

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC PARISH

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

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## Eighth Week in Ordinary Time (Year C)

Psalter Week 4

**Sunday 2nd March**

### BARNSTAPLE SERVICE TIMES

Date		Time	Feasts & Mass Intentions
Saturday	1st	10:00 10:30	<b>St David</b> <i>Confession, Exposition &amp; Rosary (until 11:00)</i>
Sunday	2nd	09:30 15.30 18:30	<b>Eighth Sunday in OT (with Children's Liturgy)</b> Ada Curry & Madge Naughalty RIP Syro-Malabar Mass Stanislaw Wegrzynowski RIP - 3rd Anniversary of Death
Tuesday	4th	10:00	Robert Wagg RIP
Wednesday	5th	10:00 18.30	<b>Ash Wednesday</b> William Shapland
Thursday	6th	10:00	
Friday	7th	11:30	Diana Critchley
Saturday	8th	10:00 10:30	<i>Confession, Exposition &amp; Rosary (until 11:00)</i>
Sunday	9th	09:30 18:30	<b>First Sunday of Lent (with Children's Liturgy)</b> Norah Breeda Parker RIP

### SOUTH MOLTON SERVICE TIMES

Date		Time	Feasts & Mass Intentions
Saturday	1st	17:30	The People of the Parish
Saturday	8th	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](http://www.facebook.com/BarnstapleCatholicParish).

**The Pope's Intention for March - For the New Martyrs** We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

### **Bishop of Plymouth**

Bishop Philip Mojer, the Bishop-elect of Plymouth Diocese, has issued the following statement this week:

“At the beginning of November 2024, just before I was to begin my ministry in Plymouth, I let it be known that concerns of a personal nature had been raised, to which I had to attend immediately. This has taken longer than I anticipated. All things considered, I have come to the decision to present to the Holy Father a request to step down from my appointment as Bishop of the Diocese of Plymouth. The Holy Father has accepted my request.

For the immediate future I will be taking a sabbatical: a time of prayer and personal reflection, the next stage on the journey of my ministry.

I realise, with regret, that this leaves a continuing vacancy in the Diocese of Plymouth. I assure the lay faithful, clergy and religious of the Diocese of my good wishes and prayers, and ask the same of them for me.”

*Bishop Philp Mojer*

Please be assured that the life of the Diocese will continue as before with Canon Paul Cummins as the Diocesan Administrator until a new bishop is appointed.

### **CWL Meeting (04/03/25)**

The next CWL meeting will take place on Tuesday, 4th March, after Mass in the Presbytery.

### **Ash Wednesday (05/03/25)**

Please be aware that there will be TWO Masses on Ash Wednesday, both with the distribution of ashes, at 10am and 6.30pm.

### **First Holy Communion Classes (06/03/25)**

The next class will take place on Thursday, 6th March, at 5pm in the Presbytery. Please ensure your children arrive before 5pm.

### **Lenten Lunches (Start on 07/03/25)**

12 - 1pm. Red Room of St Mary's Presbytery.

Lenten Lunch dates: Fridays 7<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> & 28th March and 4<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> April.

**There will be no Lenten Lunch on 14<sup>th</sup> March** due to work in the Presbytery.

### **Change of Mass times**

*Please note that, throughout Lent, the Mass time on Fridays will change to 11.30am so that those attending Lent Lunches can go straight into lunch at noon.*

### **Gift Aid Envelopes**

Gift Aid envelopes for the new financial year are now available to pick up from the Narthex of St Mary's, and the entry of St Joseph's. For those tax payers interested in registering as Gift Aiders, please contact the parish office.

**Please keep in your prayers:** Georgina Smith, who is unable to attend Mass for the foreseeable future.

### **International World Day of Prayer: (07/03/25)**

At 2pm, St Peter's Church, Barnstaple. The service will be about 45min long and is open to everyone. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

The prayer focus this year is on the South Pacific but general world prayer will be included. The prayers will start in New Zealand and continue around the world for 24 hours.

### **Parish Handyman & Gardener**

The parish is looking for a new handyman/gardener for 5 or 6 hours a week. This can either be an employed position or a contracted position with someone who is self-employed. If you are interested or have any recommendations then please speak to Fr. Peter.

### **Volunteers to Count the Collection**

More volunteers are needed to help count the collection. This involves about a couple of hours on a Monday or Tuesday morning once every 4 to 6 weeks. Please contact the Parish Office if interested.

### **Our Lady's Primary School - Governors Needed**

Our Lady's School need 2 new Governors to join the Local Governing Board. If you would be interested in serving our parish school in this way then please speak to Fr. Peter.

### **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.

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

- St Mary's: 30/03/25
- St Joseph's: 08/03/25

## **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.

## **An Invitation to Survivors**

We have two survivor groups in the diocese that have now been running for over a year, which provide an opportunity for anyone with lived experience of abuse to share their thoughts and ideas about survivor support work in our diocese. We are grateful to all those who so generously give of their time to attend these meetings.

The diocese would welcome the opportunity to hear from others who have a lived experience of abuse, so that we can involve them in the work we are doing to support survivors. If you would like to help us with this work, or you would like to find out more, please contact: Sophie Scagell (Survivor Support Caseworker) on 01364 645436 / [sophie.scagell@predtr.org.uk](mailto:sophie.scagell@predtr.org.uk)

## **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)

<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>	