

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC PARISH

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

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Fifth Sunday of Lent (Year B)

Psalter Week 1

Sunday 17th March

BARNSTAPLE SERVICE TIMES

Date		Time	Feasts & Mass Intentions
Saturday	16th	10:00 10:30	The Pope's Intention for March: New Martyrs <i>Confession and Exposition</i>
Sunday	17th	09:30 18:30	5th Sunday of Lent <i>(with Children's Liturgy)</i> Teresa and Albert Lucas RIP The People of the Parish
Tuesday	19th	12:00	St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary Requiem Mass for Edward Paynter RIP
Wednesday	20th	10:00	NO MASS
Thursday	21st	10:00	Tamsin Kelly
Friday	22nd	11:00 18:30	Requiem Mass for John Connors RIP <i>Stations of the Cross</i>
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

SOUTH MOLTON SERVICE TIMES

Date		Time	Feasts & Mass Intentions
Saturday	16th	17:30	The Sick and Housebound
Friday	22nd	15:00	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>
Saturday	23rd	17:30	

***Please note there will be no Mass on Wednesday 20th March.
Mass times are changing on Tuesday 19th and Friday 22nd to accommodate
the Requiem Masses.***

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 Recently Deceased

- Edward Paynter RIP. Edward will be received into St Mary's Church at 4pm, Monday 18th, and his Funeral will take place the following day, at 12 noon on Tuesday, 19th March.
- John Connors RIP, Deacon of our Parish. John will be received into St Mary's Church at 3.30pm, on Thursday 21st, and his Funeral will take place the following day, at 11am on Friday, 22nd March.

Please pray for the repose of their souls, and pray for their families and friends who are grieving at this time.

Diocese of Plymouth: Lenten Offerings, Reflections and Prayers (Week 5) A Reflection on the readings for the fifth Sunday of Lent

Jer 31:31-34 Ps 50 Heb 5:7-9 Jn 12:20-30

‘The reading from Jeremiah is about a New Covenant. It is important to acknowledge that the prophet emphatically insists that the initiative here is totally in God’s hands. “It is the Lord who speaks” – and God will act because the people are incapable of acting. The Covenant was broken by the people; God offers a new one to replace it. This New Law and New Covenant will not depend on the ability of the individual to learn it – God will plant it in each person’s heart. And in order to enable each person to receive the New Covenant, God will forgive sin definitively. From the earliest days of the Church, Christians have seen these words of Jeremiah as applying to the “New and Eternal Covenant” that Jesus brings.’

by Monsignor Robert Draper. For the full document, visit [https://email.workwithgusto.co.uk/t-613E1B5C943A31482540EF23F30FEDED](mailto:workwithgusto.co.uk/t-613E1B5C943A31482540EF23F30FEDED)

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:

- Donate things to a charity shop if you no longer need them.
- Notice someone doing a good deed and thank them.
- Observe Meat-free Friday

Stations of the Cross (22/03/24)

Every Friday during Lent. 3pm at St Joseph’s, and 6.30pm at St Mary’s.

Parish of All Saints: Last Lenten Zoom Talks (22/03/24)

The Raising of Lazarus, with Mr Gerard Gillespie. 7pm. All welcome. Meeting ID: 834 4584 0521. Passcode: 862737.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83445840521?pwd=K3lKRfVGbnY0eEMzc3pVMVhOcnFCdz09>

Food Bank Collection Dates

- Barnstaple: Sunday 24th March.

Volunteer Needed

We are looking for a volunteer to light and maintain the fire used for the candles at the Easter Vigil. It is typically done in a BBQ pit, which we retain on site. If you think you can help, please speak to Fr Peter.

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.

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 Dawn Service (31/03/24)

St Thomas' 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.

Knock Pilgrimage 2024 (12/05/24)

Escorted Tour to Westport, Knock & Co Mayo, 12th May 2024. £899.00 pps. 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. Single supplement on Enquiry. Phone 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

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@prcdtr.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
Chanter's Hill, Barnstaple.

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Please contact her if you have any safeguarding concerns.