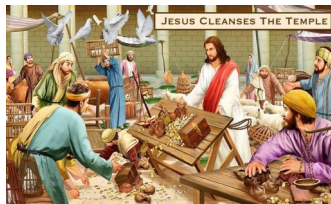


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**MASS TIMES**

**3rd March, 2024 - THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT - B**

**BRIXHAM:**

*Sunday:* 10.00am: Special Intentions (P. Reynolds)  
*Monday:* 10.00am: **NO MASS**  
*Tuesday:* 10.00am: Fr. John Smethurst RIP (Sr. P)  
*Wednesday:* 10.00am: For Sr. Perpetua  
*Friday:* 10.00am: Infant Jesus of Prague (G. Lobo)  
*Saturday:* 10.00am: Sr. Annunciata RIP  
*Sunday:* 10.00am: John Holmes RIP (M&J Mikalauska)

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

**DARTMOUTH:**

*Saturday:* 5.00pm: Maria Verniquet RIP (FM)  
*Thursday:* 10.00am: Richard Daw RIP (FM)  
*Saturday:* 5.00pm: Wilfred Virniquet (FM)

**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.

**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 damp-proof the interior of St. John the Baptist is almost complete. Decoration of the wall will begin once the walls are dry. The work to damp-proof the outside will begin soon, including the replacement of the drains pipes. Awaits a quote. The work on the toilet is now complete.



**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](http://www.buckfast.org.uk/retreats)

**MEDITATION:** Jesus' dramatic cleansing of the temple was seen by his disciples as a prophetic sign of God's work to purify and restore true worship and holiness among his people. The temple was understood as the dwelling place of God among his people. When God delivered his people from slavery in Egypt, he brought them safely through the Red Sea, and led them to Mount Sinai where he made a covenant with them and gave them a new way of living in moral goodness and holiness embodied in the Ten Commandments (Exodus 20:1-17). God also gave Moses instruction for how his people were to worship him in holiness and he instructed them to make a Tabernacle, which was also referred to as the "tent of meeting" where the people gathered to offer sacrifice and worship to God. The tent of meeting was later replaced by the construction of the temple at Jerusalem. The New Testament Scripture tells us that these "serve as a copy and shadow of the heavenly sanctuary" - God's true Temple in heaven (Hebrews 8:5). Jesus' cleansing of the temple is also a prophetic sign of what he wants to do with each of us. He ever seeks to cleanse us of our sinful ways in order to make us into living temples of his Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 6:19). God desires that we be holy as he is holy. When Jesus went to Jerusalem at Passover time he shocked the Jewish leaders by forcibly expelling the money-changers and traders from the temple. Jesus referred to the temple as his Father's house which was being made into a "house of trade" (John 2:16) and "den of robbers" (Mark 11:17). The prophecy of Malachi foretold the coming of the Lord unexpectedly to his Temple to "purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, till they present right offerings to the Lord" (Malachi 3:1-4). Jesus' disciples recalled the prophetic words of Psalm 69: "Zeal for your house will consume me." This psalm was understood as a Messianic prophecy. Here the disciples saw Jesus more clearly as the Messiah who burned with zeal for God's house.

**FEAST DAYS:** Thursday, 7th March - *St. Perpetua & Felicity*.