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**MASS TIMES**

**10th March. 2024 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT - B**

**BRIXHAM:**

Sunday: 10.00am: John Holmes RIP (M&J Mikalauska)  
Monday: 10.00am: **NO MASS**  
Tuesday: 10.00am: Holy Souls (Doners Intentions)  
Wednesday: 10.00am: Brian Hoggard RIP (Sr. P)  
Friday: 10.00am: Special Intentions  
Saturday: 10.00am: Sr. Annunciata RIP  
Sunday: 10.00am: Daphne Ellis (L. Urand)

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

**DARTMOUTH:**

Saturday: 5.00pm: Wilfred Virniquet (FM)  
Thursday: 10.00am: Holy Souls  
Saturday: 5.00pm: Joseph Pereira RIP (G. Lobo)

**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)

**CHILD EXPLOITATION AWARENESS DAY - 18th March 2024:** The 18th of March is the annual National Child Exploitation Awareness Day which aims to highlight the issues surrounding child exploitation, and encourages everyone to think, spot and speak out against abuse and adopt a zero tolerance to adults developing inappropriate relationship with children or children exploiting and abusing their peers.

**CHRISM MASS** will take place at the Cathedral on Wednesday, 27th March at 12 noon. Archbishop Kevin McDonald of Southwark will preside. All are welcome. Parking at Toys R Us Car Park.

**CONFESSIONS:** Please make an effort to approach the Sacrament of Confession this Easter. (*Every Saturday*).

**MEDITATION:** Jesus explained to Nicodemus that the "Son of Man" must be "lifted up" to bring the power and authority of God's kingdom to bear on the earth. The title, "Son of Man," came from the prophet Daniel who describes a vision he received of the Anointed Messiah King who was sent from heaven to rule over the earth (Daniel 7:13-14). Traditionally when kings began to reign they were literally "lifted up" and enthroned above the people. Jesus explains to Nicodemus that he will be recognized as the Anointed King when he is "lifted up" on the cross at Calvary. Jesus died for his claim to be the only begotten Son sent by the Father in heaven to redeem, heal, and reconcile his people with God. Jesus points to a key prophetic sign which Moses performed in the wilderness right after the people of Israel were afflicted with poisonous serpents. Scripture tells us that many people died in the wilderness because of their sin of rebellion towards Moses and God. Through Moses' intervention, God showed mercy to the people and instructed Moses to "make a fiery serpent, and set it on a pole; and every one who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live"(Numbers 21:8). This miraculous sign was meant to foreshadow and point to the saving work which Jesus would perform to bring healing and salvation to the world. The bronze serpent which Moses lifted up in the wilderness points to the cross of Christ which defeats sin and death and obtains everlasting life for those who believe in Jesus Christ. The result of Jesus "being lifted up on the cross" and his rising from the dead, and his exaltation and ascension to the Father's right hand in heaven, is our "new birth in the Spirit" and adoption as sons and daughters of God. God not only frees us from our sins and pardons us, he also fills us with his own divine life through the gift and working of his Spirit who dwells within us.

**TO ALL MOTHERS OF THE PARISH, A HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY**