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MASS TIMES

17th Dec. 2023 - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - B

BRIXHAM:

Sunday: 10.00am: Julie Midcalf RIP (M. Midcalf)
Monday: 10.00am: **NO MASS**
Tuesday: 10.00am: For Healy Family
Wednesday: 10.00am: Holy Souls (J. Cowie)
Friday: 10.00am: Manel Casusus RIP (P. Geoghegan)
Saturday: 10.00am: Sr. Annunciata RIP
Sunday: 10.00am: Rosemary Walters RIP (Liz & Annie)

BAPTISMS: With Prior Appointment
WEDDINGS: Six Months notice.

DARTMOUTH:

Saturday: 5.00pm: George Button RIP (FM)
Thursday: 10.30am: For John Cowie's Intentions
Saturday: 5.00pm: Holy Souls (NDL)

CONFESSIONS:

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

ADORATION: **Brixham:** Every Friday from 9.30 am - 10.00 am. **Dartmouth:** Every Thursday from 10.00 am - 10.30am.

PRIEST TRAINING FUND: Please continue to support those who are training to be priests by setting aside £1 week.

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

COFFEE MORNING: All are invited to the Parish Hall in Brixham for a cup of Coffee after the Sunday Mass.

OFFERING BY STANDING ORDER: If all our Parishioners could pay by Standing Order, that would be of great help. It will save a lot of time for the Counters. **Brixham:** Bank - NatWest; Name: Brixham R C Church (*Stella Maris*) A/C No: 04115341; Sort Code: 52-10-18;

Dartmouth: Bank: NatWest; Name: Dartmouth R C Church; A/C No: 04517350; Sort Code - 52-30-20.

PRAYER REQUEST: Your prayers are requested for the Sick of our Parish, especially for those in Hospital, Nursing & Residential Homes. Please keep Molly Hall, Alan Swain, John Smythe, Rosemary Miller, Mary Aylett, Geraldine Osborne, Shala Cripps & Pat Ellery in your prayers.

PLYMOUTH DIOCESAN YEAR BOOK 2024: Cost £4.00. Only limited copies available.

SMARTIES: £202.86 till today. Thanks.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE: Unfortunately, we have to cancel this year's Christmas Fair due to unforeseen circumstances.



CHRISTMAS RAFFLE: Annie Jago is holding a Christmas Raffle draw on Sunday, 24th December after Mass. Raffle Tickets are on sale after Mass. Plenty of prizes to win.

NEW YEAR LUNCH: Nigel Hickman has provisionally booked Wednesday, 31st January at the Churston Golf Club. Please keep the date free. Details later.



DEATH: Rosemary Walters funeral will take place on Thursday, 4th January 2024 at 2.00pm with a Requiem Mass. May she Rest In Peace.

CHRISTMAS MASSES: Because of the fewer numbers that we have at the moment, there will only be morning Masses, both in **Brixham & Dartmouth** on **Christmas Day at 10.00am**. Fr. John Smethurst will be in Dartmouth for the morning Mass.

BISHOP ELECT: Canon Christopher Whitehead of the Diocese of Clifton is the new bishop-elect of Plymouth Diocese. At the moment, he is the parish priest of St. John the Evangelist, Bath. He will be ordained sometime in the New Year. Remember canon Christopher in your prayers.

MEDITATION: When John the Baptist announced the imminent coming of God's Anointed One, the Messiah, the religious leaders questioned his authority to speak so boldly in God's name. They asked him bluntly, "Who are you?" and "What do you say about yourself?" They wanted to know if he was really sent by God. John had no doubt and no mistaken identity about his call and mission. In all humility and sincerity, he said he was only a voice bidding people to get ready for the arrival of the greatest Ruler of all, God's anointed King and Messiah. John the Baptist bridges the Old and New Testaments. He is the last of the Old Testament prophets who points the way to the Messiah. He is the first of the New Testament witnesses and martyrs. He is the herald who prepares the way for Jesus and who announces his mission to the people: *Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world!* (John 1:29). John saw from a distance what the Messiah would come to accomplish - our redemption from slavery to sin and our adoption as sons and daughters of God, our heavenly Father. The Christian church from the earliest of times has given John many titles which signify his mission: *Witness of the Lord, Trumpet of Heaven, Herald of Christ, Voice of the Word, Precursor of Truth, Friend of the Bridegroom, Crown of the Prophets, Forerunner of the Redeemer, Preparer of Salvation, Light of the Martyrs, and Servant of the Word.*