31st December 2017 - FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY - B

BRIXHAM:

Sunday: 10.00 am: For the People of the Parish
Monday: 10.00 am: NO MASS
Tuesday: 10.00 am: NO MASS
Wednesday: 10.00 am: For the Pope
Friday: 10.00 am: Mr & Mrs Alex Pereira RIP (G. Lobo)
Saturday: 10.00 am: For Vocations
Sunday: 10.00 am: For the People of the Parish

DARTMOUTH:

Saturday: 5:00 pm: Michael Bartlett RIP (J. Belli)
Thursday: 10.30 am: Holy Souls
Saturday: 5:00 pm: Mariana Allen RIP (J. Belli)

CONFESSIONS:

BRIXHAM: Saturdays: 10.30 - 11.00 am
DARTMOUTH: By Appointment

MY SINCERE THANKS for your generous Christmas Offerings and all the greetings cards and gifts given. Much appreciated.

Eucharistic Adoration: Brixham: 9.30 - 10.00 am on Fridays & Dartmouth: 10.00 - 10.30 am on Thursdays.

Rosary is being said before Mass in Brixham at 9.40 am during weekdays except on Fridays.

Sponsor a Student to Priesthood: Please set aside £1 a week. Thank you for your support.

Food Bank - Brixham & Dartmouth: Please bring non perishable food items in tins, cans or sealed boxes. Thanks for your generosity towards the Poor of our area.

Lottery 2017: £1311.00. Thanks for your support.

Special thanks to John Jones for his marvellous work in raising the money for our Parish Funds.

Parish Visitation: Bishop Mark will be making his official Visitation of our Parishes on 3rd/4th Feb. 2018. There will be opportunity to meet Bishop Mark in the Parish Hall after Mass in Brixham.

Sincere Thanks to all who helped to clean decorate our Churches. Special thanks to Linda Blackburn, Rebecca Beveridge, Vivian Mifsud & Anne Harakis. Special thanks to the Nigel Hickman and the Choir for the music. Grateful thanks to Alan Swine, Tom Gilmore, Michael and Angela Robinsons for the beautiful Cribs. My special thanks to all our Altar Servers for their dedication. To all our Readers and Eucharistic Ministers, Thanks.

New Year Parish Lunch (Brixham): Thursday, 11th January at the Cricket Club. 2 Course Meal: £15 each; 3 Course Meal: £18 each. Please pay Annie Jego by Sunday, 31st December.

CribFest: The Church of the Assumption of Our Lady, Abbey Road, Torquay is holding a Cribfest; Cribs from around the world, in their Church on 6th & 7th January.

We welcome couples to book a place. Please contact: deborah.vankroonenburg@prcdtr.org.uk


Brixham: Will restart in the New Year.

Please Pray for: Sylvia Thorne, Anne Howett, Rosemary Millar, John Buckle, Madeleine Locke, Mary O'Sullivan, Kathleen Simpson, Sue Parker, Veronica Bond, Kate O'Reilly, Anita Russell, Julie Midcalf, Tony England, Tony Parker, Fay Bishopp and all the sick of the Parish.

Meal: £15 each; 3 Course Meal - £18 each. Please bring a packed lunch. Hot and cold drinks will be provided.

All married couples are welcome. Enquiries or to book a place, please contact: deborah.vankroonenburg@prcdtr.org.uk

We'll Miss You: Simon and Carol O'Sullivan are moving to Sidmouth. We wish them well and every blessing from God.

Meditation: After Jesus' birth, Mary fulfils the Jewish right of purification after childbirth. Since she could not afford the customary offering of a lamb, she gives instead two pigeons as an offering of the poor. This rite, along with circumcision and the redemption of the first-born point to the fact that children are gifts from God. Jesus was born in an ordinary home where there were no luxuries. Like all godly parents, Mary and Joseph raised their son in the fear and wisdom of God. He, in turn, was obedient to them and grew in wisdom and grace. The Lord's favour is with those who listen to his word with trust and obedience. Jesus is the new temple (John 1:14; 2:19-22). In the Old Testament God manifested his presence in the "pillar of cloud" by day and the "pillar of fire" by night as he led them through the wilderness. God's glory visibly came to dwell over the ark and the tabernacle (Exodus 40:34-38). When the first temple was built in Jerusalem God's glory came to rest there (1 Kings 8). After the first temple was destroyed, Ezekiel saw God's glory leave it (Ezekiel 10). But God promised one day to fill it with even greater glory (Haggai 2:1-9; Zechariah 8-9). That promise is fulfilled when the "King of Glory" himself comes to his temple (Psalm 24:7-10; Malachi 3:1). Through Jesus' coming in the flesh and through his saving death, resurrection, and ascension we are made living temples of his Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 3:16-17).

Feast Days: Monday, 1st January - Mary, Mother of God; Tuesday, 2nd - St. Basil the Great.