

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC PARISH

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

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Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) Psalter Week 1 Sunday 25th August

BARNSTAPLE SERVICE TIMES

Date		Time	Feasts & Mass Intentions
Saturday	24th	10:00	St Bartholomew - Apostle Jilitious & Stephy's Wedding Anniversary
		10:30	<i>Confession and Exposition</i>
Sunday	25th	09:30	21st Sunday in OT TJ Joseph & Laticia Death Anniversary
		18:30	Margaret Norman
Tuesday	27th	10:00	St Monica - Patron of Mothers Kevin McQuillin RIP
Wednesday	28th	10:00	St Augustine G.A. Wrey RIP
Thursday	29th	10:00	The Passion of St John the Baptist Fr Philip Dyson RIP
Friday	30th	10:00	Alina Johnson Birthday
Saturday	31st	10:00	Thanksgiving
		10:30	<i>Confession and Exposition</i>
Sunday	1st	09:30	22nd Sunday in OT Catherine
		18:30	Sheila Gilligan RIP

SOUTH MOLTON SERVICE TIMES

Date		Time	Feasts & Mass Intentions
Saturday	24th	17:30	The People of the Parish
Saturday	31st	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.

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 2nd September. To apply, please contact recruitment@pcedtr.org.uk.

Requiescant in Pace

- Canon Philip Dyson died last weekend after a long illness. Please keep Canon Philip, his family, and all those who mourn him in your prayers.
- Father Gabriel Arnold died this week aged 93. Please keep Fr Gabriel, his family, and of course all the community at Buckfast in your prayers.

Second Collection: CCS(P) (25/08/24)

Believe, Love, Share – Transforming Lives – Putting All Children First: please give generously today towards the work of the Catholic Children's Society and keep them and their beneficiaries in your prayers. Your love, kindness and generosity will make a difference to many children and their families. Thank you so much and please remember to Gift Aid your donation if you can !

Foodbank/ Freedom Centre collections

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

Book Group (28/08/24)

Book Group will be meeting on Wednesday 28th August at 7pm in the Presbytery to discuss "Midnight's Children" by Salman Rushdie. All welcome.

Invitation: Catholic Parish Outing to Ilfracombe Lifeboat Station

(11/09/24)

1.30pm. If you would like to go, please see the organisers, (Colin and Clare) after Mass for a leaflet, or see notice in the narthex. All welcome, but regrettably this is only for adults aged 18+.

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.

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.
- **Children's Liturgy Helpers 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 attend about once a month to help the children with the activity we provide. 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, Fr. Peter or Claire in the parish office.

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.

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.

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](http://www.altonrenewal.com/this_month)

World Day of Care for Creation (01/09/24)

“As we journey towards the Holy Year, I urge everyone to become pilgrims of hope, setting tangible goals for a better future. Let us not forget to keep “the little details of love” (*Gaudete et Exsultate*, 145): stopping, drawing near, giving a little attention, a smile, a caress, a word of comfort.” Pope Francis, Message for World Day of the Poor 2024

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)

<p>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</p>	<p>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</p>
<p><i>Safeguarding Rep. (Barnstaple): Ruth O’Donovan (Tel: 01271 342493)</i> <i>Please contact her if you have any safeguarding concerns.</i></p>	