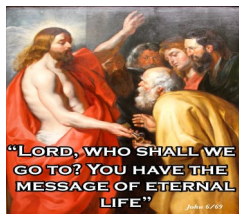


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**MASS TIMES**

**25th August 2024 - TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY - B**

**BRIXHAM:**

*Sunday:* 10.00am: For the People of the Parish  
*Monday:* 10.00am: **NO MASS**  
*Tuesday:* 10.00am: Holy Souls (Sr C)  
*Wednesday:* 10.00am: Personal Intentions  
*Friday:* 10.00am: Thomas RIP (Priya & Xavier)  
*Saturday:* 10.00am: For Vocations  
*Sunday:* 10.00am: For Val & Mal Seymour (50th Wedding Anniversary)

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

**DARTMOUTH:**

*Sunday:* 5.00pm : For the Intentions of Michael McLaughlin  
*Thursday:* 10.30am: Holy Souls  
*Saturday:* 12.00noon: 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:** The final day for the sale tickets will be on **Sunday, 26th August 2024.** The draw will take place on Sunday, 1st September after the Mass in Brixham. **50/50 Draw Collection so far: £499.00**

**DARTMOUTH REGATTA:** Please note!! On Dartmouth Regatta week-end, Mass at St. John the Baptist Church will be on Sunday, 1st September at 12.00noon and not on Saturday, 31st August. **Please note: Mass in Dartmouth on Saturday, 7th September is postponed to Sunday, 8th Sept at 12noon.**



**SEA SUNDAY: (Stella Maris)** There will be a Retiring Collection to give practical help and pastoral care to Seafarers and their families on Sunday, 25th August. Please be generous.

**MEDITATION:** Jesus claimed to be the bread of heaven, the very life of God given to us as spiritual food to sustain us on our journey to our promised homeland with the Father in heaven. Jesus did not leave any middle ground for his hearers. They must either accept his word as divine or reject it as the claim of an imposter. Even the apostles admitted that this was a "hard saying". This expression meant that it was not just hard to understand, but hard to accept. Jesus pressed the issue with his beloved disciples because he wanted to test their faith and loyalty to him as the Holy One sent from the Father in heaven. Jesus promised his disciples nothing less than the full blessing of eternal life and union with God. Jesus told his disciples that his words were "spirit and life" (John 6:63) - his words came from the heavenly Father who is the Author of life and the One who breathes his Spirit into those who believe in him. Through the gift of faith Peter was able to receive spiritual revelation of who Jesus truly is - the Holy One of God, the eternal Son sent from the Father in heaven to redeem a fallen human race and reconcile them with God. Faith is a gift which God freely gives to those who listen to his word and who put their trust in him. Faith is a personal response to God's revelation of himself. Faith is neither blind nor ignorant. It is based on the truth and reliability of God's word. True faith seeks understanding. Saint Augustine of Hippo (354-430 AD) said, "Faith is to believe what you do not see; the reward of faith is to see what you believe." The Lord Jesus offers all of his followers his life-giving word and Spirit to help us grow in our knowledge and understanding of God.

**FEAST DAYS:** Tuesday, 27th - *St. Monica*; Wednesday, 28th - *St. Augustine*; Thursday, 29th - *The Passion of St. John the Baptist.*