

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC PARISH

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

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Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) Psalter Week 3 Sunday 6th October

BARNSTAPLE SERVICE TIMES

Date		Time	Feasts & Mass Intentions
Saturday	5th	10:00 10:30	Mariammas Thomas RIP <i>Confession and Exposition</i>
Sunday	6th	09:30 15:30 18:30	27th Sunday OT <i>(with Children's Liturgy)</i> Thanksgiving Syro-Malabar Mass The People of the Parish
Tuesday	8th	10:00	Sr Mary RIP
Wednesday	9th	10:00	St John Henry Newman - Priest Mrs E Weld RIP
Thursday	10th	10:00	Saliamma Anto RIP
Friday	11th	10:00	NO MASS
Saturday	12th	10:00 10:30	William Cooper RIP <i>Confession and Exposition</i>
Sunday	13th	09:30 18:30	28th Sunday OT <i>(with Children's Liturgy)</i> Teresa and Albert Lucas The People of the Parish

SOUTH MOLTON SERVICE TIMES

Date		Time	Feasts & Mass Intentions
Saturday	5th	17:30	The People of the Parish
Saturday	12th	17:00	Frank Hoar and Winifred Tindal RIP

Please note there is no Mass on Friday 11th October.

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.

Ordination of our new Bishop, Philip Moger (09/11/24)

In an effort to allocate seats fairly, each parish in the diocese has been given two tickets so that all the parishes will be represented at the Ordination. If you are interested in attending, and would like to be considered for one of the tickets, please give your name to Fr Peter or Claire as soon as possible. Thank you.

First Holy Communion Classes

First Holy Communion classes are starting on Thursday 17th October at 5pm in the Presbytery. If your child is in year 4 or over, and would like to make their First Holy Communion next year, please pick up a letter and form from the Narthex. The documents are also available for download from the parish website. They need to be returned to the office as soon as possible. Thank you.

Foodbank/ Freedom Centre collections

- St Joseph's: 12/10/24
- St Mary's: 27/10/24

South Molton Carnival (12/10/24)

Due to the South Molton Carnival, Mass at St Joseph's will start at the earlier time of 5pm on Saturday 12th October.

Dei Verbum - The Word of God (19/10/24)

"How can we know anything about God with certainty? Why should we trust what the Church tells us about God? How do we make sense of the Bible?" In preparing for the Jubilee year 2025, Pope Francis has asked us to explore the key documents of Vatican II and one of those documents is Dei Verbum. Sister Hyacinthe, who as a Dominican, will guide us through the text and inspire us with a love of God's Word. Schiller Hall, Buckfast Abbey. 10.30-3pm. (Mass at 12noon) To reserve, email: deborah.vankroonenburg@prcdtr.org.uk

Jubilee photography project

As we prepare for the year of Jubilee, Caritas Diocese of Plymouth would like to invite you to reflect on Care for Creation and how we live this out in our churches and communities today. To explore this issue, Caritas would like to collect and share photographs by parishioners of people and places in the diocese. We would like to explore three themes that call to mind the reflected glory of the Lord in the beautiful world we are asked to care for. The themes are Beauty, Good Choices and Humanity. To find out more please follow the link <https://wp.me/paTncV-a2d>

The Popes Intention for September: For the cry of the Earth.

Let us pray that each of us listen with our hearts to the cry of the Earth and of the victims of environmental disasters and the climate crisis, making a personal commitment to care for the world we inhabit.

New Missals

We have now placed parishioner's orders for the new Missals through the Catholic Truth Society. They have a release date ranging from the 14th October to the 28th October. As soon as they arrive in the office, we will let you know.

Vocations Retreat (01-02/11/24)

Honiton Retreat Centre, St Rita's Centre, Ottery Moor Lane, Honiton EX14 1AP. Are you called to witness as a Permanent Deacon, a Religious or a Priest? There is an opportunity to reflect on this with other discerners and others living out vocations as a Permanent Deacon, Religious or Priest. If you are interested please join us at our Reflection Day starting at 5pm on Friday 1 November. Day delegates are welcome to join on Saturday 2 November at 9am. For more information and to register your interest please contact Fr Jacek Kostuch on jacek.kostuch@predtr.org.uk or vocation@predtr.org.uk

The Safeguarding Office - Support for victims of abuse

The Safeguarding Office provides advice and support to all victims of abuse, regardless of whether this is something happening currently or that happened in the past. We work with individuals who have been abused within the church, as well as in other settings. We are not here to blame, judge or make excuses for the abuser. We are here to help all those who have experienced abuse or are still in an abusive situation, by providing support, advice, and signposting to relevant organisations. Our dedicated team of safeguarding professionals work closely with other agencies both locally and nationally including the Police, Probation, Social Services, and to standards that are set out by the Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency. Please contact us for a confidential conversation. You can call us on 01364 645430 (Monday to Friday from 9:00am – 4:30pm) or e-mail us on safeguarding@predtr.org.uk

Volunteers needed in the parish: Children's Liturgy at 9.30am Mass

The Children's liturgy sessions are very well attended and we need some more helpers. We would welcome some adults to help the children with the activity we provide about once a month. You will need to be DBS checked due to safeguarding regulations, but this is now a quick form on the computer. Speak to any Children's liturgy leader or Fr. Peter

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.

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.

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.

Diocesan Newsletter

You are warmly invited to please sign up to the diocesan newsletter to receive the latest news about and from our Bishop-Elect Philip Moger! We will be publishing some special editions in the lead up to his installation, with the first one welcoming Bishop-elect Christopher.

To register please visit: <https://email.workwithgusto.co.uk/h/t/A561A3216C433494>

To view the first special edition of the Diocesan newsletter, please visit: <https://email.workwithgusto.co.uk/t/t-5E3A54C5D11C17F32540EF23F30FEDED>

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
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Plymouth Diocesan Trust

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Parish Primary School

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Please contact her if you have any safeguarding concerns.