

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC PARISH

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

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## Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe - Year A

Weekday Year 1; Psalter Week 2

**Sunday 26th November**

### BARNSTAPLE SERVICE TIMES

Date		Time	Feasts & Mass Intentions
Saturday	25th	10:00 10:30	Albert and Teresa Lucas <b><i>Confession and Exposition</i></b>
Sunday	26th	09:30 18:30	<b>Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (with <i>Children's Liturgy</i>)</b> Corazón Noonan The People of the Parish
Tuesday	28th	10:00	Patrick and Phylis Martin
Wednesday	29th	10:00	<b>St Cuthbert Mayne</b> Requiem Mass for Irene Knapman RIP
Friday	1st	10:00	Thanks giving
Saturday	2nd	10:00 10:30	<b>St Osmund of Salisbury</b> Christabel Gibson RIP <b><i>Confession and Exposition</i></b>
Sunday	3rd	09:30 18:30	<b>First Sunday of Advent - Migrant's Day (with <i>Children's Liturgy</i>)</b> Christabel Gibson RIP The People of the Parish

### SOUTH MOLTON SERVICE TIMES

Date		Time	Feasts & Mass Intentions
Saturday	25th	17:30	For the Faithful Departed
Saturday	2nd	17:30	Francis Tindal and Katherine Cullen

### **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)

### **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, in to 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.

### **Scaffolding**

Scaffolding has been put up around the church house to repair and replace the existing gutters, soffits and fascias.

### **Please Pray for Those who have Died Recently**

- **Irene Knapman RIP.** Irene's Requiem Mass will take place at St Mary's, at 10am on Wednesday, 29th November.  
Please pray for the repose of her soul, and pray for her family and friends who are grieving at this time.

### **CAFOD Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal**

Donate to CAFOD's Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal at [cafod.org.uk/ipc](http://cafod.org.uk/ipc) or call 0303 303 3030 to support those affected and get funds to local trusted experts in Gaza and southern Israel who have been working alongside communities helping those most in need. Your donation will help support aid workers providing urgent humanitarian aid including food, water and emergency shelter to those in need. Thank you for your prayers."

### **Book Group (29/11/23)**

Book Group is meeting on Wednesday 29th November at 7 pm in the Presbytery to discuss Demon Copperhead by Barbara Kingsolver. All welcome.

### **CWL Christmas Stall (02-03/12/23)**

The CWL will have a Christmas Stall in the Narthex of St Mary's on Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd December. Please feel free to take a look after any of the three regular Masses.

### **Advent Concert (17/12/23)**

Come and join St Mary's Church choir for a joyful Advent Concert, including readings, prayer, and lots of singing. Followed by mince pies and hot drinks. 2.30pm at St Mary's Church. All welcome.

### **South Molton Foodbank**

The Foodbank volunteer for South Molton will continue to take in donations over the next couple of weeks. **Specific Christmas Items needed include:** mince pies, large chocolate bars, box of chocolates, box of biscuits, Christmas pudding, Christmas cake, children's selection box, snacks and nibbles, jams and pickles, instant mash potatoes, Christmas crackers and items that could be used as gifts.

Thank you everyone who has supported the Foodbank this year.

### **Advent Retreat Day (09/12/23)**

“Prepare a way for the Lord” Faith and Work’ led by Deacon Nick Johnson at St Rita's Centre. The day will begin with coffee/tea on arrival at 9.30am. The first talk will start at 10.15am. Adoration in silence (with opportunity for Confession) at 11.15pm. The second talk at 12.10am. Lunch will be served at 1pm. The third talk will start at 2.10pm. Mass at 3.15pm. The charge for the day, including lunch, is just £25.00. Booking can be made by phone, email or online ([www.stritascentre.org/events](http://www.stritascentre.org/events) ) Payment can be made on the day.

### **First Holy Communion 2024**

If you would like your child to make his/ her First Holy Communion next year, please pick up a form from the Narthex, or email the parish office for more information. Contact details can be found on the front page.

### **Confirmation Classes 2024**

Application forms for Confirmation candidates are now available to collect from the Narthex. If you would prefer to be sent the forms via email, please contact the parish office.

### **Confirmation Course - Helpers Needed**

We are looking for volunteers to help run Confirmation classes, starting early next year. If you are interested or would like more information, please speak to Fr Peter/ contact the parish office. Thank you.

### **Barnstaple Parish Vacancy: Handyman**

We are looking for a part time Handyman/ Caretaker to join the staff at St Mary's Church. The position would include tasks such as light gardening, maintenance and parish repairs. 5 to 6 hours per week, starting w/c 1st January 2024. Exact days and times to be discussed. If you are interested in the position, please speak to Fr Peter or contact the parish office. Contact details are on the front cover of the newsletter.

Paul Wedlake has served in this capacity for 12 years. We are very grateful for his dedication to the parish and will miss him, now that he has decided to retire from the role.

### **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>	