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MASS TIMES

21st Jan. 2024 - THIRD SUNDAY - B

BRIXHAM:

Sunday: 10.00am: Jeffrey Burnes RIP (Y. Burnes)
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: Thanksgiving Mass (N. Pinkerton)
Sunday: 10.00am: Rosemary Walters RIP (J. Elliott)

BAPTISMS: With Prior Appointment
WEDDINGS: Six Months notice.

DARTMOUTH:

Saturday: 5.00pm: David Bryan RIP (J. Belli)
Thursday: 10.30am: For Peter Burr (S. Cripps)
Saturday: 5.00pm: James Penycate RIP (J. Belli)

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 the Form by thisweek-end.



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.

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.

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

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

MEDITATION: .What is the kingdom of God? The word "kingdom" means something more than a territory or an area of land. It literally means "sovereignty" or "reign" and the power to "rule" and exercise authority. The prophets announced that God would establish a kingdom not just for one nation or people but for the whole world. The Scriptures tell us that God's throne is in heaven and his rule is over all (Psalm 103:19). His kingdom is bigger and more powerful than anything we can imagine because it is universal and everlasting (Daniel 4:3). His kingdom is full of glory, power, and splendour (Psalm 145:11-13). **How do we enter the kingdom of God?** In announcing the good news, Jesus gave **two explicit things** each of us must do to in order to receive the kingdom of God: **repent and believe**. When we submit to Christ's rule in our lives and believe the gospel message the Lord Jesus gives us the grace and power to live a new way of life as citizens of his kingdom. He gives us grace to renounce the kingdom of darkness ruled by sin and Satan, the father of lies (John 8:44) and the ruler of this present world (John 12:31). That is why repentance is the first step. Repentance means to change - to change my way of thinking, my attitude, disposition, and life choices so that Christ can be the Lord and Master of my heart rather than sin, selfishness, and greed. If we are only sorry for the consequences of our sins, we will very likely keep repeating the sin that is mastering us. True repentance requires a contrite heart (Psalm 51:17) and sorrow for sin and a firm resolution to avoid it in the future. **To believe** is to take Jesus at his word and to recognize that God loved us so much that he sent his only begotten Son to free us from bondage to sin and harmful desires. God made the supreme sacrifice of his Son on the cross to bring us back to a relationship of peace and friendship with himself. He is our Father and he wants us to live as his sons and daughters. God loved us first and he invites us in love to surrender our lives to him.

FEAST DAYS: Wed. 24th - *St. Francis de Sales*; Thu. 2th - *Conversion of St. Paul*; Fri.26th - *Sts. Timothy & Titus*.