

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC PARISH

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

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## Third Sunday of Advent (Year C) Psalter Week 3 Sunday 15th December

### BARNSTAPLE SERVICE TIMES

Date		Time	Feasts & Mass Intentions
Saturday	14th	10:00	St John of the Cross Brenda Lane
		10:30	<i>Confession and Exposition</i>
Sunday	15th	09:30	3rd Sunday of Advent - Gaudete Sunday (with Children's Liturgy) John Needham RIP
		18:30	The People of the Parish
Tuesday	17th	10:00	The Recently Deceased
Wednesday	18th	10:00	
Thursday	19th	10:00	<b>NO MASS</b>
Friday	20th	10:00	
Saturday	21st	10:00	The Sick and Housebound
		10:30	<i>Confession and Exposition</i>
Sunday	22nd	09:30	4th Sunday of Advent Princey Ludes Iranganie RIP
		18:30	The People of the Parish

### SOUTH MOLTON SERVICE TIMES

Date		Time	Feasts & Mass Intentions
Saturday	14th	17:30	Elizabeth & Syd Williams RIP
Saturday	21st	17:30	Charles Wynne

*Please note that there is no Mass on Thursday 19th December.*

### **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](http://www.facebook.com/BarnstapleCatholicParish).

### **Barnstaple Parish Vacancy - Parish Secretary**

The purpose of the role is to manage the administrative and secretarial support alongside the office resources to ensure the smooth running of the Parish and to enable the Priest to carry out his Diocesan responsibilities. The post holder will be given scope to develop the role, review essential processes and improve them where necessary to ensure the effective provision of support for Parish activities. If you are competent in the use of Microsoft Office systems such as Word and Outlook, willing to learn new programmes including MS Teams, and possess excellent organisational skills we would love to hear from you! Hours: 16 pw over 4 weekday mornings to include Friday. Location: St Mary's Church House, EX32 8JE. To apply, contact [recruitment@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@prcdtr.org.uk) to obtain an application form and job description. Send covering letter and application form to [recruitment@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@prcdtr.org.uk). The deadline for applications has been extended.

### **CCS(P): Putting all Children First, Especially at Christmas Time.**

Please take time to visit our nativity over the Christmas period. The collection will be donated to the Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth) as it works across the Diocese spreading God's love and giving families hope in times of crisis. We continue to ask you for a combination of concern, prayer and action. May God bless all our supporters and donors.

### **Advent Service: Barnstaple (15/12/24)**

3pm. The children of our Parish will be leading us in readings, prayers and music on our journey through Advent. There will be refreshments afterwards in the Presbytery. Everyone is welcome.

### **South Molton Festive Events**

- **Christmas treats after Mass (21/12/24)**  
St Joseph's. Christmas treats served with coffee after Mass.

### **Barnstaple Festive Events & Churches Together**

- **Pannier Market Churches Together Carol Singing (19/12/24)**  
Meet at 5.45pm with singing from 6-7pm. All welcome.

### **Office Closed**

Please be advised that the parish office will close on Friday 20th December 2024 and re-open on Thursday 2nd January 2025. If you need to speak to Fr Peter urgently, please telephone the Presbytery or email him directly. All contact information can be found on the front cover. Thank you.

### **Day of Special Prayer: Expectant Mothers (22/12/24)**

For all who are waiting for a birth; may they be given patience and strength. For all who work in maternity units and with mothers; may they always recognise and cherish the gift of life.

### **Christmas Services 2024**

	<b>24th December Christmas Eve Tuesday</b>	<b>25th December Christmas Day Wednesday</b>	<b>26th December St Stephen's Day Thursday</b>
<b>St Mary's</b>	7.30pm	9:30am	10am
<b>St Joseph's</b>	-	11.15 am	-

### **The Pope's Intention for December: For Pilgrims of Hope**

We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognise the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

### **First Holy Communion Classes (09/01/25)**

The next class will take place on Thursday, 9th January, at 5pm in the Presbytery.

### **Foodbank/ Freedom Centre collections**

- St Joseph's: 11/01/25
- St Mary's: 26/01/25

### **Children's Liturgy (12/01/25)**

Children's Liturgy will not be running over the Christmas holiday, and will resume on Sunday 12th January.

### **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@predtr.org.uk](mailto:youth@predtr.org.uk) or follow the link to book: <https://forms.office.com/e/xVBd8tV0fG>

### **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.

### **Plymouth Diocese: Advent Offering**

Journey to Christmas and The Jubilee of Hope . Please follow the link <https://email.workwithgusto.co.uk/t/t-E58097C2B0E9A3FE2540EF23F30FEDED>

### **Gift Aid**

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

### **Christmas Offerings**

Christmas offerings, along with Easter offerings, are used by the parish to help support your parish priest. All offerings on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, whether in envelopes or in the plate, will be treated as Christmas offerings.

### **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)

<p><b>Parish Office Hours</b> Mon, Tue, Thurs, &amp; Fri. 8.30 - 12.30 St. Mary's Church House, Higher Church Street, Barnstaple. EX32 8JE <b>Parish Secretary:</b> Claire Spears <b>Plymouth Diocesan Trust</b> Registered Charity Number 213227</p>	<p><b>Parish Primary School</b> Our Lady's Catholic Primary School Chanter's Hill, Barnstaple. EX32 8DN Tel: 01271 345164 <b>Principal:</b> Rob Meech <b>Chair of Governors:</b> Lydia Cawsey</p>
<p><b><i>Safeguarding Rep. (Barnstaple): Ruth O'Donovan (Tel: 01271 342493)</i></b> <i>Please contact her if you have any safeguarding concerns.</i></p>	