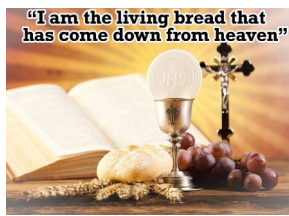


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**MASS TIMES**

**18th August 2024 - TWENTIETH SUNDAY - B**

**BRIXHAM:**

*Sunday:* 10.00am: May & Jack Brennan RIP (M. McLaughlin)  
*Monday:* 10.00am: **NO MASS**  
*Tuesday:* 10.00am: Holy Souls (Sr C)  
*Wednesday:* 10.00am: For the Deceased members of MSFS  
*Friday:* 10.00am: Holy Souls  
*Saturday:* 10.00am: For Vocations  
*Sunday:* 10.00am: or the People of the Parish

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

**DARTMOUTH:**

*Sunday:* 12.00noon : For the People of the Parish  
*Thursday:* 10.30am: Holy Souls  
*Saturday:* 5.00pm: For the Intentions of Michael McLaughlin

**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: £458.00**

**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.

**Fr. DOMINIC MAY** has fallen ill. Please remember him in your prayers for a speedy recovery.

**MEDITATION:** In the Old Covenant bread and wine were offered in a thanksgiving sacrifice as a sign of grateful acknowledgment to the Creator as the giver and sustainer of life. Melchizedek, who was both a priest and king (Genesis 14:18; Hebrews 7:1-4), offered a sacrifice of bread and wine. His offering prefigured the offering made by Jesus, our high priest and king (Hebrews 7:26; 9:11; 10:12). The remembrance of the manna in the wilderness recalled to the people of Israel that they live - not by earthly bread alone - but by the bread of the Word of God (Deuteronomy 8:3). At the last supper when Jesus blessed the cup of wine, he gave it to his disciples saying, "Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins" (Matthew 26:28). Jesus was pointing to the sacrifice he was about to make on the cross, when he would shed his blood for us - thus pouring himself out and giving himself to us - as an atoning sacrifice for our sins and the sins of the world. His death on the cross fulfilled the sacrifice of the paschal (Passover) lamb whose blood spared the Israelites from death in Egypt. St. Paul tells us that "Christ, our paschal lamb, has been sacrificed" (1 Corinthians 5:7). Paul echoes the words of John the Baptist who called Jesus the "Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world" (John 1:29). Jesus made himself an offering and sacrifice, a gift that was truly pleasing to the Father. He "offered himself without blemish to God" (Hebrews 9:14) and "gave himself as a sacrifice to God" (Ephesians 5:2). When the Lord Jesus commands his disciples to eat his flesh and drink his blood, he invites us to take his life into the very centre of our being. That life which he offers is the very life of God himself.

**FEAST DAYS:** Tuesday, 20th - St. Bernard; Wednesday, 21st - St. Pius X; Thursday, 22nd - Queenship of Mary; Saturday, 24th - St. Bartholomew (Apostle)