

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC PARISH

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

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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

Psalter Week 2

Sunday 26th October

BARNSTAPLE SERVICE TIMES

Date		Time	Feasts & Mass Intentions
Saturday	25th	10:00 10:30	Brenda Crisp RIP <i>Confession, Exposition & Rosary (until 11:00)</i>
Sunday	26th	09:30 18:30	30th Sunday OT Albert & Teresa Lucas RIP The People of the Parish
Tuesday	28th	10:00	Ss Simon & Jude – Apostles Special Intention
Wednesday	29th	10:00	Michael Cummins RIP
Thursday	30th	10:00	Philip John RIP
Friday	31st	10:00	Shirley Connor RIP
Saturday	1st	10:00 10:30	William Cooper RIP <i>Confession, Exposition & Rosary (until 11:00)</i>
Sunday	2nd	09:30 18:30	All Saints (Holy Day of Obligation) Corazon Noonan RIP Wiktorja Putaj RIP

SOUTH MOLTON SERVICE TIMES

Date		Time	Feasts & Mass Intentions
Saturday	25th	17:30	Penelope Clark RIP
Saturday	1st	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 November: For the Prevention of Suicide

Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

<https://thepopevideo.org/>

New Bishop of Plymouth

His Holiness Pope Leo XIV has appointed the Right Reverend Nicholas Hudson as the new Bishop of Plymouth. Bishop Nicholas is currently an auxiliary bishop in the Archdiocese of Westminster and has previously been the Rector of the English College in Rome. Bishop Nicholas will be installed as the Bishop of Plymouth on Saturday 29th November. Please pray for him as he prepares to take over as the pastor of our Diocese.

Special Edition Newsletter

A newsletter regarding the announcement that Pope Leo XIV has appointed Bishop Nicholas Hudson as our new Bishop of Plymouth has been issued and can be accessed at: <https://email.workwithgusto.co.uk/t/3D44E10F9BB463122540EF23F30FEDED>.

The Solemnity of All Saints—Holy Day of Obligation

Sunday 2nd November is the Solemnity of All Saints and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be celebrated as usual in the morning at 9:30am and in the evening at 6:30pm.

Remembering the Dead in November

If you would like to put forward any names for remembrance, please put the names of the deceased, along with any donation, into one of the 'Holy Souls' envelopes found on the table next to the font. These can be returned to drop off points at St Mary's or sent to the parish office. The names will be transferred to the 'Holy Souls Intentions' box, which will remain on the altar throughout November.

Foodbank / Freedom Centre collections:

St Joseph's: 08/11/25 ~ St Mary's: 30/11/25

First Holy Communion Classes: 4.50 pm - St Mary's Presbytery

There will be *no class* on Thursday 30th October
Classes will continue on Thursday 6th November.

Requiescat in Pace

Geoff Rothery RIP

Please pray for the soul of Geoff Rothery who died recently. His Requiem Mass will be on Tuesday 28th October at 10am – all are welcome to attend.

Please also pray for Dana, his wife, and his family at this time.

CWL Day of Recollection: (29/10/25)

Wednesday 29th October: 10am to 3.15pm, at St Mary's, Barnstaple.

The CWL Barnstaple Branch warmly invites you to a Day of Recollection led by Fr Guy de Gaynesford.

The theme will be: '*The Holy Rosary - to Jesus through Mary*'

Suggested donation of £2. Bring a packed lunch.

Attend the full day or sessions of your choice only. For more information, see poster in the Narthex or pick up a flyer.

Children's Liturgy:

Children's Liturgy will not be running during Half-Term and will resume on Sunday 9th November.

Book Group (29/10/25)

Book Group will be meeting at 7pm on Wednesday 29th October in the Presbytery to discuss "Outline" by Rachel Cusk. All welcome.

Advent Service: (07/12/25)

If any of our young parishioners would like to take part in our Advent Service this year on Sunday 7th December at 3pm, please can you see either Di, Cath or Yvonne at the 9.30 Sunday mass or email our Parish Secretary who will pass on your details: barnstaple@predtr.org.uk Thank you.

Volunteers Needed: Flower Arranging

Could you spare some time to help arrange the flowers at St Mary's?

Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to help. Thank you.

Advent Retreat for 18-30 year olds: (21-23/11/25) *Last few places available.*

Sclerder Abbey, Looe, Cornwall. Friday 21st to Sunday 23rd November 2025

Join young adults from across the Diocese of Plymouth to prepare for Advent.

During the weekend you will explore John's scripture:

'The word became flesh and dwelt amongst us' (J1:14)

whilst experiencing elements of the Chemin Neuf Community, listening to talks from Fr Robbie Lowe and exploring the area.

A recommended donation of £30 is to help with the accommodation and food costs.

For further information contact Saskia; youth@predtr.org.uk

or follow the link to book: <https://forms.office.com/e/se4zasSM7B>

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

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 Chanter's Hill, Barnstaple. EX32 8DN Tel: 01271 345164 Principal: Rob Meech Chair of Governors: Lydia Cawsey
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