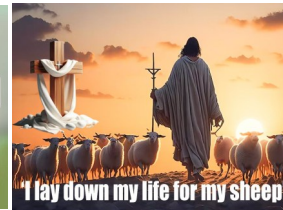
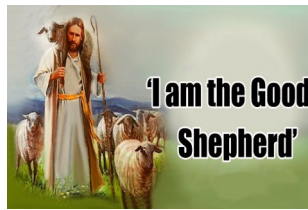


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MASS TIMES

21st April 2024 - 4th SUNDAY OF EASTER - B

BRIXHAM:

Sunday: 10.00am: John O' Sullivan RIP (FM)
Monday: 10.00am: **NO MASS**
Tuesday: 10.00am: Daphne Ellis RIP (L. Urnad)
Wednesday: 10.00am: Holy Souls
Friday: 10.00am: Sr. Annunciate RIP
Saturday: 10.00am: **NO MASS**
Sunday: 10.00am: Roy Thurston (P. Thurston)

BAPTISMS: With Prior Appointment
WEDDINGS: Six Months notice.

DARTMOUTH:

Saturday: 5.00pm: Gisela Howard-Chappell RIP
Thursday: 10.30am: Patrick Daw RIP (FM)
Saturday: 5.00pm: Holy Souls

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.

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.

DIOCESE OF PLYMOUTH - YOUTH SUMMER CAMPS: Junior Camp - School Years 3 - year; 6 - 4th - 8th August. Cost: £200; Senior Camp: School Years 7 - Year 10; 28th July - 2nd August. Cost: £250; St. Petroc's - School Years 11 & 12. 31st July - 2nd August. Cost: £100. For enquiries: summer-camps@prcdtr.org.uk

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

MEDITATION: The Old Testament often speaks of God as shepherd of his people, Israel. *The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want* (Psalm 23:1). *Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock!* (Psalm 80:1) *We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture* (Psalm 100:3). The Messiah is also pictured as the shepherd of God's people: *He will feed his flock like a Shepherd, he will gather the lambs in his arms* (Isaiah 40:11). Jesus says he is the *Good Shepherd* who will risk his life to seek out and save the stray sheep (Matthew 18:12, Luke 15:4). He is the *Shepherd and Guardian of our souls* (1 Peter 2:25). In today's first reading, Peter asserts unequivocally before the Jewish assembly that there is no salvation except through Christ the Good Shepherd whom the Jewish leaders have rejected and crucified, and in whose name the apostles preach and heal. In the second reading, St. John tells us how Yahweh, the Good Shepherd of the Old Testament, expressed His love for us through His Son Jesus, the Good Shepherd, by making us His children. The Gospel text offers us both comfort and challenge. The comforting good news is that Jesus the Good Shepherd knows us, provides for us and loves us. The challenge is that we should be *good shepherds* to those entrusted to our care.

FEAST DAYS: Tuesday, 23rd - *St. George* ((Patron of England); Thursday, 25th - *St. Mark* (Evangelist).

