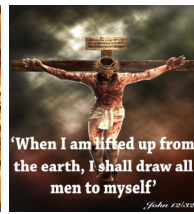
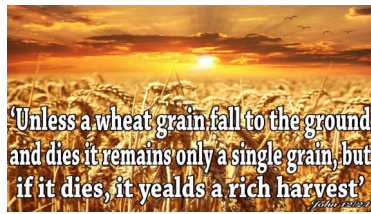


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**MASS TIMES**

**17th March, 2024 - FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT - B**

**BRIXHAM:**

Sunday: 10.00am: Daphne Ellis (L. Urand)  
Monday: 10.00am: **NO MASS**  
Tuesday: 10.00am: Rosemary Miller RIP  
Wednesday: 10.00am: Pat Allery RIP  
Friday: 10.00am: William Lobo RIP (G. Lobo)  
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: Joseph Pereira RIP (G. Lobo)  
Thursday: 10.00am: Holy Souls  
Saturday: 5.00pm: Gisela Howard Chappel RIP

**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, Mary Aylett, Geraldine Osborne, Shala Cripps, Ruth Clift, Liz Urand, Neville Rebello, Pat & Fred Lay & Peter Burr in your prayers.

**REPAIR OF CHURCH WALL:** The work to damp-proof the outside will begin soon, including the replacement of the drains pipes. We have received two quotes. Awaiting Diocesan approval. Our sincere thanks to an anonymous donor who gave £500 towards our church repairs in Dartmouth.

**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**).

**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.

**DEATH:** Rosemary Miller died on Saturday, 8th March & Pat Allery died on Saturday, 9th March. Rosemary's funeral will take place in our Church in Brixham with a Requiem Mass on Tuesday, 2nd April at 10.00am & Pat's Funeral Service will be on Wednesday, 3rd April at 2.30pm. May they Rest In Peace.

Gisela Howard Chappel died on Friday, 15th March. Her funeral will be on Thursday, 11th April in Dartmouth.

**EASTER SERVICES:** Brixham: Maundy Thursday - 7.00pm; Good Friday - 3.00 pm; Holy Saturday - 6.30pm; Easter Sunday - 10.00am. Dartmouth: Good Friday - 3.00pm; Easter Sunday - 10.00am

**CONFESSIONS:** Combined Torbay Deanery Reconciliation Service: **Monday, 25th March at 6.00pm** in Sacred Heart Church. *The Holy Church exhorts all the faithful to approach the Sacrament of Confession at least once a year.*

**MEDITATION:** God is a covenant-maker who draws men and women to himself in a bond of peace and friendship. God established a covenant with his people when he freed them from slavery in Egypt and brought them to his holy mountain at Sinai. "I will be your God, and you will be my people" (Exodus 6:7; Leviticus 26:12). But his people time and again broke covenant with him and did not follow his ways (Jeremiah 31:32) - "each did what was right in his or her own eyes" (Judges 17:26 and 21:25). God, nonetheless, continued to send his prophets to draw his people back. When the prophet Jeremiah was sent to the exiles to offer them a message of hope and restoration, he spoke of a new covenant that would surpass the previous covenant which God had made. This new covenant would be sealed with the blood of the perfect sacrifice that Jesus would offer to the Father when he died upon the cross to atone for our sins. At the beginning of Jesus' ministry John the Baptist prophetically pointed to Jesus as the "Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world" (John 1:29). Jesus described his willingness to go to the cross as his "hour of glory" (John 12:23) when he would fulfil his Father's will and accomplish the mission entrusted to him. Jesus used the illustration of the "grain of wheat" to show how God brings life from death and good fruit through patience and suffering. Seeds by themselves are worthless and lifeless. Only when the seed is destroyed by burying it in the ground, can it rise to new life and bear fruit. If we want to receive the abundant new life and the fruit of the Spirit which the Lord Jesus freely offers us, then the "outer shell" of our fallen sinful nature must first be broken and be put to death. In baptism our "old nature" which was enslaved by sin is buried with Christ so we may rise to new life with Christ through the cleansing waters of baptism. Paul the Apostle describes this death and rebirth in Christ as a "new creation" which Christ accomplishes in us through the power of his saving death and resurrection (2 Corinthians 5:17).

**FEAST DAYS:** Tuesday, 19th - St. Joseph (*Husband of Mary*); Sunday, 24th - **PALM SUNDAY**