

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC PARISH

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

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The Baptism of the Lord (Year C) Psalter 1 Sunday 12th January

BARNSTAPLE SERVICE TIMES			
Date		Time	Feasts & Mass Intentions
Saturday	11th	10:00 10:30	<i>Confession and Exposition</i>
Sunday	12th	09:30 18:30	The Baptism of the Lord <i>(with Children's Liturgy)</i> Bruce Millar The People of the Parish
Tuesday	14th	10:00	The Sick and Housebound
Wednesday	15th	10:00	For the Souls of Purgatory
Thursday	16th	10:00	
Friday	17th	10:00	St Anthony Thanksgiving
Saturday	18th	10:00 10:30	The Recently Deceased <i>Confession and Exposition</i>
Sunday	19th	09:30 18:30	2nd Sunday in OT <i>(with Children's Liturgy)</i> Harriet Parker RIP

SOUTH MOLTON SERVICE TIMES			
Date		Time	Feasts & Mass Intentions
Saturday	11th	17:30	
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.

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. 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 pw over 4 weekday mornings to include Friday. Location: St Mary's Church House, EX32 8JE. To obtain an application form and job description, contact recruitment@prcdtr.org.uk. Send covering letter and application form to recruitment@prcdtr.org.uk. The deadline for applications has been extended.

Diocesan Vacancy - Property Administrator

The Diocese is recruiting a Property Administrator based at St Boniface House, Ashburton. To express your interest please contact recruitment@prcdtr.org.uk. Closing date for applications: Monday 3 February 2025.

Requiescat in Pace

Frances Dixon, a member of our parish, has recently passed away. Please keep Frances, her family, and all who mourn her in your prayers.

Unwanted Christmas Presents

Please give any unwanted Christmas presents to Maureen Burch. The C.W.L will sell them on their weekly stall to raise money for local charities. Smaller toys may be retained by the church to entertain our youngest parishioners.

The Pope's Intention for January - For the Gift of Diversity in the Church

We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognise the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.

Foodbank/ Freedom Centre collections

- St Joseph's: 11/01/25
- St Mary's: 26/01/25

CWL Meeting (14/01/25)

The next CWL meeting will take place on Tuesday, 14th January, after Mass in the Presbytery.

First Holy Communion Classes (16/01/25)

The next class will take place on Thursday, 16th January, at 5pm in the Presbytery.

CAFOD: A Year of Hope (18/01/25)

An Introduction to the Jubilee Year with the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development. 2025 is a Jubilee year, but what does that mean? How will the Church be celebrating it? How can I get involved? Catholic talk show host and author Nana Churcher, and CAFOD's Simon Giarchi will be hosting Fr Jan Nowotnik (Director of Mission for the Bishop's Conference), Christine Allen (CAFOD's Director) and Kayode Akintola (CAFOD's Head of Africa) and more in this lively start to the Jubilee. Hear highlights of how we're celebrating as a church and how we can be tangible signs of hope and build a better world together throughout this holy year. With a special appearance by Catholic band Ooberfuse. 10:30am-midday, online. Register here for free: cafod.org.uk/jubilee

Plymouth Diocese: 13-17 Year old Youth Residential (24-26/01/25)

Come and join others from across the Diocese to explore the scripture Job 12:7-10. There will be workshops for you to join including: photography; music; art and filming. £50pp. Contact Saskia Hogbin for further information; youth@predtr.org.uk or follow the link to book: <https://forms.office.com/e/xVBd8tV0fG>

Day of Reflection (01/02/25)

Have you ever asked the question 'Is God calling me to Priesthood or to the Religious life?'. This 'Day of Reflection' for men will be held on Saturday 1 February from 10:00 to 16:00 at Exeter University Chaplaincy, Boniface House, Glenthorne Road, Exeter EX4 4QU. The day will include Mass, a time of Adoration, a short conference, an opportunity for Confession and 'One to One talks' with serving Priests from our Diocese; and sharing food together (this will be provided – please let us know of special dietary requirements). Under 18s are welcome to attend with parents' permission. For more information and to register your interest please contact Fr Jacek Kostuch on jacek.kostuch@predtr.org.uk or vocation@predtr.org.uk

Plymouth Diocese: Gather 2025 (28 - 30/03/25)

Gather 2025 Jubilate is a weekend of faith, formation and friendship. Livermead Cliff Hotel, Torquay. Booking forms available from the parish office or email plymouthgather@yahoo.com for more information.

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 Safeguarding Office - Support for victims of abuse

The Safeguarding Office provides advice and support to all victims of abuse. We are not here to blame, judge or make excuses for the abuser. We are here to help by providing support, advice, and signposting to relevant organisations. Our dedicated team of safeguarding professionals work closely with other agencies including the Police, Probation, Social Services, and to standards that are set out by the Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency. Call us on 01364 645430 (Weekdays, 9am – 4:30pm) or e-mail on safeguarding@pcrdtr.org.uk

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.

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
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.