

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC PARISH

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

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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

Psalter Week 2

Sunday 19th January

BARNSTAPLE SERVICE TIMES

Date		Time	Feasts & Mass Intentions
Saturday	18th	10:00 10:30	The Recently Deceased <i>Confession and Exposition</i>
Sunday	19th	09:30 18:30	2nd Sunday in OT <i>(with Children's Liturgy)</i> Harriet Parker RIP The Recently Deceased
Tuesday	21st	10:00	St Agnes Vincent Hogg and Hannah Hogg RIP
Wednesday	22nd	10:00	Peter Stevens RIP
Thursday	23rd	10:00	The Sick and Housebound
Friday	24th	10:00	St Francis de Sales Norah O'Shea RIP
Saturday	25th	10:00 10:30	Conversion of St Paul <i>Confession and Exposition</i>
Sunday	26th	09:30 18:30	3rd Sunday in OT <i>(with Children's Liturgy)</i> Peter Stevens RIP For the souls of Joy & family

SOUTH MOLTON SERVICE TIMES

Date		Time	Feasts & Mass Intentions
Saturday	18th	17:30	The People of the Parish
Saturday	25th	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.

Farewell to Our Parish Secretary (Claire)

This week Claire, our parish secretary, left us to move on to pastures new. Claire has been our parish secretary for about 6 years and will be greatly missed by parishioners and by me, as she has been a great support to me and my predecessor, Fr. John. At a lunch organised by the CWL, I thanked Claire for all she has done for the parish and, on behalf of the parish, presented her with a bouquet of flowers and some gift vouchers for an art supplier, as her great passion is art.

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.

Volunteers to Count the Collection

The parish could do with some more volunteers to help count the collection. This involves about a couple of hours on a Monday or Tuesday morning once every 4 to 6 weeks.

Requiescat in Pace

Frances Dixon, a member of our parish, has recently passed away. Please keep Frances, her family, and all who mourn her in your prayers.

Days of Special Prayer:

Peace Day (19/01/25)

For peace between nations, a lasting peace with justice.

For all who work for peace; that they may never forget the victims of war.

For individuals, groups or movements that promote war and conflict, that Christ, Prince of Peace, might turn their hearts to a culture of life.

Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity (18-25/01/25)

For Unity among churches, a unity founded upon truth and compassion.

For the churches to find a common voice, to speak on matters that affect the whole of society.

First Holy Communion Classes (23/01/25)

The next class will take place on Thursday, 23rd January, at 5pm in the Presbytery. Please ensure your children arrive before 5pm.

Foodbank/ Freedom Centre collections

- St Mary's: 26/01/25
- St Joseph's: 08/02/25

Plymouth Diocese: 13-17 Year old Youth Residential (24-26/01/25)

Come and join others from across the Diocese to explore the scripture Job 12:7-10. There will be workshops for you to join including: photography; music; art and filming. £50pp. Contact Saskia Hogbin for further information; youth@prcdtr.org.uk or follow the link to book: <https://forms.office.com/e/xVBd8tV0fG>

Day of Reflection (01/02/25)

Have you ever asked the question 'Is God calling me to Priesthood or to the Religious life?'. This 'Day of Reflection' for men will be held on Saturday 1 February from 10:00 to 16:00 at Exeter University Chaplaincy, Boniface House, Glenthorne Road, Exeter EX4 4QU. The day will include Mass, a time of Adoration, a short conference, an opportunity for Confession and 'One to One talks' with serving Priests from our Diocese; and sharing food together (this will be provided – please let us know of special dietary requirements). Under 18s are welcome to attend with parents' permission. For more information and to register your interest please contact Fr Jacek Kostuch on jacek.kostuch@prcdtr.org.uk or vocation@prcdtr.org.uk

Diocese of Plymouth: Lent Residential Retreats

Individually guided retreats are led by experienced members of the Plymouth Diocese Ignatian Spirituality Group who have received training in Ignatian spirituality.

Lent - Residential Silent Retreats

March 7th - 9th (Fri - Sun)	Weekend Retreat	£160
March 7th - 11th (Fri - Tues)	Extended Weekend Retreat	£280
March 10th - 14th (Mon - Fri)	Midweek Retreat	£275
March 7th - 14th (Fri - Fri)	6-day Retreat	£475

Venue: St Rita's Centre, Honiton East Devon, EX14 1AP. Retreat cost includes full board & lodging. For further information, to check availability, or to book telephone Wendy on: 01752 769164 or 07823447637 or email: Plymouth Diocesan Ignatian Spirituality Group diocesan-ignatian-retreats@prcdtr.org.uk

Plymouth Diocese: Gather 2025 (28 - 30/03/25)

Gather 2025 Jubilate is a weekend of faith, formation and friendship. Livermead Cliff Hotel, Torquay. Booking forms available from the parish office or email plymouthgather@yahoo.com for more information.

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

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.

Gift Aid

For those tax payers interested in registering as Gift Aiders, please contact the parish office.

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)

Parish Office

St. Mary's Church House, Higher
Church Street, Barnstaple. EX32 8JE

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Registered Charity Number 213227

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Please contact her if you have any safeguarding concerns.