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MASS TIMES

17th November 2024 - THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY - B

BRIXHAM:

Sunday: 10.00am: Mary Heaton RIP (B. Heaton)
Monday: 10.00am: Sr. Denise RIP (Sr. P)
Tuesday: 10.00am: **NO MASS**
Wednesday: 11.00am: **Funeral Service - John Smyth**
Friday: 10.00am: Ven. Agnel D'Souza (G. Lobo)
Saturday: 10.00am: Gertrude Cunningham RIP
Sunday: 10.00am: John Smyth RIP (P. Roxburgh)

BAPTISMS: With Prior Appointment
WEDDINGS: Six Months notice.

DARTMOUTH:

Saturday: 5.00pm: For Pat Lay (M&A Robinson)
Thursday: 12.00noon: **Clergy Requiem at the Cathedral**
Saturday: 5.00pm: Nancy Bamber RIP (S. Murray-Bruce)

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, Geraldine Osborne, Sheila Cripps, Liz Urand, Neville Rebello, Pat & Fred Lay, Margaret Bridges and Ellen in your prayers.

BISHOP-ELECT OF PLYMOUTH: Please continue to remember Bishop Philip in your prayers.

NOVEMBER DEAD LIST: Your loved ones will be remembered through the month of November during the Mass.

MAKING MISSIONARY DISCIPLES: The course comprises of 7 sessions of 90 minutes each. This Course aims at making you a Missionary Disciple committed to serving Jesus and also taking your Spiritual life to a new level. If you are interested, please contact: julia.beacroft@prcdtr.org.uk or ring Mob: 07751 670211

HEALTH AND SAFTY OFFICERS: The following people have agreed to help. Mike Smith & Steve Naylor - *Brixham* & John Belli - *Dartmouth*. **SAFEGUARDING OFFICERS:** *Brixham* - Roz Bates. Edward Finlayson & Debbie Donelan to help. *Dartmouth* - Mike Robinson

ADVENT RETREAT: Saturday, 7th December from 9.30am - 3.30pm at St. Rita's Centre, Honiton with Fr. Jonathan Bielawski. Coffee & Tea & Lunch provided. There will be Talks, Reflection, Adoration, Confession. Cost: £25. To register, please call on 01404 42635 or see the Notice Board for details.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE: Raffle tickets will be on sale in Brixham after Sunday Masses. Draw will be taken after the Mass on Christmas morning. Attractive prizes.

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR LUNCH is being organised for the New Year. Details later.

NEW LECTIONARY: From the 1st Sunday of Advent, the Old Lectionaries will become obsolete. If anyone wants the new peoples' Sunday Lectionary, please let me know.

CLERGY REQUIEM will be held at the Cathedral on Thursday, 21st Nov. at 12 noon. This is a day we remember and pray for all priests who worked in the Diocese and have now gone to their eternal reward. All are welcome.

MEDITATION: What lesson does the Lord Jesus want us to learn from the parable of the budding fig tree? The fig tree was a common and important source of food for the Jews. It bore fruit twice a year, in the autumn and in the early spring. The prophet Joel mentions its fruit-bearing as a sign of favour from the Lord (Joel 2:22). The Talmud (a Jewish commentary and instruction on the Torah or Five Books of Moses) said that the first fruit came the day after Passover. The Jews believed that when the Messiah came he would usher in the kingdom of God at Passover time. This parable foretells the joy of God's kingdom - the joy of new life and the promise of a new age of peace and blessing. The signs of spring are evident for all who can see. Just so are the signs of God's kingdom. The "budding" of God's kingdom begins first in the hearts of those who are receptive to God's word. Those who trust in God's word will bear the fruits of his kingdom. And what are the fruits of that kingdom? "The kingdom of God ..is righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit (Romans 14:17). The first coming of the Lord Jesus is inseparably linked with his second coming at the end of this present age. We do not know the day or hour when the Lord will return again in glory. But now in this present age we can experience the first-fruits of the kingdom of God - the abundant new life in the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, and the fruits of the Spirit - love, peace, joy, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control (Galatians 5:22-23).

FEAST DAYS: Thursday, 21st - **Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**; Friday, 22nd - **St. Cecilia**.