

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC PARISH

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

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Second Sunday of Easter (Year C)

Psalter Week 2

Sunday 27th April

BARNSTAPLE SERVICE TIMES

Date		Time	Feasts & Mass Intentions
Saturday	26th	10:00 10:30	<i>Confession, Exposition & Rosary (until 11:00)</i>
Sunday	27th	09:30 18:30	Second Sunday of Easter (with Children's Liturgy) Albert & Teresa Lucas RIP Aileen Royal RIP
Monday	28th	10:00	Requiem Mass for Pope Francis
Tuesday	29th	10:00	St Catherine of Siena – Patron of Europe Tim Bacon RIP
Wednesday	30th	10:00	Dominique Chapuis RIP
Thursday	1 st May	10:00	Fe Camposagrado RIP
Friday	2nd	10:00	St Athanasius The CWL
Saturday	3rd	10:00 10:30	St Philip & St James - Apostles <i>Confession, Exposition & Rosary (until 11:00)</i>
Sunday	4th	09:30 15:00 18:30	Third Sunday of Easter (With Children's Liturgy) Syro-Malabar Mass The People of the Parish

SOUTH MOLTON SERVICE TIMES

Date		Time	Feasts & Mass Intentions
Saturday	26 th April	17:30	The People of the Parish
Saturday	3 rd May	17:30	Keith Jackson RIP

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.

Requiem Mass for Pope Francis (28/04/25)

There will be a Requiem Mass for Pope Francis on Monday 28th April, 10am at St Mary's Church.

The Mass will be live streamed on the parish Facebook page.

A special diocesan newsletter: 'Pope Francis RIP' can be found at:

<https://email.workwithgusto.co.uk/t/t-2886116AFE83420F2540EF23F30FEDED>

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.

Childrens Liturgy (27/04/25)

The Children's Liturgy classes will resume on *Sunday 27th April*.

First Holy Communion Classes (01/05/25)

The next class will be on *Thursday, 1st May*, at 5pm in the Presbytery. Please ensure your children arrive before 5pm.

Day of Special Prayer – St Joseph the Worker (01/05/25)

For all who work, may they earn a just wage and be treated with dignity. For the stewardship of the earth's resources, so that all may benefit for generations to come.

Book Group (30/04/25)

Book Group will be meeting at 7pm on Wednesday 30th April, in the Presbytery to discuss 'Oh William!' by Elizabeth Strout. All welcome.

Syro-Malabar Mass (04/05/25)

The next Syro-Malabar Mass will take place on Sunday, 4th May, 3pm at St Mary's Church.

Foodbank Collection Volunteer

A volunteer is needed to take monthly food collection to the Food bank. Please contact the Parish Office if you are able to help with this.

Foodbank / Freedom Centre collections

- St Mary's: 27/04/25
- St Joseph's: 10/05/25

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.

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

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.



POPE FRANCIS - STATEMENT BY CANON PAUL CUMMINS, DIOCESAN ADMINISTRATOR

“I was very sad to hear of the death of His Holiness, Pope Francis earlier today. He was above all a humble servant of the Lord and a faithful pastor who inspired and shepherded the Catholic Church for 12 years now.

Pope Francis lived out Gospel values; he was a man of prayer, a friend to the marginalised and persecuted, he worked tirelessly for peace, the care of the environment was very important to him. His recent document on Synodality encouraged prayerful listening as a way of discerning God’s will. Pope Francis’ time as Pontiff has had a profound influence on the way we understand the Church and our mission to proclaim the Gospel.

In 2020 Pope Francis said, *“Let us not forget: the dwelling place that awaits us is paradise. Here we are passing through. We are made for heaven, for eternal life, to live forever”* (Regina Coeli May 2020). In the light of these beautiful words, even as we mourn his death, we pray that Pope Francis will rise to eternal life.

Every parish church in the Diocese of Plymouth will be a place where people can gather, light a candle if they wish and pray for the late pope. Further details will follow about a Vespers Service at our Cathedral Church of St Boniface and St Mary which will also be live streamed.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace.”

God bless you,
Canon Paul Cummins

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Please contact her if you have any safeguarding concerns.