

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC PARISH

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

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Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) Psalter Week 3 Sunday 8th September

BARNSTAPLE SERVICE TIMES

Date		Time	Feasts & Mass Intentions
Saturday	7th	10:00 10:30	The Sick and Housebound <i>Confession and Exposition</i>
Sunday	8th	09:30 18:30	23rd Sunday OT <i>(with Children's Liturgy)</i> Teresa and Albert Lucas The People of the Parish
Tuesday	10th	10:00	Heather and Jim O'Smotherly
Wednesday	11th	10:00	Sir Bouchier Wrey RIP
Thursday	12th	10:00	Sr Mary
Friday	13th	10:00	St John Chrysostom - Patron of Preachers The Recently Deceased
Saturday	14th	10:00 10:30	The Exaltation of The Holy Cross - Feast <i>Confession and Exposition</i>
Sunday	15th	09:30 18:30	24th Sunday OT <i>(with Children's Liturgy)</i> The Care of Creation The People of the Parish

SOUTH MOLTON SERVICE TIMES

Date		Time	Feasts & Mass Intentions
Saturday	7th	17:30	Paul and Rita's Wedding Anniversary
Saturday	14th	17:30	The Traynor Family

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 Popes Intention for September: For the cry of the Earth.

Let us pray that each of us listen with our hearts to the cry of the Earth and of the victims of environmental disasters and the climate crisis, making a personal commitment to care for the world we inhabit.

Red Box Holders: Missio

The Autumn editions of 'Mission Today' have arrived and are available to collect from the Narthex of St Mary's or the back of St Josephs Church.

New Missals

The Lectionary, which is the book containing the Scripture readings for Mass and the Sacraments, is changing as part of the continuing process of revising liturgical translations. As a result, all existing personal Sunday and Weekday Missals will no longer have the same reading and psalm words as will be used during masses. New Sunday Missals are available for pre-order, through the Catholic Truth Society, with a release date of October 14th. The prices are:

- Standard Edition: £19.95
- Paperback Sunday Missal: £9.95
- Presentation Missal (inc. slip cover): £29.95

If you would like to purchase a Missal through the parish, please speak to Fr Peter or contact the parish office.

Children's Liturgy of the Word (08/09/24)

Children's Liturgy will resume on Sunday 8th September.

Invitation: Catholic Parish Outing: Ilfracombe Lifeboat Station (11/09/24)

Your golden opportunity to step aboard Ilfracombe's working lifeboat. Wednesday 11th Sept, 13.30. Details on poster in narthex, or chat to organisers Colin or Clare after Mass. All welcome, but regrettably this is only for adults, 18+.

Eucharistic Congress (14/09/24)

Oscott, Birmingham. A coach will leave our diocese to take pilgrims from across our five deaneries to this faith-affirming national event. It will include talks, mass and a procession. Please ring (01202) 746539 or email christopher.findlay@predtr.org.uk ASAP if would like to join us.

Foodbank/ Freedom Centre collections

- St Joseph's: 14/09/24
- St Mary's: 29/09/24

World Day of Migrants and Refugees Event (26/09/24)

‘*I was a stranger and you welcomed me*’ Matthew 25:35. To celebrate World Day of Migrants and Refugees, Caritas are hosting an event titled *A Culture of Welcome* at Sacred Heart Church Rooms, Exeter, 6pm-8pm, to discuss how we can be a welcoming and supportive community. We will hear from speakers from the Catholic Association for Racial Justice and a local welcome group. Light refreshments on arrival. To register, click <https://forms.office.com/e/Vy5S5ZvZ0g> or email caritas@prcdtr.org.uk or phone 01364 645425.

Youth Rally 2024 (28/09/24)

£10. Please join us at St Rita’s in Honiton. As usual there are many activities for all to join in, including the obstacle course, penalty shoot out and various inflatable activities. Young people from 6 – 16 are welcome to form teams of 6 to compete against others. Do not worry if you can’t find a group of 6. I will combine you with another parish. For booking and further questions please contact, Saskia: youth@prcdtr.org.uk

Barnstaple Marathon: Road Closures (29/09/24)

Please be advised that there will be road closures on Sunday 29th September, to allow for the Barnstaple Marathon. Affected roads include Belle Meadow Road, Taw Vale and the Long Bridge. They will be inaccessible from 8.45am to, at least, 10.15am. For more information, and to see diversions, please visit: <https://one.network/?tm=GB139141849>.

Upcoming Second Collection:

- 06/10/24: CAFOD, Harvest Fast Day

South Molton Carnival (12/10/24)

Due to the South Molton Carnival, Mass at St Joseph’s will start at the earlier time of 5pm on Saturday 12th October.

Jubilee photography project

As we prepare for the year of Jubilee, Caritas Diocese of Plymouth would like to invite you to reflect on Care for Creation and how we live this out in our churches and communities today. To explore this issue, Caritas would like to collect and share photographs by parishioners of people and places in the diocese. We would like to explore three themes that call to mind the reflected glory of the Lord in the beautiful world we are asked to care for. The themes are Beauty, Good Choices and Humanity. To find out more please follow the link <https://wp.me/paTncV-a2d>

Gift Aid

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

Volunteers needed in the parish:

Children's Liturgy Helpers at 9.30am Mass

The Children's liturgy sessions are very well attended and we need some more helpers. We would welcome some adults to help the children with the activity we provide about once a month. You will need to be DBS checked due to safeguarding regulations, but this is now a quick form on the computer. Speak to any Children's liturgy leader or Fr. Peter

First Holy Communion 2025

If your child is in year 4 or over this coming September, and would like to make their First Holy Communion next year, please pick up a letter and form from the Narthex. The documents are also available for download from the parish website. They need to be returned to the office as soon as possible, as we are planning to start classes in October 2024. Thank you.

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.

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.

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 Hours

Mon, Tue, Thurs, & Fri. 8.30 - 12.30
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Please contact her if you have any safeguarding concerns.