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MASS TIMES

14th April 2024 - 3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER - B

BRIXHAM:

Sunday: 10.00am: For Private Intentions (P. Thurston)
Monday: 10.00am: **NO MASS**
Tuesday: 10.00am: Fr. Victor Robinson RIP (FM)
Wednesday: 10.00am: Holy Souls
Friday: 10.00am: Sr. Annunciata RIP
Saturday: 10.00am: For Vocations
Sunday: 10.00am: John O' Sullivan RIP (FM)

BAPTISMS: With Prior Appointment
WEDDINGS: Six Months notice.

DARTMOUTH:

Saturday: 5.00pm: Gisela Howard-Chappell RIP (M&A Robinson)
Thursday: 10.30am: Holy Souls
Saturday: 5.00pm Gisela Howard-Chappell RIP

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. January to March: **Brixham** -£335; **Dartmouth** - £15.00. 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: Mgr. George Hay died last week and his funeral will take place on Thursday, 25th April at St. Joseph's Church, Queen Street, Newton Abbot at 12 noon.

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.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS: Sunday, 21st April. Please pray for an increase in Vocations to Priesthood and Religious Life.

MEDITATION: Aren't we like the apostles? We won't believe unless we can see with our own eyes. The Gospel accounts attest to the reality of the resurrection of Jesus from the grave. Jesus goes to great lengths to assure his disciples that he is no mere ghost or illusion. He shows them the marks of his crucifixion and he explains how the Scriptures foretold his death and rising. The centrality of the Gospel message is the cross - but fortunately it does not stop there. Through the cross Jesus defeated our enemies - death and Satan and won pardon for our sins. His cross is the door to heaven and the key to paradise. The way to glory is through the cross. When the disciples saw the risen Lord they disbelieved for joy! How can death lead to life, the cross to victory? Jesus shows us the way and he gives us the power to overcome sin and despair, and everything else that would stand in the way of his love and truth. Just as the first disciples were commissioned to bring the good news of salvation to all the nations, so, we, too, are called to be witnesses of the resurrection of Jesus Christ to all who live on the face of the earth. We need to share the Apostles' "Upper Room Experience" in the Holy Mass: The same Jesus who, in the Upper Room, prepared the disciples for their preaching and witnessing mission, is present with us in the Eucharistic celebration. In the "Liturgy of the Word" of God, Jesus speaks to us. In the "Liturgy of the Eucharist," Jesus becomes our spiritual food and drink. Thus, today's Gospel scene is repeated every Sunday on our parish altars. Like the early disciples, we come together to repent of our sins, express our gratitude for blessings received, listen to God's word, and offer our lives to God along with our petitions and His gifts of consecrated Bread and Wine. We also consume the spiritual food Jesus supplies, thus gaining the strength necessary for sharing Christ's message with the entire world, mainly by living transparent Christian lives.