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MASS TIMES

31st Dec. 2023 - FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY - B

BRIXHAM:

Sunday: 10.00am: The Finlayson Family RIP (F. Hall)
Monday: 10.00am: Personal Intentions
Tuesday: 10.00am: **NO MASS**
Wednesday: 10.00am: For the Healy Family
Friday: 10.00am: Sr. Annunciata
Saturday: 10.00am: Holy Souls (NDL)
Sunday: 10.00am: Sylvia Gilmore RIP (T. Gilmore)

BAPTISMS: With Prior Appointment
WEDDINGS: Six Months notice.

DARTMOUTH:

Saturday: 5.00pm: For the Intentions of the Celebrant
Thursday: 10.30am: Holy Souls (NDL)
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: £233.66 till today. Thanks.

NEW YEAR PARISH LUNCH has been booked for Wednesday, 31st January 2024 at the Churston Golf Club. Details of the menu on the Notice Board. Tickets will be sold from this week-end.



REQUIEM MASS for Rosemary Walters will take place on Thursday, 4th January 2024 at 2.00pm. Her body will be received into the Church on Wednesday, 3rd Jan at 4.30 pm. May she Rest In Peace.

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.

A BIG THANK YOU to all who worked hard to make our Christmas celebrations special. The Choir, the church decorators and those who did the Christmas Raffle. Thank you for your generous Christmas offerings, gifts and cards. Much appreciated.

YOUR PRAYERS are requested for **Fr. John Smethurst** who is hospital, apparently diagnosed with a brain tumor. He has often supplied for us in our Churches in my absence.

MEDITATION: Feast of the Holy Family: This is a combined feast; *Feast of the Purification of Mary* (by the offering two pigeons in the Temple), *the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord* and the *Feast of Encounter* (because the New Testament, represented by the Baby Jesus, encountered the Old Testament, represented by Simeon and Anna). **Purification and Redemption Ceremonies:** The Mosaic Law taught that, since every Jewish male child belonged to Yahweh, the parents had to "buy back" the child ("redeem" him), (**The "Pidyon haBen" Service**) with the payment of "five shekels (Nm 3:47-48). In addition, (Nm 18:15) every mother had to be purified after childbirth by prayers and the sacrifice of a lamb (or two turtledoves for the poor) in the Temple. Joseph kept these laws as an act of obedience to God. Every Holy Mass in which we participate is our presentation. Although we were officially presented to God on the day of our Baptism, we present ourselves and our dear ones on the altar before God our Father through our Savior Jesus Christ at every Holy Mass. Hence, we need to live our daily lives with the awareness both that we are a dedicated people, consecrated to God and that we are obliged to lead holy lives.

FEAST DAYS: Monday, 1st January - *Mary, Mother of God*, Tuesday, 2nd - St. Basil

**TO ALL OUR PARISHIONERS, A VERY
HAPPY NEW YEAR**

