

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC PARISH

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

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Third Sunday of Easter (Year C)

Psalter Week 3

Sunday 4th May

BARNSTAPLE SERVICE TIMES

Date		Time	Feasts & Mass Intentions
Saturday	3rd	10:00 10:30	<i>Confession, Exposition & Rosary (until 11:00)</i>
Sunday	4th	09:30 18:30	Third Sunday of Easter (with Children's Liturgy) The People of the Parish
Tuesday	6th	10:00	The Sick & Housebound
Wednesday	7th	10:00	The Pope's Intentions for May
Thursday	8th	10:00	Sr Gerard RIP
Friday	9th	10:00	Thomas RIP
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) First Holy Communion Mass

SOUTH MOLTON SERVICE TIMES

Date		Time	Feasts & Mass Intentions
Saturday	3rd	17:30	Keith Jackson RIP
Saturday	10th	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.

First Holy Communion Classes (08/05/25)

The next class will be on *Thursday, 8th May*, at 5pm in the Presbytery. Please ensure your children arrive before 5pm.

Syro-Malabar Mass (04/05/25)

This Mass will take place on Sunday, 4th May, 3pm at St Mary's Church.

First Holy Communion (11/05/25)

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

Office Closure: Early May Bank Holiday (05/05/25)

If you need to speak to Fr Peter urgently, please telephone the Presbytery or email him directly. All contact information can be found on the front cover.

The Parish Financial Returns for 2024-2025 have now been published and are available to read on the noticeboard in the Narthex, along with the **Parish Budget for 2025-2026**.

Pilgrim Virgin Statue and Fatima Relics Visit (10/05/25)

The Cathedral Church of St Mary & St Boniface will host the Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima and relics of Saints Jacinta and Francisco, in commemoration of the Centenary of the Five First Saturdays devotion. Starting at 10 am, the day will include a procession and enthronement of the Fatima statue, Mass and opportunities to venerate the saints' relics, praying the Rosary for world peace, informative talks/videos about Fatima's messages, a book table/devotional materials and attendees can enrol in the Brown Scapular devotion. The event concludes with a Holy Hour and Benediction. For more information visit: <https://www.plymouthcathedral.co.uk/>

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)

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@predtr.org.uk

Enquiries: 01752 701660.

Free Course: SmartLoving

To celebrate the Jubilee Year which is marked as a time to re-establish a proper relationship with God and with one another, Catholic marriage ministry, SmartLoving, is offering its BreakThrough online course as a free gift.

This course is designed to help an individual to understand the struggles they are facing in their marriage, and to equip them with powerful tools to restore love, communication, and connection.

Use Coupon code: **Jubilee2025** for FREE access to BreakThrough. The offer is available from now until the Feast of Pentecost.

Visit: www.smartloving.org/jubilee

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.

Foodbank / Freedom Centre collections

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

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.

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

Parish Primary School

Our Lady's Catholic Primary School
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Please contact her if you have any safeguarding concerns.