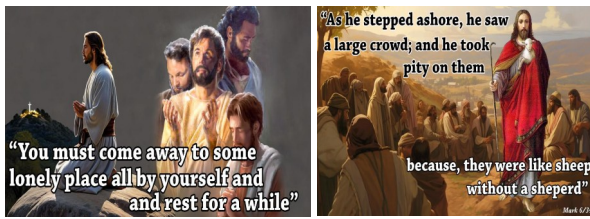


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**MASS TIMES**

**21st JULY 2024 - SIXTEENTH SUNDAY - B**

**BRIXHAM:**

*Sunday:* 10.00am: For the Dunne Family (P. Reynolds)  
*Monday:* 10.00am: **NO MASS**  
*Tuesday:* 10.00am: KA Joy RIP (Roby Joy)  
*Wednesday:* 10.00am: Holy Souls  
*Friday:* 10.00am: Fr. K V Joseph msfs RIP  
*Saturday:* 10.00am: For Vocations  
*Sunday:* 10.00am: For the Celebrant's Intentions

**BAPTISMS:** With Prior Appointment  
**WEDDINGS:** Six Months notice.

**DARTMOUTH:**

*Saturday:* 5.00pm: Private Intention (A&M Robinson)  
*Thursday:* 10.30am: Ricardo Andrews (FM)  
*Saturday:* 5.00pm: For the People of the Parish

**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. Your support is very much appreciated.

**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, Geraldine Osborne, Sheila Cripps, Liz Urand, Neville Rebello, Pat & Fred Lay, Margaret Bridges and Peter Burr in your prayers.

**SUMMER 24 BONANZA 50/50 DRAW:** **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. If you are able to help with the sale of ticket, please see Nigel Hickman or give him a ring on 01803 842156. **50/50 Draw Collection so far: £324.00**

**WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS & ELDERLY** is being celebrated on Sunday, 28th July. The theme chosen by Pope Francis is 'Do not cast me off in my old age.' (Ps 71/9). Pope Francis referred to the elderly as "The firm foundation" on which "new" stones can rest in order to join in erecting a spiritual edifice. (1Pet. 2/5). All are called to make a special effort to reach out to their grandparents and elderly in the Parish.

**WORLD DAY AGAINST TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS** fall on 30th July. The theme this year is "Leave no child behind in the fight against human trafficking". One in three victims of trafficking are children. This day is intended to raise awareness and increase prevention of people trafficking and modern day slavery.

**MEDITATION:** Shepherding was one of the oldest of callings in Israel, even before farming, since the Chosen People had travelled from place to place, living in tents, and driving their flocks from one pasture to another. Looking after sheep was no easy calling. It required great skill and courage. Herds were often quite large, thousands or even ten thousands of sheep. The flocks spent a good part of the year in the open country. Watching over them required a great deal of attention and care. Sheep who strayed from the flock had to be sought out and brought back by the shepherd. Since hyenas, jackals, wolves, and even bear were common and fed on sheep, the shepherds often had to do battle with these wild and dangerous beasts. A shepherd literally had to put his life on the line in defending his sheep. Shepherds took turns watching the sheep at night to ward off any attackers. The sheep and their shepherds continually lived together. Their life was so intimately bound together that individual sheep, even when mixed with other flocks, could recognize the voice of their own shepherd and would come immediately when called by name. The Old Testament often spoke 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 told his disciples that he was the Good Shepherd who was willing to lay down his life for his sheep (Matthew 18:12, Luke 15:4, John 10). When he saw the multitude of people in need of protection and care, he was moved to respond with compassionate concern. His love was a personal love for each and every person who came to him in need. Peter the apostle called Jesus the *Shepherd and Guardian of our souls* (1 Peter 2:25).

**FEAST DAYS:** Monday, 22nd - St. Mary Magdalene; Tuesday, 23rd - St. Bridget of Sweden (*Patron of Europe*); Thursday, 25th - St. James (*Apostle*); Friday, 26th - Sts. Joachim & Ann (*Parents of BV Mary*)