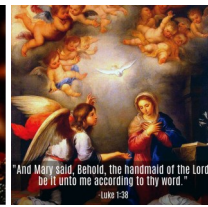


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MASS TIMES

24th Dec. 2023 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - B

BRIXHAM:

Sunday: 10.00am: Rosemary Walters RIP (Liz & Annie)
Monday: 10.00am: **CHRISTMAS** - Geffery Burnes RIP (Y. Burnes)
Tuesday: 10.00am: Sr. Andre
Wednesday: 10.00am: **NO MASS**
Friday: 10.00am: Sr. Annunciata
Saturday: 10.00am: **NO MASS**
Sunday: 10.00am: The Finlayson Family RIP (F. Hall)

BAPTISMS: With Prior Appointment
WEDDINGS: Six Months notice.

DARTMOUTH:

Saturday: 5.00pm: Holy Souls (NDL)
Monday: 10.00am: **CHRISTMAS DAY MASS**
Thursday: 10.30am: For all the Parishioners
Saturday: 5.00pm: For a Private Intention

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 & Residential Homes. Molly Hall, Alan Swain, John Smythe, Rosemary Miller, Mary Aylett, Geraldine Osborne, Shala Cripps, Pat Ellery, Ruth Clift, Liz Urand, Pat & Fred Lay in your prayers.

SMARTIES: £202.86 till today. Thanks.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE: A big 'thank you' to Annie Jago for all her hard work. We also extend our sincere thanks to June Mikkalauska & all who donated Raffle Prizes. The total was £165. Well done!!!

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



REQUIEM MASS for Rosemary Walters will take place on Thursday, 4th January 2024 at 2.00pm. 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 will be Ordained the 10th Bishop of Plymouth on Thursday, 22nd February at 12noon. Please continue to remember Canon Christopher in your prayers.

CRIB: This years Crib Money goes to the Catholic Children's Society of Plymouth. Please be generous.

MEDITATION: Why was it necessary for the Word of God to become flesh? We needed a savior who could reconcile us with God. Throughout the ages Christians have professed the ancient Nicene Creed: "He became man for our sake and for the sake of our salvation." The eternal Word became flesh for us so he could offer his life as an atoning sacrifice for the sins of the world through the shedding of his blood on the cross. The Word became flesh to show us the infinite love and tender mercy of God for us sinners. In the feast of Christmas we celebrate present realities - Jesus Christ our redeemer who reigns in heaven and who also lives and reigns in our hearts through the gift and working of the Holy Spirit. And we commemorate past events - the birth of the newborn Messiah King and his manifestation to Israel and to the gentile nations. We thank and bless God for the way in which he has saved us from the power of sin and the curse of death and destruction by sending his son to ransom us and give us pardon and abundant life through the gift and working of the Holy Spirit. Today we celebrate the birthday of our King and Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. The first to hear the good news of the Saviour's birth were not the rulers and religious leaders of Israel who were robed in riches and power. The angels first came to those who were humble and ready to receive the newborn king who was born in poverty and was now lying in a manger made for animals. Just as God had chosen and anointed David, a lowly shepherd of Bethlehem to become the shepherd king of Israel, so Jesus, likewise chose the path of humility and lowliness in coming to Israel as the good shepherd king who would lay down his life for their sake and salvation.

FEAST DAYS: Tue., 26th - St. Stephen; Wed., 27th - St. John (Evangelist); Thu., 28th - Holy Innocents; Fri., 29th - St. Thomas Bucket.

**TO ALL OUR PARISHIONERS, A VERY
HAPPY CHRISTMAS**

