

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC PARISH

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

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## **Fifth Sunday of Easter (Year C)**

**Psalter Week 1**

**Sunday 18th May**

### **BARNSTAPLE SERVICE TIMES**

<b>Date</b>		<b>Time</b>	<b>Feasts &amp; Mass Intentions</b>
Saturday	17th	10:00 10:30	Victims & survivors of abuse <b><i>Confession, Exposition &amp; Rosary (until 11:00)</i></b>
Sunday	18th	09:30 18:30	<b>Fifth Sunday of Easter (With Children's Liturgy)</b> Albert & Teresa Lucas RIP Care for Creation
Tuesday	20th	10:00	Rahel Rabinovich RIP
Wednesday	21st	10:00	Parish First Holy Communicants
Thursday	22nd	10:00	Malhan RIP
Friday	23rd	11.00	<b>School Mass</b> John Wade RIP
Saturday	24th	10:00 10:30	<b>St Adhelm of Sherborne</b> Brian Nelson RIP <b><i>Confession, Exposition &amp; Rosary (until 11:00)</i></b>
Sunday	25th	09:30 18:30	<b>Sixth Sunday of Easter (With Children's Liturgy)</b> The People of the Parish

### **SOUTH MOLTON SERVICE TIMES**

<b>Date</b>		<b>Time</b>	<b>Feasts &amp; Mass Intentions</b>
Saturday	17th	17:30	The People of the Parish
Saturday	24th	17:30	The Micallef Family

***Please note that Mass on Friday 23rd will be a School Mass  
and will start at 11am.***

### **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](http://www.facebook.com/BarnstapleCatholicParish).

### **The Pope's Intentions for May**

#### **For the Formation of Religious & Seminarians**

We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

### **Second Collection** (18/05/25)

This Sunday, 18th May, there will be a collection for the Plymouth Secular Clergy Fund for Sick and Retired Clergy of the Plymouth Diocese.

### **First Holy Communion 2026**

If your child will be in Year 4 or above this autumn 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. Please return completed forms to the Parish Office. Classes will start this autumn – date to be confirmed later. Thank you.

### **New Weekday Missals**

The new hardback edition is available for pre-order, through the Catholic Truth Society, with a release date of June 30th. The price is £55.

If you would like to purchase a Missal through the parish, please contact the Parish Office via email: [barnstaple@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:barnstaple@prcdtr.org.uk) or phone: 01271 343312.

### **Day of Prayer for Victims and Survivors of Abuse:** (20/05/25)

The focus for this year's day of prayer is the theme of "The Empty Chair". Many of us are saddened by reducing numbers in our churches. This is happening for a wide variety of reasons, but our thoughts are on those who are not there because they have suffered abuse in a church setting and cannot face being here. They may be the families or friends of survivors. They may be former members of a community affected by allegations or convictions for abuse. They may be people who are simply so disgusted or ashamed by what they have heard about abuse within the Church that they no longer want to be part of it. All these groups and others are represented by "The Empty Chair". If you have been impacted by abuse and would like to speak to someone, please contact the Safeguarding Office on 01364 645430 (Monday to Friday, 9:00am - 4:30pm).

### **Foodbank / Freedom Centre collections**

St Mary's: 25/05/25 - St Joseph's: 14/06/25

### **Laudato Si week:** (19-26/05/25)

Ten years ago, Pope Francis wrote Laudato Si', setting out a new vision for our common home. This week we celebrate 10 years of prayer and action and reflect on how we can create a brighter future as stewards of creation.

The Diocese of Plymouth recently published the annual review of our Environment Strategy which sets out the actions we are taking to care for creation. <https://www.plymouth-diocese.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/Environment-Policy-Annual-Review-2024.pdf>

Caritas Plymouth will be hosting a Photography exhibition at Plymouth Cathedral from 19-27 May showcasing images submitted by people from across the diocese which highlight the gift of God's creation. Please come along to visit the exhibition which will be available during the normal opening hours of the Cathedral.

### **Dementia Action Week:** (19-25/05/25)

Pope Francis has spoken about the importance of respecting and caring for the elderly, including those with dementia, emphasizing their wisdom and the value of their lived experiences. He has also highlighted the need to protect the elderly from violence and abuse, and to pray for those affected by Alzheimer's and their families. We are all invited to pray for those affected and to consider how we can support those living with dementia and those who care for them.

### **St Rita's of Cascia – Feast Day** (22/05/25)

The Feast Day will be celebrated at St Rita's Centre, Honiton, EX14 1AP. Mass at 12 noon followed by the blessing and distribution of roses for the sick. The day will conclude with Benediction at 3 pm.

For more information see:

<https://www.stritascentre.org/events-retreats-1/st-rita-s-feast-day-1>

Or contact Krista Radzina on 01404 42635

### **'Rise to Our Cause' for CCSP:** (29/05/25)

This year's Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth) 'Rise to Our Cause' event is being held at St Cuthbert Mayne, Launceston - a sacred site of pilgrimage for the Jubilee Year. Pilgrims can get their pilgrim passport stamped and venerate the relic of Cuthbert Mayne.

The event will start with Holy Mass in the church at 12.30pm, followed by a two-course hot lunch. and then our Guest Speaker: Phil McCarthy, the Hearts in Search of God project lead.

Tickets: £15 – order by email: [vicki.dunstone@ccsplymouth.org.uk](mailto:vicki.dunstone@ccsplymouth.org.uk),

Phone: 01364 645420 or via St Cuthbert Mayne Parish Office.

All proceeds will go towards helping vulnerable children and families living in our Diocese.

**The Parish Financial Returns for 2024-2025**

These have now been published and are available to read on the noticeboard in the Narthex, along with the **Parish Budget for 2025-2026**.

**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.

<p><b>Parish Office Hours</b> Mon, Tue, Thurs, &amp; Fri. 8.30 - 12.30 St. Mary’s Church House, Higher Church Street, Barnstaple. EX32 8JE <b>Parish Secretary:</b> Helen Black <b>Plymouth Diocesan Trust</b> Registered Charity Number 213227</p>	<p><b>Parish Primary School</b> Our Lady’s Catholic Primary School Chanter’s Hill, Barnstaple. EX32 8DN Tel: 01271 345164 <b>Principal:</b> Rob Meech <b>Chair of Governors:</b> Lydia Cawsey</p>
<p><b><i>Safeguarding Rep: Ruth O’Donovan (Tel: 01271 342493)</i></b> <i>Please contact her if you have any safeguarding concerns.</i></p>	