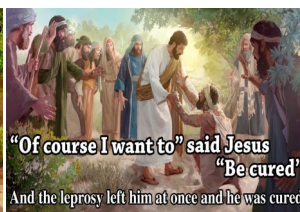


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MASS TIMES

11th Feb. 2024 - SIXTH SUNDAY - B

BRIXHAM:

Sunday: 10.00am: Rev. Kevin O'Hanlon RIP (P. Roxburgh)
Monday: 10.00am: **NO MASS**
Tuesday: 10.00am: Sr. Martin RIP
Wednesday: 10.00am: John O' Connor RIP (Donor)
Friday: 10.00am: Ellen Mooney RIP (P. Roxburgh)
Saturday: 10.00am: Sr. Annunciata RIP
Sunday: 10.00am: Gordon Thomas RIP (P. Thomas)

BAPTISMS: With Prior Appointment
WEDDINGS: Six Months notice.

DARTMOUTH:

Saturday: 5.00pm: Narcisco Colderato RIP (J. Belli)
Ash Wednesday: 5.00pm Private Intention
Thursday: 10.00am: Infant Jesus of Prague (G. Lobo)
Saturday: 5.00pm: For the people of the Parish

CONFESSIONS:

BRIXHAM: Saturdays: 10.30 - 11.00 am
DARTMOUTH: By Appointment

ADORATION: **Brixham:** Every Friday from 9.30 am - 10.00 am. **Dartmouth:** We'll restart after Easter.

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.



ASH WEDNESDAY: A day of **FAST & ABSTINENCE**. Please look at the list above for Mass times.

LENT DAY OF 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

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

DEATH: Please remember Fr. John Smethurst in your prayers. He died on Tuesday, 6th Feb. His requiem will take place on Friday, 1st March at Sacred Heart, Paignton at 12.00 noon.

DEATH: Daphne Ellis died in 4th February. Her Funeral Service will take place in our Church in Brixham on Friday, 23rd February starting at 2.30pm. May she Rest In Peace.

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.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS: All through Lent, we'll have *Stations of the Cross* after Mass in both of Churches. (**Thursdays in Dartmouth & Fridays in Brixham**).

CONRATULATIONS to Peter & Heather Geoghegan on their 60th Wedding Anniversary (*8th February*). May the Good Lord bless you both with good health and happiness for many more years to come.

FR. PETER COXE will be leaving our Deanery on Sunday, 25th February to live with L'Arche Community at Bognor Regis. We pray that God shower His Blessings on Fr. Peter as he takes up his new residence.

MEDITATION: No one who sought Jesus out was refused his help. Even the untouchables and the outcasts of Jewish society found help in him. Unlike the people of Jesus' time who fled at the sight of a leper, Jesus touched the leper who approached him and he made him whole and clean. Why was this so remarkable? Lepers were outcasts of society. They were driven from their homes and communities and left to fend for themselves. Their physical condition was terrible as they slowly lost the use of their limbs and withered away. They were not only shunned but regarded as "already dead" even by their relatives. The Jewish law forbade anyone from touching or approaching a leper, lest ritual defilement occur. This leper did something quite remarkable. He approached Jesus confidently and humbly, expecting that Jesus could and would heal him. Normally a leper would be stoned or at least warded off if he tried to come near a rabbi. Jesus not only grants the man his request, but he demonstrates the personal love, compassion, and tenderness of God in his physical touch. The medical knowledge of his day would have regarded such contact as grave risk for incurring infection. Jesus met the man's misery with compassion and tender kindness. He communicated the love and mercy of God in a sign that spoke more eloquently than words. He touched the man and made him clean - not only physically but spiritually as well. How do you approach those who are difficult to love, or who are shunned by others because they are deformed or have some defect? The Lord is always ready to show us his mercy and to free us from whatever makes us unclean, unapproachable, or unloving towards others.

FEAST DAYS: Wednesday, 14th - **Ash Wednesday** (Day of Fast and Abstinence).

