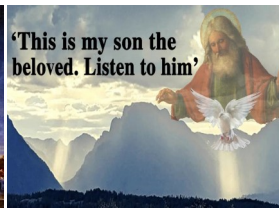


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MASS TIMES

25th Feb. 2024 - SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT - B

BRIXHAM:

Sunday: 10.00am: Edward Gaitens RIP (P. Roxburgh)
Monday: 10.00am: **NO MASS**
Tuesday: 10.00am: Sr. Martin RIP (Donor's Intentions)
Wednesday: 10.00am: Holy Souls
Friday: 10.00am: Sr. Andre RIP (Donor's Intentions)
Saturday: 10.00am: Sr. Annunciata RIP
Sunday: 10.00am: Special Intentions (P. Reynolds)

BAPTISMS: With Prior Appointment
WEDDINGS: Six Months notice.

DARTMOUTH:

Saturday: 5.00pm: John O' Connor RIP (Sr. Thomas)
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.

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.

REQUIEM MASS: Fr. JOHN SMETHURST's Requiem Mass is on Friday, 1st March at 12 noon at Sacred Heart Church, Paignton.

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*).

GUIDED RETREATS AT BUCKFAST ABBEY: *Creation Retreat* (6th - 10th May); *Vocation Retreat* (17th - 19th May); *Gardeners' Retreat* (14th - 18th October). For more information: www.buckfast.org.uk/retreats

MEDITATION: What can blind us or keep us from recognizing God's glory and presence in our lives? Sin and unbelief for sure! Faith enables us to see what is hidden or unseen to the naked eye. We get a glimpse of this when the disciples see Jesus transfigured on the mountain. Jesus' face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white (Mark 9:2,3). In the Gospel account Jesus appeared in glory with Moses, the great lawgiver of Israel, and with Elijah, the greatest of the prophets, in the presence of three of his beloved apostles - Peter, James, and John. What is the significance of this mysterious appearance? Jesus went to the mountain knowing full well what awaited him in Jerusalem - his betrayal, rejection and crucifixion. Jesus very likely discussed this momentous decision to go to the cross with Moses and Elijah. God the Father also spoke with Jesus and gave his approval: *This is my beloved Son; listen to him*. The Father glorified his Son because he obeyed. The Lord Jesus not only wants us to see his glory - he wants to share this glory with us. And Jesus shows us the way to the Father's glory: follow me - obey my words - take the path I have chosen for you and you will receive the glory and blessings of my Father's kingdom - your names will be written in heaven (Luke 10:20). Luke's Gospel account tells us that while Jesus was transfigured, Peter, James, and John were asleep (Luke 9:32)! Upon awakening they discovered Jesus in glory along with Moses and Elijah. How much do we miss of God's glory and action because we are asleep spiritually? There are many things which can keep our minds asleep to the things of God: Mental lethargy and the "unexamined life" can keep us from thinking things through and facing our doubts and questions in the light of Christ's truth. The life of ease can also hinder us from considering the challenging or disturbing demands of Christ to forsake all for him and his kingdom. Prejudice can make us blind to something new the Lord may have for us. Even sorrow can be a block until we can see past it to the glory of God. We, too, as disciples of Christ are called to be witnesses of his glory. How spiritually awake are you to Christ's presence and word of life for you?

FEAST DAYS: Friday, 1st March - *St. David* (Patron of Wales)