**OUR LADY, STAR OF THE SEA**

**Brixham**

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**MASS TIMES**

29th Aug. 2021 - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Times - B

**BRIMOUTH:**

**Sunday:** 10.00 am: Tony Key RIP (J. Beard)  
10.00 am: NO MASS

**Saturday:** 5.00 pm: For the intentions of the Celebrant

**Monday:** 10.00 am: NO MASS

**Thursday:** 10.30 am: Holy Souls

**Tuesday:** 10.00 am: For Theresa Novak (M. Novak)

**Sunday:** 10.00 am: Holy Souls

**ConFESSIONS:**

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

**ADORATION:** Brixham; Fridays - 9.30 am; Dartmouth: Thursdays - 10.00.

**PRIEST TRAINING FUND:** Please continue to support those who are training to be priests by setting aside £1 week. Thanks for your continued support and generosity.

**FOOD BANK:** Please continue to support the needy in our towns. All unperishable items are welcome.

**MEDITATION:** Today’s readings explain what true religion is. It is not simply a scrupulous, external observance of rules, laws, traditions and rituals. It is a loving, obedient relationship with God expressed in obeying His Commandments, worshipping Him, recognizing His presence in other human beings, and rendering them loving and humble service. Prayers, rituals, Sacraments, and religious practices only help us to practice this true religion in our daily lives. The first reading from the book of Deuteronomy cites that internal corruption and external pressures had brought the Israelites to the brink of extinction. Kings, priests, prophets, and Temple had failed to hold them together. Moses described the beauty of the Law and commanded its observance as Israel’s sign of gratitude for the Lord God’s promise of the land. He assured the people that their God-given Law (with their faithful observance of it) would serve three purposes: a) it would help Israel survive as a people; b) it would make the people proud of their God and His Covenant; and c) it would make neighbouring nations marvel at the graciousness and justice of the God of Israel, at His closeness to His people, and at their closeness to Him. In the Gospel, Jesus tells the Scribes and Pharisees: 1) Don’t teach human doctrines as dogmas of Faith. 2) Sincerity of heart, internal disposition, purity, and holiness are more important than mere external ritual observances. 3) Keep your heart holy as it is the source of sins, vices and evil habits. The observance of traditions and of washing rituals does not correct the internal motivations and inclinations that really defile people. 4) External piety without internal holiness is hypocrisy.

**SEASON OF CREATION:** From September 1st - October 4th, the Church celebrates the *Season of Creation*. Caritas Plymouth is holding a one-hour Environment Policy Workshop on Tuesday, 14th September from 5-6pm. You can register to join: https://forms.office.com/r/VH2ZXaBQ0k

**WORLD DAY OF THE POOR 2021:** Saturday, 9th October 2021 at St. Rita’s, Honiton from 10.30 - 3.00 pm. Lunch and refreshments provided. This free event will reflect on Pope Francis’ message for the World Day of the Poor. Speakers include Bishop Mark O’Toole & Raymond Friel. For bookings, please contact: caritas@prcdtr.org.uk or call 01364 645421.

**COFFEE MORNING:** Everyone is invited to the Parish Hall in Brixham for a cup of Coffee after Sunday Mass.

**FUNERAL SERVICE:** Wendy Swain’s Funeral Service will take place on Friday, 3rd September at 11.00 am. Please pray that the Lord may have mercy on her Soul. Sincere condolences to Alan Swain and his family.

**OFFERINGS:** Please continue to support the parish. *There is also a Box at the back of the Church into which your offerings can be dropped. For online giving, please visit our website*

**COVID-19 - UPDATE:** It is still recommended that you wear facemasks, keep social distancing and sanitise your hands before entering the Church.

**PRISONS WEEK:** Please remember to pray for those in prisons, especially on Tuesday, 12th October.

**PLEASE REMEMBER** all the Sick People of our Parish in your prayers.

**FEAST DAYS:** Monday, 30th - *St. Margaret Clitherow*; Friday, 3rd September - *St. Gregory the Great*. 