

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC PARISH

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

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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) Psalter Week 4 Sunday 18th August

BARNSTAPLE SERVICE TIMES

Date		Time	Feasts & Mass Intentions
Saturday	17th	10:00 10:30	The Sick and Housebound Confession and Exposition
Sunday	18th	09:30 18:30	20th Sunday in OT Teresa and Albert Lucas The People of the Parish
Tuesday	20th	10:00	St Bernard Ray Brydon RIP
Wednesday	21st	10:00	St Pius X Joyce & Bruce Baxter
Thursday	22nd	10:00	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary Souls of Purgatory
Friday	23rd	10:00	Thanksgiving
Saturday	24th	10:00 10:30	St Bartholomew - Apostle Jilitious & Stephy's Wedding Anniversary Confession and Exposition
Sunday	25th	09:30 18:30	21st Sunday in OT TJ Joseph & Laticia Death Anniversary Margaret Norman

SOUTH MOLTON SERVICE TIMES

Date		Time	Feasts & Mass Intentions
Saturday	17th	17:30	
Saturday	24th	17:30	The People of the Parish

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 Pope's Intention for August: For Political Leaders

Let us pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and the common good, taking care of those who have lost their jobs and giving priority to the poor.

Prayer Intention during Summertime

A deeper understanding between Christians and Jews

For all people of faith, that mutual respect and the promotion of peace may be a voice for good.

For Christian and Jewish believers, that their shared heritage of the divine Word of God may enrich life and faith and deepen understanding.

Diocesan Vacancy: Ilfracombe Parish Secretary

We are recruiting a Parish Secretary for Ilfracombe, reporting to the Parish Life Co-ordinator. 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 Parish Life Co-ordinator 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 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, possess excellent organisational skills and have the ability to act as a key representative for the Diocese of Plymouth, we would love to hear from you. Hours: 16 per week, to include Friday. Location: The Presbytery, Ilfracombe, EX31 4AZ. Closing date: Monday 19th August.

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.

Accommodation Needed

A parishioner moving to our parish is looking for a home to rent. It would need to be suited to a young family, with 3-4 bedrooms. If you know of an available property, please speak to Fr Peter or contact the parish office.

Foodbank/ Freedom Centre collections

- St Mary's: 25/08/24
- St Joseph's: 14/09/24

Upcoming Second Collections: CCS(P) (25/08/24)

Believe, Love, Share - Transforming Lives - Putting All Children First: the annual appeal of the Catholic Children's Society is next weekend. Please take an appeal envelope today or visit their website to understand the wonderful work, which the Society does to help struggling children and their families. 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.

The North Devon Catenian Circle

The North Devon Catenian Circle are a group of Catholic men, aged from 18 to 95years, who meet socially each month to support each other in their faith and in their family life. We meet at The Durrant House Hotel, Bideford on the 4th Thursday of each month for a meeting and dinner. We have an active social programme, which includes walks, pub visits, visiting speakers, boules, barbecues, quizzes. Our wives also have a full programme of events, joining us each month for the dinner. If you wish to know more ask your priest to introduce you to one of our members or contact Stephen Bearman on 07511 950969 or email steve@kenilworth-house.co.uk

Volunteers needed in the parish:

Flower Arrangers.

Please contact the parish office if you would like to volunteer to help with the flowers arrangements at St Mary's Church. No experience needed. Everyone welcome.

ADoRE Spiritual Mini-Retreat (31/08/24)

10am-1pm "BEAR THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT – our transformed lives will help other people." Including Mass, Adoration, Praise, Prayer for the gifts of the Holy Spirit and inspiring guest speaker Maria Heath. Please register for the Zoom meeting in advance at [//bit.ly/ADOREAUG2024](https://bit.ly/ADOREAUG2024) More information at www.altonrenewal.com/this_month

Eucharistic Congress (14/09/24)

Oscott, Birmingham. A coach will leave our diocese to take pilgrims from across our five deaneries to this faith-affirming national event. It will include talks, mass and a procession. Please ring (01202) 746539 or email christopher.findlay@prcdtr.org.uk ASAP if would like to join us.

Youth Rally 2024 (28/09/24)

£10. Please join us at St Rita's in Honiton for the infamous Youth Rally on Saturday 28th September 2024. As usual there are many activities for all to join in, including the obstacle course, penalty shoot out and various inflatable activities. Young people from 6 – 16 are welcome to form teams of 6 to compete against others. Do not worry if you can't find a group of 6. I will combine you with another parish. For booking and further questions please contact, Saskia: youth@prcdtr.org.uk

First Holy Communion 2025

If your child is in year 4 or over this coming September, 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, as we are planning to start classes in October 2024. 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
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Church Street, Barnstaple. EX32 8JE

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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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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.