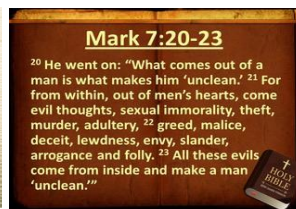


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MASS TIMES

1st September 2024 - TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY - B

BRIXHAM:

Sunday: 10.00am: For Val & Mal Seymour (50th WA Mass)
Monday: 10.00am: **NO MASS**
Tuesday: 10.00am: Jeffrey Burnes RIP (Y. Burnes)
Wednesday: 10.00am: Holy Souls
Friday: 10.00am: Sr, Vianney RIP
Saturday: 10.00am: For Vocations
Sunday: 10.00am: Roy Thurston RIP (P. Thurston)

BAPTISMS: With Prior Appointment
WEDDINGS: Six Months notice.

DARTMOUTH:

Sunday: 12.00noon : For the People of the Parish
Thursday: 10.30am: Holy Souls
Sunday: 12.00noon: In honour of St. Therese of Lisieux (G. Lobo)

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 draw will take place on Sunday, 1st September after the Mass in Brixham. **50/50 Draw Collection so far: £553.00**

Congratulations! to Mal & Val Seymour who are celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary on Saturday, 7th September. Many God bless you abundantly and keep you safe for many more years to come.

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORIE from 8th - 11th October from Bristol Airport and return to Stansted Airport. Full board & stay at 4* hotel. 5 seats are available. Transport from and to Bridgewater available. Contact before Sunday, 8th September Fr. Paul on 07450243223.

SEA SUNDAY: (Stella Maris). Collection - Brixham: £190.50 Thanks to your generosity.

MEDITATION: The Scribes and Pharisees were upset with Jesus because he allowed his disciples to break with their ritual traditions by eating with unclean hands. They sent a delegation all the way from Jerusalem to Galilee to bring their accusation in a face-to-face confrontation with Jesus. Jesus dealt with their accusation by going to the heart of the matter - by looking at God's intention and purpose for the commandments. Jesus explains that they void God's command because they allow their hearts and minds to be clouded by their own notions of what is true religion. Jesus accuses them specifically of two things. First of hypocrisy. Like actors, who put on a show, they appear to obey God's word in their external practices while they inwardly harbour evil desires and intentions. Secondly, he accuses them of abandoning God's word by substituting their own arguments and ingenious interpretations for what God requires. They devised clever arguments based on their own thoughts rather than on God's word. Jesus refers them to the prophecy of Isaiah (29:31) where the prophet accuses the people of his day for honouring God with their lips while their hearts were far away from choosing and doing what God asked of them. Jesus points his listeners to the source of true defilement - evil desires which come from inside a person's innermost being. God in his mercy sent his Son Jesus Christ to free us from our sinful cravings and burden of guilt, and to restore us to wholeness of life and goodness. But to receive his mercy and healing, we must admit our faults and ask for his forgiveness. *"If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness"* (1 John 1:8-9).

FEAST DAYS: Tuesday, 3rd September - *St. Gregory the Great.*