

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC PARISH

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

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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) Sunday 24th January 2021

BARNSTAPLE SERVICE TIMES

Date		Time	Feasts & Mass Intentions
Sunday	24th	09:30	Third Sunday OT Keith Dolling
		18:30	The People of the Parish
Monday	25th	-	Conversion of St Paul
Tuesday	26th	-	
Wednesday	27th	10:00	The Sick and Housebound
Thursday	28th	-	Anniversary of Ordination: Bishop Mark O'Toole
Friday	29th	10:00	Ken & David Dolan RIP
Saturday	30th	10:00	Maureen & Andrew Cambourne's 50th Wedding
		10:30	Anniversary Confessions & Exposition
Sunday	31st	09:30	Fourth Sunday OT
		18:30	

SOUTH MOLTON SERVICE TIMES

Date		Time	Feasts & Mass Intentions
Saturday	23rd	17:30	
Thursday	28th	-	
Saturday	30th	17:30	The People of the Parish

*Masses shown with times given are public Masses,
others are private Masses with no congregation.*

Help Keep Our Churches COVID Safe Environments

Under the regulations governing the present lockdown, our churches have been allowed to remain open and we can continue to celebrate public Masses. However, we need to ensure more than ever that we continue to follow the protocols which keep our churches safe environments:

- Social distancing
- Using hand gel on entering and leaving the church
- Wearing face masks (these must cover both the mouth and nose).

If we do not follow these protocols then we put ourselves and others at risk and also risk our churches being closed again.

Live Streaming of Mass from St. Mary's: Sunday at 9.30 am

Sunday Mass will continue to be live streamed from St Mary's, Barnstaple at 9:30am. This can be found on the Barnstaple parish Facebook page: www.facebook.com/BarnstapleCatholicParish. There is also a link to this from the parish website.

Caritas Plymouth Quarterly Update

"The latest Caritas newsletter sets out some of the great activities happening across our Diocese as well as upcoming events. Caritas We are really looking forward to our celebration of St Bakhita's Feast Day on Monday 8 February, and hope many parishioners will join Bishop Mark and Bishop Declan in celebrating this event online. Full details of how to register are in the newsletter or you can email caritas@prcdtr.org.uk."

The Caritas Plymouth Quarterly Update can be found on the parish website.

Old Church Update - Extract

Over the course of the last year, 'the Bishop of Plymouth... has appointed a Project Group to help the Parish move forward' with plans for the Old Church. 'It is early days as yet, but the general direction of travel is to aim to repair and refurbish the former Church building and thereafter create a flexible space that will be used to serve the needs of the Parish and the local community. Preliminary work has already begun.'

The full update from Sir Neil Butterfield (Chairman of the Project Group), can be found on the Parish website. Physical copies are also available in the Narthex.

CAFOD: Walk for Water

During Lent this year, one in three people around the world will not have access to safe drinking water. You have the power to change this. Join our 'Walk for Water' challenge: 10,000 steps a day, every day, for 40 days. It's time to sign up, get sponsored and get walking—and finally give the boot to water poverty. Find out more at www.cafod.org.uk/walk.

Food Bank/ Freedom Centre

The next collection for the Food Bank/ Freedom Centre will be on Sunday, 31st January. Please leave any donations in the red box in the Narthex. Items that are urgently needed include pasta sauce, tinned fish, ham, chopped pork, tea bags and soup. Thank you.

Days of Special Prayer

Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity (18th– 25th January)

For Unity among the 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.

Sunday of the Word of God (24th January)

For our openness to the Word so that we may hear God speaking to us today.

For all called to proclaim the Word; that they may communicate God's message to all.

First Holy Communion 2021

Although we cannot give specific dates as to when First Holy Communion will take place this year, we would like to start taking the names of interested families. Please find application forms in the Narthex and return to the parish office.

Lend a Helping Hand During Lockdown

Following the latest restrictions announced in connection with the Government's Coronavirus policy, the Board of Directors of the Knights of St Columba have decided to launch a joint initiative with the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC). The "Lend a Helping Hand" helpline aims to provide support to all those who would like somebody to talk to at this difficult time. Contact them on 01412 808738 (Mon-Fri, 10am-4pm) or email charlie@spucscotland.org.

Pilgrimage of Healing and Thanksgiving - Message from Bishop Mark

I plan to be the spiritual leader of a gently paced pilgrimage to the Holy Land in early March 2022. It will include a full programme of visits to the Holy Sites and staying in excellent Christian accommodation in the hills of Samaria and Judea and closing with three nights at the Sea of Galilee. Places are limited to a total of 30, on a first come first served basis. To register your interest and for further detail please contact Della Shenton on della@5gr.org.

Pope's Intention for January: Human Fraternity

May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

Youth Ministry: Online Dance Workshops

The ZOOM course will take place on Mondays from 18th Jan - 8th Feb; 7:30pm-8:45pm. We will focus on the themes found in the story of the 'Wedding at Cana', and how they help us explore our own faith. Commitment, unconditional love and consequences are just some examples of topics we will discuss and use to inspire our dances. This will be a great way to keep busy during this national lockdown! Contact Saskia on youth@prcdtr.org.uk to book your place.

COVID 19—a very challenging time for many marriages.

Over the past year, there has been so much uncertainty around health, income and vulnerable family members, for example, that managing these fears can be a great source of conflict and stress. Being together all the time, brings even more challenges.

Retrouvaille is an online programme to support couples. It brings a positive focus, new hope, and helps nourish and grow your marriage. For confidential information about Retrouvaille, or to register for the next programme, a Virtual weekend commencing on 25th - 28th February 2021, call/text 0788 7296983 or 0797 3380443, email: retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com, or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

Financial Support of the Parish

In the present circumstances, 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 when the church is open for private prayer
- Posting cheques or money to the presbytery
- By Standing Order or BACS Transfer (please contact the parish office for details)

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