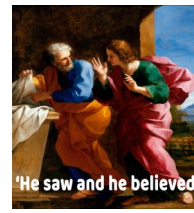


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MASS TIMES

31st March, 2024 - EASTER SUNDAY - B

BRIXHAM:

Sunday: 10.00am: Theresa Novak RIP (M. Novak)
Monday: 10.00am: **NO MASS**
Tuesday: 10.00am: **Requiem for Rosemary Miller**
Wednesday: 10.00am: Holy Souls
Friday: 10.00am: Joseph & Edith Kelly RIP (FM)
Saturday: 10.00am: For Vocations
Sunday: 10.00am: Sr. Annunciata RIP

BAPTISMS: With Prior Appointment
WEDDINGS: Six Months notice.

DARTMOUTH:

Sunday: 10.00am Celebrant's Intentions
Thursday: 10.30am: Maria Verniquet RIP (FM)
Saturday: 5.00pm Gisela Howard Chappel RIP (D. Sheppard)

CONFESSIONS:

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

ADORATION: **Brixham:** Every Friday from 9.30 am - 10.00 am. **Dartmouth:** Thursdays at 10.00am.

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 received two quotes and these have been submitted to the diocese for approval.

DEATH: **Rosemary Miller's** funeral will take place in our Church in Brixham with a Requiem Mass on Tuesday, 2nd April at 10.00am. **Pat Alley's** Funeral Service will be on Wednesday, 3rd April at 2.30pm. **Gisela Howard Chappel's** funeral will be on Thursday, 11th April at St. John the Baptist, Dartmouth at 1.00pm.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: 1. **Mass with Anointing** - Saturday, 4th May at 10.00am;

2. **Race Afternoon** - Saturday, 18th May. Gates open at 2.30pm. There will be 7 filmed races with Tote Betting. There is a Donation Sales Bar. Tickets: £3 is available after Mass. Please bring a plate of food to share. Any queries, please contact Nigel Hickman on 01803 842156.

3. **Summer Fair** - Tuesday, 18th June. We need Cakes, Preserves and Bric-a-brac and any unused Gift Items that you don't need.

4. **Quiz Nite** - Saturday, 19th October.

There is also a proposal to start a 50/50 draw. More details later.

MEDITATION: The message of Easter is first communicated by the empty tomb. The death of Jesus was an observable and observed fact by both friends and enemies. No one saw the resurrection. It did not involve resuscitation of a corpse. The first witnesses that something had happened were women. And what they saw was not Jesus but his empty tomb. They were puzzled and alarmed. Then Peter and the Beloved Disciple go to investigate. They find the empty tomb as the women reported. Peter just sees a loss, the absence of a body. But the other disciple sees with the eyes of one who loves and he sees a void filled with the presence of the Risen One. The Beloved Disciple sees the empty tomb and believes. He sees what cannot be literally seen. He suddenly understands the teaching of Scripture and the words of Jesus that he must "rise from the dead". Every Disciple who loves Jesus is one who sees — and believes with all his/her heart in a Risen Lord. It is clear from the Gospel accounts that the Risen Jesus is the same person who died on the cross. It is equally clear that he is so different that his followers have difficulty in recognising him. In various post-resurrection scenes, he does not even look the same. For Jesus now has the face of Everyone. He is known and recognised only by faith. The basis of that faith is the fact of the empty tomb and the extraordinary transformation of the disciples. They were not expecting to see their Master again. At the time of his arrest and execution, they had fled in all directions. They were terrified and in hiding. When they finally did realise that he was still with them, even if in a very different way, they were transformed from fearful people to a group overcome with joy and enthusiasm and afraid of nothing. They were now ready to endure what their Master had gone through, to give their lives for Truth and Love, and many of them did so.

TO ALL OUR PARISHIONERS, A VERY HAPPY EASTER

