

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC PARISH

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

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Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

Psalter Week 4

Sunday 12th October

BARNSTAPLE SERVICE TIMES

Date		Time	Feasts & Mass Intentions
Saturday	11th	10:00 10:30	Catherine & Bill (on their Marriage) <i>Confession, Exposition & Rosary (until 11:00)</i>
Sunday	12th	09:30 18:30	28th Sunday OT– Prisoners Sunday <i>(with Children's Liturgy)</i> Michael Quinn RIP The People of the Parish
Tuesday	14th	10:00	Private Intention
Wednesday	15th	10:00	St Teresa of Jesus K. J. Luke RIP
Thursday	16th	10:00	Mrs E. Weld RIP
Friday	17th	10:00	St Ignatius of Antioch Prisoners & their families
Saturday	18th	10:00 10:30	St Luke - Evangelist Lily Ellis RIP <i>Confession, Exposition & Rosary (until 11:00)</i>
Sunday	19th	09:30 18:30	29th Sunday OT - World Mission Day <i>(with Children's Liturgy)</i> Maria Minihane RIP Charles Huxley RIP

SOUTH MOLTON SERVICE TIMES

Date		Time	Feasts & Mass Intentions
Saturday	11th	17:30	Frank Hoar RIP
Saturday	18th	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 Intentions for October:

For collaboration between different religious traditions. Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity.

<https://thepopevideo.org/>

Prisoners' Sunday: (12/10/25)

Sunday 12th October is Prisoners' Sunday – it is the National Day of Prayer and Action for prisoners and their dependents as marked by the Catholic Church and across the Christian denominations. Today we reflect on how we as individuals, as a Church, and as a community are serving those affected by imprisonment.

Anti-Slavery Week: (13-19/10/25)

In this Jubilee Year of renewal and hope, we are called to “proclaim liberty throughout the land” (Lev. 25:10) by confronting the injustices of modern slavery. Observing this week is a way to live the Gospel call to love our neighbour and work for a world where all can live in dignity. Contact Caritas Diocese of Plymouth to learn how you can help to eliminate this evil.

First Holy Communion Class: (16/10/25)

First Holy Communion classes will continue on Thursday 16th October at 4.50 pm, in St Mary's Presbytery.

CTS Weekday Missal: For parishioners who pre-ordered the Missal via the Parish Office, **they have now arrived**. Please could you collect them from the Parish Office or see the Parish Secretary. The final cost was £49.50 per copy. Those who prepaid a higher amount will receive refunds for any overpayment. Thank you.

Volunteers Needed: Flower Arranging

Could you spare some time to help arrange the flowers at St Mary's? Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to help. Thank you.

Upcoming 2nd Collections:

World Mission Sunday - Missio (19/10/25)

CWL Day of Recollection: (29/10/25)

Save the date: Wednesday 29th October. This event is open to all - more details to follow.

World Day of the Poor Event: (15/11/25)

Saturday 15th November, 10:30am to 3pm at St Rita's Centre, Honiton.

Caritas Diocese of Plymouth invites you to 'Signs of Hope,' an event marking the World Day of the Poor.

David McLoughlin will deliver keynote talks, helping us reflect on Pope Leo XIV's message and explore ways to combat poverty both globally and locally. Simple lunch included.

To register please phone Caritas on 01364 645360

or email caritas@prcdtr.org.uk.

Advent Retreat for 18-30 year olds: (21-23/11/25)

Sclerder Abbey, Looe, Cornwall. Friday 21st to Sunday 23rd November 2025

Join young adults from across the Diocese of Plymouth to prepare for Advent.

During the weekend you will explore John's scripture; *'The word became flesh and dwelt amongst us'* (J1:14) whilst experiencing elements of the Chemin Neuf Community, listening to talks from Fr Robbie Lowe and exploring the area.

A recommended donation of £30 is to help with the accommodation and food costs.

For further information contact Saskia; youth@prcdtr.org.uk or follow the link to book: <https://forms.office.com/e/se4zasSM7B>

The Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth) – Crowdfunder Prize Draw

We are delighted to be running our third Crowdfunder prize draw to raise funds to help support our Essential Grants programme.

Prizes: AF140 Ninja Air Fryer & cookbook and a £100 supermarket gift card of your choice.

For further details and how to enter please see the poster displayed in the narthex. Many thanks for your support.

Retrouvaille Marriage support:

Does your relationship need some TLC? Need help with deeper issues?

Next programme starts 17th October.

Contact: www.retrouvaille.org.uk or Tel: 07887 269983.

Train or volunteer as a Relationship Counsellor with Marriage Care:

We are a Catholic organisation specialising in relationship support and are currently looking for those who would be interested in training via our Certificate in Relationship Counselling (CRC) course. We are reaching out early to give you the opportunity to benefit from a new and additional pathway we are offering - the option to volunteer with our marriage preparation service prior to the CRC selection.

To find out more and to register your interest either for entry at this stage or prior to our CRC selection process in Autumn 2026 please

visit: www.marriagecare.org.uk or email: volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk

Our Lady's Primary School - Governor Needed

Our Lady's School needs a new Governor to join the Local Governing Board. If you would be interested in serving our parish school in this way, then please speak to Fr.

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.

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.

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)

Gift Aid

For those tax payers interested in registering as Gift Aiders, please contact the parish office.

Parish Office Hours Mon, Tue, Thurs, & Fri. 8.30 - 12.30 St. Mary's Church House, Higher Church Street, Barnstaple. EX32 8JE Parish Secretary: Helen Black 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
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