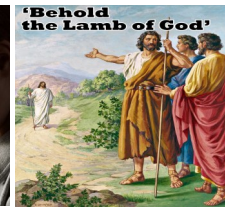
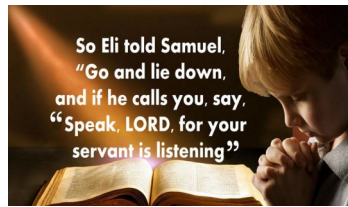


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**MASS TIMES**

**14th Jan. 2024 - SECOND SUNDAY - B**

**BRIXHAM:**

Sunday: 10.00am: Kathleen Vidgen RIP (J. Burnard)  
Monday: 10.00am: **NO MASS**  
Tuesday: 10.00am: Holy Souls (NDL)  
Wednesday: 10.00am: Mariadas msfs RIP  
Friday: 10.00am: Sr. Annunciata RIP  
Saturday: 10.00am: Private Intentions  
Sunday: 10.00am: Jeffrey Burnes RIP (Y. Burnes)

**BAPTISMS:** With Prior Appointment  
**WEDDINGS:** Six Months notice.

**DARTMOUTH:**

Saturday: 5.00pm: St. Martin RIP (Sr. P)  
Thursday: 10.30am: Lord & Lady Kerr RIP (FM)  
Saturday: 5.00pm: James Penicate RIP (J. Balli)

**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. Thanks for your support.

**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 and Peter Burr in your prayers.

**SMARTIES:** £242.61 till today. Thanks.

**NEW YEAR PARISH LUNCH** has been booked for Wednesday, 31st January 2024 at the Churston Golf Club. 1 Course - £16; 2 Course - £21; 3 Course - £25. Forms with the Menu are available at the back of the Church. Please fill in and return them as soon as possible.



**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:** For the Plymouth Diocesan Catholic Children's Society. **Brixham** - £72.56; **Dartmouth** - £33.00. Thanks.

**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 18th - 25th January:** We are asked to meditate on the Parable of the Good Samaritan. The Parable challenges us to go and 'Do likewise'; by imitating the Good Samaritan. Through our prayers, may all Christians become one.

**LENT DAY OF LENT RECOLLECTION with Fr. Jacek Kostuch:** Saturday, 2nd March at St. Rita's Centre, Honiton. Time: 9.30am - 3.30pm. Cost: £25, which includes a 3 Course Lunch & Tea and Coffee. Topic - A Battle against Spiritual Evils. To register, please callon 01404 42635 or email: [admin@stritascentre.org](mailto:admin@stritascentre.org)

**VACANCY IN THE DIOCESE OF PLYMOUTH:** Vacancy for An Assitant Diocesan Care Officer at St. Boniface House. 21 hours per week. For enquiries, please send your application to [recruitment@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@prcdtr.org.uk)

**MEDITATION:** Today's Mass is about vocation, about God's call. Vocation is not just for a few chosen people. And to say, "There are no vocations now" is simply not true. Everyone is called by God to be something, to do something for others with their life and with their unique gifts. The First Reading is about a young man who did not recognise God's call at first. God called Samuel and he thought it was his master Eli. Twice God called, twice Samuel went to Eli, twice Eli told him to go back to sleep. The third time God called, Eli realised what was happening and told Samuel: Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening. When the Lord called the fourth time, Samuel was ready, ready to listen to God. And: As Samuel grew up, the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. The Gospel is also about calling, in fact, about a second calling. It is about two men who are already disciples of John the Baptist. John points Jesus out to them: Look, there is the Lamb of God! "Come and see" is the Lord's invitation for each one of us to discover the joy of friendship and communion with the One who made us in love for love. Saint Augustine of Hippo reminds us that it is God, our Creator and Redeemer, who seeks us out, even when we are not looking for him: "If you hadn't been called by God, what could you have done to turn back? Didn't the very One who called you when you were opposed to Him make it possible for you to turn back?" It is God who initiates and who draws us to himself. Without his mercy and help we could not find him on our own.

**FEAST DAYS:** Wednesday, 17th - *St. Anthony* (Abbot).