

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC PARISH

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

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Third Week of Lent (Year C)

Psalter Week 3

Sunday 23rd March

BARNSTAPLE SERVICE TIMES

Date		Time	Feasts & Mass Intentions
Saturday	22nd	10:00 10:30	<i>Confession, Exposition & Rosary (until 11:00)</i>
Sunday	23rd	09:30 18:30	Third Sunday of Lent <i>(with Children's Liturgy)</i> Mary & Donal Murray RIP Thanksgiving
Tuesday	25th		NO MASS
Wednesday	26th		NO MASS
Thursday	27th	10:00	Private Intention
Friday	28th	11:30 18.30	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>
Saturday	29th	10:00 10:30	<i>Confession, Exposition & Rosary (until 11:00)</i>
Sunday	30th	09:30 18:30	Fourth Sunday of Lent <i>(with Children's Liturgy)</i> Sister Aida RIP

SOUTH MOLTON SERVICE TIMES

Date		Time	Feasts & Mass Intentions
Saturday	22nd	17:30	The People of the Parish
Saturday	29th	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 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.

Lenten Zoom Talks (Next 27/03/25)

Please find below the Zoom Link for the 2025 Lent Series - do come and join us and share the journey. The talks begin at 7pm (Zoom call open from 6.45pm).

27th March:- Recognizing Hope.

3rd April:- Peace.

10th April:- Jesus's last Pilgrimage.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84052447850?pwd=MmPzcp911dTsgJWDxR0vH5H9zYS4e6.1>

Meeting ID: 840 5244 7850, Passcode: 043004

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent. 3pm at St Joseph's and 6.30pm at St Mary's.

Book Group (26/03/25)

Book Group will be meeting at 7pm on Wednesday 26th March in the Presbytery to discuss "10 minutes 38 seconds in This Strange World" by Elif Shafak. All welcome.

First Holy Communion Classes (27/03/25)

The next class will take place on Thursday, 27th March, at 5pm in the Presbytery. Please ensure your children arrive before 5pm.

Lenten Lunches (Next Lunch: 28/03/25)

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

Fridays 28th March and 4th & 11th April.

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.

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.

Caritas Jubilee Lent Resources

The theme of the 2025 Jubilee year is “Pilgrims of Hope”. The Pope has chosen six social action themes for prayer and reflection during the Jubilee Year: care for creation, food poverty, modern slavery, managing debt, forgiveness and rest. Caritas Diocese of Plymouth has created a resource on these six themes. It can be used by individuals or parish groups to discuss one or more of the themes.

<https://www.plymouth-diocese.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/Jubilee-Parish-Resources-2.pdf>

Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN) is conducting a survey to understand the impact of the two-child benefit cap and the current economic climate on Catholic families in England and Wales. Please share your experience by completing the survey, which can be accessed at csan.org.uk/news/familysurvey where you'll also find further information about the survey. The survey will close on 25th March.

Volunteers for Holy Week

Readers and Eucharistic Ministers are needed for Masses throughout Holy Week. There will also be the washing of feet at the Mass on Maundy Thursday (17/04/25). Both adults and children are allowed to volunteer for this. Please sign the list in the Narthex or email the parish office to volunteer.

Missio Magazine

The Spring Issue of the Missio magazine is now available in the Narthex, along with some Missio 2025 calendars. Please feel free to take them both.

Foodbank / Freedom Centre collections

- St Mary's: 30/03/25
- St Joseph's: 12/04/25

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.

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.

Diocesan Vacancy The Diocese of Plymouth currently has a vacancy for a Head of Caritas. For further information, email: recruitment@pccdtr.org.uk

Parish Secretary Vacancy in Ilfracombe

We are recruiting for a Parish Secretary for 16 hours a week based at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Runnacleave Road, Ilfracombe. To express an interest please contact recruitment@prcdtr.org.uk.

Closing date for applications: Monday 24th March.

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.

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>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>	