

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC PARISH

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

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Second Sunday of Advent (Year C) Psalter Week 2 Sunday 8th December

BARNSTAPLE SERVICE TIMES

Date		Time	Feasts & Mass Intentions
Saturday	7th	10:00	St Ambrose The Sick and Housebound
		10:30	Confession and Exposition
Sunday	8th	09:30	2nd Sunday of Advent (Bible Sunday) <i>(with Children's Liturgy)</i> Teresa & Albert Lucas
		18:30	The People of the Parish
Tuesday	10th	10:00	The Recently Deceased
Wednesday	11th	10:00	Our Lady's School (School Mass)
Thursday	12th	10:00	The Sick and Housebound
Friday	13th	10:00	St Lucy Francis Tindal RIP & Katherine Cullen RIP
Saturday	14th	10:00	St John of the Cross Brenda Lane
		10:30	Confession and Exposition
Sunday	15th	09:30	3rd Sunday of Advent <i>(with Children's Liturgy)</i> John Needham RIP
		18:30	The People of the Parish

SOUTH MOLTON SERVICE TIMES

Date		Time	Feasts & Mass Intentions
Saturday	7th	17:30	Jack & Mary Byrne RIP
Saturday	14th	17:30	Elizabeth & Syd Williams RIP

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.

Thank you to the CWL

Many thanks to Maureen Burch for organising the CWL Fun Night on Friday November 29th. She and her helpers gave us a really good evening which included a talk from Jo (Headway N. Devon), a lavish fashion display, and an excellent demonstration of Line Dancing, together with a delicious buffet and plenty to drink. A lot of work went into organising the evening and those of us there really appreciated it. Those who weren't there missed a treat. The C.W.L raised £203.00.

Stella Maris

Ann Donnelly, Chaplain to the Seafarers in Teignmouth and Plymouth, is extremely grateful for the very kind and generous donations to Stella Maris. So many of you responded to the recent call for men's clothing as well as hats, gloves, toiletries and Christmas gifts for those seafarers visiting our ports during this festive period. Thank you.

Barnstaple Parish Vacancy - Parish Secretary

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 Priest 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 of support 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, and possess excellent organisational skills we would love to hear from you! Hours: 16 hours per week over 4 weekday mornings to include Friday. Location: St Mary's Church House, EX32 8JE. To apply, contact recruitment@predtr.org.uk to obtain an application form and job description. Send covering letter and application form to recruitment@predtr.org.uk. The deadline for applications has been extended.

First Holy Communion Classes (12/12/24)

The next class will take place on Thursday at 5pm in the Presbytery.

Foodbank/ Freedom Centre collections

- St Mary's: 15/12/24 (earlier date due to Christmas)
- St Joseph's: 11/01/25

Advent Service: Barnstaple (15/12/24)

3pm. The children of our Parish will be leading us in readings, prayers and music on our journey through Advent. There will be refreshments afterwards in the Presbytery. Everyone is welcome.

Advent Retreat: Lynton (13-15/12/24)

With the Sisters of Mary Morning Star (EX35 6BS). Come and pray with a contemplative community, join us for times of Eucharistic adoration, singing the psalms, study, and lectio divina, and see the stunning North Devon coastline. An opportunity for women aged 18-35 years to come and experience the joy and the silence of the Blessed Virgin Mary as she awaited the birth of Jesus. To book or for more info, email: srsmarymorningstar@gmail.com.

Christmas Services 2024

	24th December Christmas Eve Tuesday	25th December Christmas Day Wednesday	26th December St Stephen's Day Thursday
St Mary's	7.30pm	9:30am	10am
St Joseph's	-	11.15 am	-

South Molton Festive Events

- **Carols by Candlelight (08/12/24)**
6pm South Molton Pannier Market. Christmas carols and celebrations supporting our local children's hospice. To find out more, visit www.chsw.org.uk/carols
- **Christmas treats after Mass (21/12/24)**
St Joseph's. Christmas treats served with coffee after Mass.

Barnstaple Festive Events & Churches Together

- **Christmas Tree Festival (12-16/12/24)**
St Peter's Church, Town Centre .
- **Nativity Trail in the Town Centre (14/12/24)**
10.30am – 1pm. Free. Children are invited to find various characters from the first Christmas, who will be dotted around the High Street and Green Lanes. Simply collect a passport from any of the Nativity characters in the High Street to get started. Find them all to collect stickers and a code word. Get a prize at the end in exchange for the coded message.
- **Christmas Tale Trail (14/12/24)**
3-6pm. Grosvenor Church. aimed at primary school children but younger or older welcome. An exciting quest, crafts, games, a very special performance and much more. Child £2, Adult £3. Places are limited so must be booked in advance at <https://bit.ly/4fkVW85>
- **A Quiet Christmas Service (14/12/24)**
3pm. Holy Trinity Church. A gentle Christmas service for the bereaved, estranged and those going through a tough time.
- **Pannier Market Churches Together Carol Singing (19/12/24)**
Meet at 5.45pm with singing from 6-7pm. All welcome.

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

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.

Christmas Offerings

Christmas offerings, along with Easter offerings, are used by the parish to help support your parish priest. All offerings on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, whether in envelopes or in the plate, will be treated as Christmas offerings.

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
St. Mary's Church House, Higher
Church Street, Barnstaple. EX32 8JE

Parish Secretary: Claire Spears

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

Safeguarding Rep. (Barnstaple): Ruth O'Donovan (Tel: 01271 342493)

Please contact her if you have any safeguarding concerns.