, will be treated as Christmas offerings.

### 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.*