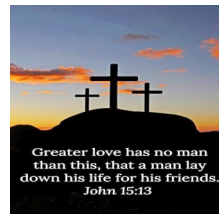


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MASS TIMES

5th May 2024 - 6th SUNDAY OF EASTER - B

BRIXHAM:

Sunday: 10.00am: For the People of the Parish
Monday: 10.00am: **NO MASS**
Tuesday: 10.00am: Fr. Sean Flannery RIP (Sr. Maria)
Wednesday: 10.00am: Holy Souls
Thursday: 10.00am **Ascension of Our Lord**
Friday: 10.00am: For Kathleen Foskin (Sr. P)
Saturday: 10.00am: For Vocations
Sunday: 10.00am: Judith Hickman RIP (N. Hickman)

DARTMOUTH:

Saturday: 5.00pm: Andre & Anita Verniquet RIP (FM)
Thursday: 5.00pm: Holy Souls (FM) **Ascension Our Lord**
Saturday: 5.00pm: Dr. A D Verniquet RIP (FM)

CONFESSIONS:

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

BAPTISMS: With Prior Appointment
WEDDINGS: Six Months notice.

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.

RACE AFTERNOON will be on 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.

PARISH EVENTS: **Summer Fair** - Tuesday, 18th June. We need Cakes, Preserves and Bric-a-brac and any unused Gift Items that you don't need. **Quiz Nite** - Saturday, 19th October. There is also a proposal to start a 50/50 draw. More details later.

PLYMOUTH DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: Starting 26th July/ 6 nights/£955 per person sharing. Full Board: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner each day. Flight from Bristol. To Book, please call **Joe Walsh Tours** on 0808 1890468 or email: Christopher.Findlay@predtr.org.uk



HOLIDAY OF OBLIGATION: Thursday, 9th May is the feast of the Ascension and is a Holyday of Obligation. Please check the Mass times above.

CHURCH CLEANERS REQUIRED: If anyone is willing to help with the cleaning of our church in Dartmouth, please contact me or Mike Robinson.

SUMMER 24 BONANZA 50/50 DRAW: Throughout the summer months we are planning on running a special draw to help raise funds for the parish. Tickets will be priced at £1 each with 50% going to church funds and 50% going into the 'Prize Pot'. Tickets will be sold after every Sunday Mass at Brixham, from Sunday 5th May until Sunday 25th August when the draw will take place. Prizes will be valued as follows: **First Prize** - 25% of the Prize Pot (Minimum of £100). **Second Prize** - 15% of the Prize Pot. **Third Prize** - 10% of the Prize Pot. In addition, there will be 10 Consolation Prizes of 5% of the Prize Pot each. Please support this venture by buying a ticket whenever possible. We would also ask for volunteers to sell the tickets - the duties should not be too onerous and if you are able to help, then please see Nigel Hickman or give him a ring on 01803 842156.

MEDITATION: Scripture tells us that *God is love* (1 John 4:8) - and everything he does flows from his immense love for us. He loved us so much - far beyond what we could ever expect or deserve - that he was willing to pay any price to redeem us from our slavery to sin and death. That is why the Father sent us his beloved Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave up his life as the atoning sacrifice for our sins. In this great exchange - the Father giving up his Son to death on the cross in order to give us abundant everlasting life and adopt us as his beloved sons and daughters in Christ (Romans 8:14-17). It is for this reason that we can take hold of a hope that does not fade and a joy that does not diminish because *God has poured his love into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us* (Romans 5:5). God's love is not limited or subject to changing circumstances. It is an enduring love that has power to change and transform us to be like him - merciful, gracious, kind, forgiving, and steadfast in showing love not only for our friends, but for our enemies as well. God's love is boundless because he is the source of abundant life, perfect peace, and immeasurable joy for all who open their hearts to him. That is why Jesus came to give us abundant life through the gift and working of the Holy Spirit.