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**MASS TIMES**

**4th Feb. 2024 - FIFTH SUNDAY - B**

**BRIXHAM:**

Sunday: 10.00am: For the People of the Parish  
Monday: 10.00am: **NO MASS**  
Tuesday: 10.00am: For a Private Intention (R. Bates)  
Wednesday: 10.00am: John O' Connor RIP (Donor)  
Friday: 10.00am: Sr. Annunciata RIP  
Saturday: 10.00am: Holy Souls (NDL)  
Sunday: 10.00am: Rev. Kevin O'Hanlon RIP (P. Roxburgh)

BAPTISMS: With Prior Appointment  
WEDDINGS: Six Months notice.

**DARTMOUTH:**

Saturday: 5.00pm: James Penycate RIP (J. Belli)  
Thursday: 10.30am: John O'Connor RIP (Sr. M)  
Saturday: 5.00pm: Narcisco Colderato RIP (J. Belli)John

**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, Peter Burr & Gisela Howard Chappel in your prayers.

**NEW YEAR PARISH LUNCH:** A big **THANK YOU** to Nigel Hickman for all the hard work he did in organizing our Parish Lunch. Everyone had a great time. Thanks to all who came along.

**EPISCOPAL ORDINATION** of Canon Christopher **WILL NOT** take place on 22nd February 2024 as expected. Canon Paul Cummins continues as the Diocesan Administrator. A canonical process is underway and no further comments will be made until this process has been concluded. Canon Christopher Whitehead has stepped back from active ministry whilst this process is ongoing.

**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 call on 01404 42635 or email: [admin@stritascentre.org](mailto:admin@stritascentre.org)

**NATIONAL NOVENA St. JOSEPH:** 10-18th March. The Mill Hill Missionary Community invites you join them in Prayer & Novena to St. Joseph via Zoom. [www.millhillmissionaries.co.uk/novena](http://www.millhillmissionaries.co.uk/novena)

**REPAIR OF CHURCH WALL:** The work to dampproof the interior of St. John the Baptist will begin on Monday, 12th February. The work is expected to be completed in two weeks. The total cost is £3280+ VAT.

**LENT** begins with **Ash Wednesday on 14th February**. It's day of **Fast and Abstinence**. All through Lent, we'll have **Stations of the Cross** after Mass in both of Churches. (**Thursdays in Dartmouth & Fridays in Brixham**).

**MEDITATION:** The readings today challenge us to go beyond people's expectations by doing good as Jesus did - instead of brooding over all the pain and suffering in the world. They invite us to explore the importance of work in our lives. The first reading details Job's attitude in a striking contrast to that of the Gospel: in the midst of his long suffering, Job speaks of the futility of life and the miseries of human existence. Eventually, Job arrived at a place in his life where, in trust and Faith, he surrendered himself to the wisdom of God (Job 42:1-6) learning that God has a purpose in allowing sufferings in our lives. The second reading, on the other hand, reveals Paul, as a true and dynamic follower of Jesus, was ready to do something extra for his Lord. Paul's conviction about the Good News and his commitment to Christ were so intense that preaching the Gospel had become a compulsion for him. Knowing that he had been called to do more than just "preach" the Gospel, he resolved to preach it without recompense. Pointing out the spontaneous response of Peter's mother-in-law after she had been healed by Jesus "...the fever left her and she waited on them" (Mark 1:31)"— today's Gospel teaches us that true discipleship means getting involved in giving selfless service to others. Jesus' first day of public ministry at Capernaum was on a Sabbath day. Jesus, unlike the scribes and pharisees, taught with authority, exorcised demons and healed Simon's mother-in-law. After that, he "cured many who were sick with various diseases and drove out many demons." Jesus spent most of his time ministering to the needs of others, bringing healing, forgiveness, and a new beginning to many. Jesus was well aware that even the most important work had to be continually evaluated before God his Father. Hence, Jesus rose very early the next morning and went off "to a deserted place" to pray and to recharge his spiritual batteries. The life of Jesus is telling us that life is for service, for giving, for sharing. And, if we all did that, how enriched we all would be! The more we all give, the more we all get.

**FEAST DAYS:** Mon., 5th - *St. Agatha*; Tue., 6th - *St. Paul Miki & Companions*; Sat. 10th - *St. Scholastica*.