

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC PARISH

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

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Fourth Sunday of Easter (Year C)

Psalter Week 4

Sunday 11th May

BARNSTAPLE SERVICE TIMES

Date		Time	Feasts & Mass Intentions
Saturday	10th	10:00 10:30	<i>Confession, Exposition & Rosary (until 11:00)</i>
Sunday	11th	09:30 11.30 18:30	Fourth Sunday of Easter (With Children's Liturgy) Pope Leo XIV First Holy Communion Mass Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life
Tuesday	13th	10:00	Margaret Jane Hare
Wednesday	14th	10:00	St Matthias - Apostle
Thursday	15th	10:00	The Sick & Housebound
Friday	16th	10:00	Pope Leo XIV
Saturday	17th	10:00 10:30	<i>Confession, Exposition & Rosary (until 11:00)</i>
Sunday	18th	09:30 18:30	Fifth Sunday of Easter (With Children's Liturgy)

SOUTH MOLTON SERVICE TIMES

Date		Time	Feasts & Mass Intentions
Saturday	10th	17:30	The People of the Parish
Saturday	17th	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.

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.

Prayers for Pope Francis: Please help yourself to the prayer cards which are available in the Narthex.

"Habemus Papam!" (Latin for 'We have a Pope!')

What a joyful evening. God has blessed us with a new shepherd to guide His Church, Pope Leo XIV. This is a moment of pure joy and hope for all of us in the Diocese of Plymouth, in England and Wales, and indeed across the world. Thanks be to God for this great gift.

The election of a Pope is always a significant moment for the Catholic Church, so I invite you to support Pope Leo XIV in his new ministry of service as we join in prayer for him;

May the Lord protect him and grant him length of days. Amen.

May the Lord be his shield and deliver him from all harm. Amen.

May the Lord give him happiness and peace all the days of his life. Amen."

Canon Paul Cummins, Diocesan Administrator
Diocese of Plymouth

First Holy Communion (11/05/25)

This year's candidates will be making their First Holy Communion this Sunday, 11.30am at St Mary's Church. Please keep them in your prayers. Parishioners are welcome to attend, should they wish.

Assisted Suicide Bill (16/05/25)

Less than 2 weeks left - the Report Stage of the Assisted Suicide Bill is 16th May. It is vital that you contact your MP urgently about this issue.

Please take action now and visit [//www.righttolife.org.uk/ASVote](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/ASVote) to email your MP - it takes just 30 seconds.

If you have the time, please also visit your MP - you can arrange a meeting now by visiting [//www.righttolife.org.uk/meetyourMP](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/meetyourMP)

Foodbank / Freedom Centre collections

- St Mary's: 25/05/25
- St Joseph's: 10/05/25

Evangelisation – the Heart of the Church’s Mission (17/05/25)

Buckfast Abbey Conference Centre (Dart View Room 4)

Saturday 17th May, 10am-3pm.

In the light of the death of Pope Francis, we recall that his first major encyclical to the Church was on the necessity to proclaim the Gospel and the mission to evangelise. The aim of this day is to explore the nature of this mission and how we can put it into practice in our daily lives. This day will be of particular interest to all who are already endeavouring to share their faith or who would like to know how to get started. There will be an opportunity to go to the Abbey mass at noon. We look forward to seeing you at this inspiring day.

Booking is **essential** through: plymouth-crownhill@pcdtr.org.uk

Enquiries: 01752 701660.

Upcoming Second Collection (18/05/25)

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

Heatree Residential (23-25/05/25)

Heatree Activity Centre (TQ13 9XE) is situated on Dartmoor. This popular residential is aimed at young people aged 10 - 12 years old. Young people will explore the Sunday scripture whilst building rafts and climbing the high ropes. It's a great chance to meet other young Catholics from across the Diocese. The cost of the weekend is £90, which can be paid in instalments.

For further information contact Saskia: youth@pcdtr.org.uk

Or to book: <https://forms.office.com/e/AzTdSwy1VD>

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**.

Our Lady’s Primary School - Governor Needed

Our Lady’s School needs a new Governor 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.

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.

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.

Lost Property

If you have mislaid a hat, gloves, or another item, please have a look in the Lost Property Box below the table in the Narthex—it is getting quite full.

<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: Helen Black 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: Ruth O'Donovan (Tel: 01271 342493)</i> <i>Please contact her if you have any safeguarding concerns.</i></p>	