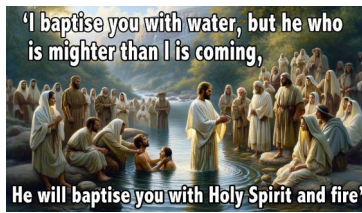


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MASS TIMES

12th January 2025 - THE BAPTISM OF JESUS - C

BRIXHAM:

Sunday: 10.00am: Sylvia Gilmore RIP (T. Gilmore)
Monday: 10.00am: **NO MASS**
Tuesday: 10.00am: Holy Souls (NDL)
Wednesday: 10.00am: Private Intentions
Friday: 10.00am: Sr. Denis RIP (Sr. P)
Saturday: 10.00am: For Vocations
Sunday: 10.00am: Mr & Mrs Alex Pereira RIP (G. Lobo)

BAPTISMS: With Prior Appointment
WEDDINGS: Six Months notice.

DARTMOUTH:

Saturday: 5.00pm: Holy Souls (NDL)
Thursday: 10.30am: Lord Henry & Lady Louisa Kerr RIP (FM)
Saturday: 5.00pm: Holy Souls (NDL)

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. October - December 2024: **Brixham** - £231.00; **Dartmouth** - £22.00. 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: Paying by a Standing Order would be of great help. **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: Molly Hall, Alan Swain, Geraldine Osborne, Sheila Cripps, Liz Urand, Neville Rebello, Pat & Fred Lay, Margaret Bridges, John O'Conner and Ellen Kemp.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR LUNCH: The Parish New Year lunch will be held at Churston Gold Course on Wednesday, 29th January. Time: 12.30pm for 1.00pm. There will be a choice of 1, 2, or 3 courses. Please see the poster on the Notice Board for Menu choices, costs and method of payment.



DEATH: Chris Dick's Requiem Mass will take place on Monday, 6th January 2025 at 11.00am in Dartmouth followed by burial at Longcross Cemetery. May he Rest In Peace.

CRIB OFFERINGS: Brixham - £37.00; Dartmouth - £16.00. Thanks.

DIOCESAN YOUTH GATHERING: A gathering of young people aged 13-17 from across the Diocese to get to know one another and explore their faith. 24th - 26th January 2025, East Shallowford Farm, Dartmoor. Workshop, art, drama, music, photography etc. For information and to book, Contact: Saskia, youth@prcdtr.org.uk

VACCANCY: The Diocese of Plymouth is looking for a Property Administrator based at St. Boniface House, Ashburton. Closing date: Monday, 3rd Feb. 2025. If you feel confident, please contact: recruitment@prcdtr.org.uk

MEDITATION: The Christmas season comes to an end with the feast of the Baptism of Our Lord. Christmas is the feast of God's Self-revelation to the Jews, and Epiphany celebrates God's Self-revelation to the Gentiles. At his Baptism in the Jordan, Christ reveals himself to repentant sinners. The Baptism of the Lord Jesus is the great event celebrated by the Eastern churches on the feast of Epiphany because it is the occasion of the first public revelation of all the Three Persons in the Holy Trinity, and the official revelation of Jesus as the Son of God to the world by God the Father. It is also an event described by all four Gospels, and it marks the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. Jesus' baptism by John was a very important event in the life of Jesus. First it was a **moment of identification** with us sinners. Sinless, Jesus received the baptism of repentance to identify himself with his people who realized for the first time that they were sinners. (As given in the anecdotes, St. Damien, St. Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa), Gandhi, and Mandela identified with the people whom they served). Second, it was a **moment of God's affirmation** of His identity and mission: that He is the Son of God and His mission is to preach the Good News of God's love and salvation and to atone for our sins by becoming the "suffering servant." God the Father's words, "This is my beloved Son," (prophesied in *Ps 2:17*), confirmed Jesus' identity as God's Son, and the words "with whom I am well pleased," (prophesied in *Isaiah 42:1*; referring to the "suffering servant"), pointed to Jesus' mission of atoning for the sins of the world by His suffering and death on the cross. Third, it was a **moment of equipment**. The Holy Spirit equipped Jesus by descending on him in the form of dove, giving him the power of preaching and healing. Fourth, it was a **moment of decision** to begin public ministry at the most opportune time after receiving the approval of his Heavenly Father as His *beloved Son*.

FEAST DAYS: Friday, 17th - St. Anthony.