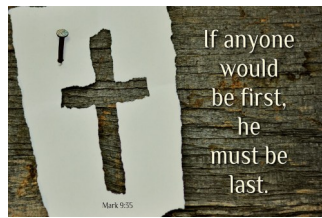


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MASS TIMES

22nd September 2024 - TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY - B

BRIXHAM:

Sunday: 10.00am: Private Intentions (P. Reynolds)
Monday: 10.00am: **NO MASS**
Tuesday: 10.00am: Church opened for prayers till 10.30am
Wednesday: 10.00am: **NO MASS**
Friday: 10.00am: Church opened for prayers till 10.30am
Saturday: 10.00am: **NO MASS**
Sunday: 10.00am: For the Intentions of the Celebrant

BAPTISMS: With Prior Appointment
WEDDINGS: Six Months notice.

DARTMOUTH:

Saturday: 5.00pm: For the Intentions of the Celebrant
Thursday: 10.00am: Church opened for prayers till 10.30am
Saturday: 5.00pm: For the Intentions of the Celebrant

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.

SUPPORT FOR VICTIMS OF ABUSE: The Safeguarding Office provides and support to all victims of abuse, regardless of something that is happening currently or that happened in the past. For a confidential conversation, please call on 01364 645430 or safeguarding@prcdtr.org.uk

MASS TIMES: Fr. Gilmore McDermott will be with us this week-end.

DEI VERBUM - THE WORD OF GOD: Come and join us with Sr. Haycinthe, who is a Dominican, will guide us through the text and inspire us with a love of God's Word. Come to Schiller Hall, Buckfast Abbey on Saturday, 19th October. Coffee/tea at 10.30am. To reserve a place, contact: deborah.vankroonenburg@prcdtr.org.uk

WORLD DAY OF CARE FOR CREATION: As we prepare for the year of Jubilee, Caritas Diocese of Plymouth would like to invite you to reflect on Care for Creation and how we live this out in our churches and communities today. To find out more, please follow the link - <https://wp.me/paTncV-a2d>

BISHOP-ELECT OF PLYMOUTH: Bishop Philip Moger, the Auxiliary Bishop of Southwark Archdiocese has been appointed the new Bishop of Plymouth. He was a priest of the Diocese of Leeds for over 40 years. He will be installed as the 10th Bishop of Plymouth on the 9th of November at the Cathedral. Your prayers are requested.

MEDITATION: There can be no share in God's glory without the cross. When Jesus prophesied his own betrayal and crucifixion, it did not make any sense to his disciples because it did not fit their understanding of what the Messiah came to do. And they were afraid to ask further questions! Like a person who might receive a bad verdict from the doctor and then refuse to ask further questions, they, too, didn't want to know any more. How often do we reject what we do not wish to see? We have heard the good news of God's word and we know the consequences of accepting it or rejecting it. The appetite for glory and greatness seems to be inbred in us. Who doesn't cherish the ambition to be "somebody" whom others admire rather than a "nobody"? Even the psalms speak about the glory God has destined for us. *You have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honour* (Psalm 8:5). Jesus made a dramatic gesture by embracing a child to show his disciples who really is the greatest in the kingdom of God. What can a little child possibly teach us about greatness? Children in the ancient world had no rights, position, or privileges of their own. They were socially at the "bottom of the rung" and at the service of their parents, much like the household staff and domestic servants. Jesus, himself, is our model. He came not to be served, but to serve (Matthew 20:28). Paul the Apostle states that Jesus emptied himself and took the form of a servant (Philippians 2:7). Jesus lowered himself (he whose place is at the right hand of God the Father) and took on our lowly nature that he might raise us up and clothe us in his divine nature. *God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble* (James 4:6). If we want to be filled with God's life and power, then we need to empty ourselves of everything which stands in the way - pride, self-seeking glory, vanity, etc. God wants empty vessels so he can fill them with his own glory, power, and love (2 Corinthians 4:7).

FEAST DAYS: Mon., 23rd - Padre Pio; Thurs, 26th - Sts Cosmas & Damian; Fri., 27th - St. Vincent de Paul.