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MASS TIMES

28th JULY 2024 - SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY - B

BRIXHAM:

Sunday: 10.00am: For the Celebrant's Intentions
Monday: 10.00am: **NO MASS**
Tuesday: 10.00am: **NO MASS**
Wednesday: 10.00am: Holy Souls
Friday: 10.00am: Deceased members of the MSFS Family
Saturday: 10.00am: For Vocations
Sunday: 10.00am: Sylveester Heaton RIP (B. Heaton)

BAPTISMS: With Prior Appointment
WEDDINGS: Six Months notice.

DARTMOUTH:

Saturday: 5.00pm: For Angela & Mike Robinson
Thursday: 10.30am: Holy Souls
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: £353.00**

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.

CONGRATULATIONS to Angela & Mike Robinson who celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary this month. May God bless both of you and keep you in His loving care.

RECEPTION INTO THE HOLY CATHOLIC CHURCH: Neethu Regi will be baptised and received into the Catholic Church during the Mass on Sunday, 4th August in Brixham. She is a nurse at the Derriford hospital in Plymouth and was brought up a Hindu. Please remember her in you prayers.

MEDITATION: Can anything on this earth truly satisfy the deepest longing and hunger we experience for God? A great multitude had gathered to hear Jesus, no doubt because they were hungry for the word of life. Jesus' disciples wanted to send them away at the end of the day because they did not have the resources to feed them. Jesus' feeding of the five thousand is the only miracle that is repeated in all four Gospel accounts. The miraculous feeding of such a great multitude pointed to God's provision of manna in the wilderness for the people of Israel under Moses' leadership (Exodus 16). This daily provision of food in the barren wilderness foreshadowed the true heavenly bread which Jesus would offer his followers. Jesus makes a claim which only God can make: He is the *true bread of heaven* that can satisfy the deepest hunger we experience. The sign of the multiplication of the loaves when the Lord says the blessing, breaks, and distributes through his disciples prefigures the superabundance of the unique bread of his Eucharist or Lord's Supper. When we receive from the Lord's table we unite ourselves to Jesus Christ, who makes us sharers in his body and blood. Ignatius of Antioch (35-107 A.D.) calls it the "one bread that provides the medicine of immortality, the antidote for death, and the food that makes us live for ever in Jesus Christ" (*Ad Eph. 20,2*). The feeding of the five thousand shows the remarkable generosity of God and his great kindness towards us. When God gives, he gives abundantly. He gives more than we need for ourselves so that we may have something to share with others, especially those who lack what they need. God takes the little we have and multiplies it for the good of others.

FEAST DAYS: Mon., 29th - *St. Martha, Mary & Lazarus*; Wed., 31st - *St. Ignatius of Layola*; Th., 1st Aug - *St. Alphonsus*