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MASS TIMES

**24th November 2024 - FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING - B**

**BRIXHAM:**

*Sunday:* 10.00am: John Smyth RIP (P. Roxburgh)  
*Monday:* 10.00am: Sr. Denise RIP (Sr. P)  
*Tuesday:* 10.00am: In honour of St. Francis Xavier (G. Lobo)  
*Wednesday:* 11.00am: **NO MASS**  
*Friday:* 10.00am: Christopher Walker RIP (F. Kisnorbo)  
*Saturday:* 10.00am: For Rebecca Roxburgh (P. Roxburgh)  
*Sunday:* 10.00am: Cliff Hayes RIP (S&N Hayes)

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

**DARTMOUTH:**

*Saturday:* 5.00pm: Nancy Bamber RIP (S. Murray-Bruce)  
*Thursday:* 10.30am Holy Souls (NDL)  
*Saturday:* 5.00pm: David Murray Bruce 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.

**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:** New people's **Sunday Lectionary** is available with me. Price: £18.00 each. If anyone would like to have a copy, please let me know. I have 9 copies with me.

**CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS:** Fr. Ignatius from Torquay will be with us in Brixham on Monday, 16th December. We start Confessions at 5.00pm. The Church urges all Catholics to approach the Sacrament of Confession at least once a year. Please make use of this opportunity to prepare for well for Christmas.

**GUIDED RETREAT AT BUCKFAST ABBEY:** **Creation Retreat:** 19th - 23rd May. 4 nights half board from £575; **Church Musician's Retreat:** 28th Aug. - 1st Sept. From £500. For details: [www.buckfast.org.uk/retreats](http://www.buckfast.org.uk/retreats)

**MEDITATION:** Kingship today seems antiquated, especially in democratic societies where everyone is treated equal and free. God at first did not want to give his people Israel a king. Why? Because God alone was their King and they needed no other. Nonetheless, God relented and promised his people that through David's line he would establish a Ruler and a Kingdom that would last for eternity (Psalm 89:29). The Jews understood that the Messiah ("Anointed One") would come as God's anointed King to restore paradise and establish God's reign of everlasting peace for them. They wanted a Messianic King who would free them from strife and division and from foreign oppression. Many had high hopes that Jesus would be the Messiah and Ruler for Israel. Little did they understand what kind of kingship Jesus claimed to possess. Jesus came to deliver his people, and the whole world, from the worst kind of tyranny possible - from bondage to sin, condemnation and death, and to free us from Satan's kingdom of deception, oppression, and destruction. Jesus came to conquer hearts and souls for an unshakeable kingdom - a kingdom ruled not by force or fear - but by the power of God's righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit (Romans 14:17). As Jesus was dying on the cross, he was mocked for his claim to kingship. Nonetheless, he died not only as King of the Jews, but King of all the nations as well. His victory over the power of sin, Satan, and the world, was accomplished through his death on the cross and his rising from the tomb on the third day - never to die again. Jesus exchanged a throne of glory for a cross of shame to restore us from slavery to sin to glory with God as his adopted sons and daughters. In the Book of Revelation Jesus is called *King of kings and Lord and lords* (Revelations 19:16).

**FEAST DAYS:** Friday, 29th - St. Cuthbert Mayne.