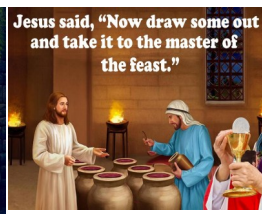
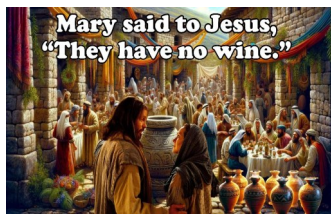


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**MASS TIMES**

**19th January 2025 - SECOND SUNDAY - C**

**BRIXHAM:**

Sunday: 10.00am: Private Intentions  
Monday: 10.00am: **NO MASS**  
Tuesday: 10.00am: Thanksgiving Mass (R. Bates)  
Wednesday: 10.00am: Mr & Mrs Alex Pereira RIP (G. Lobo)  
Friday: 10.00am: Sr. Denis RIP (Sr. P)  
Saturday: 10.00am: **NO MASS**  
Sunday: 10.00am: Rosemary Walker RIP (L. Urand)

BAPTISMS: With Prior Appointment  
WEDDINGS: Six Months notice.

**DARTMOUTH:**

Saturday: 5.00pm: Holy Souls (NDL)  
Thursday: 10.30am: For the People of the Parish  
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. 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.



**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](mailto:youth@prcdtr.org.uk)

**HEATING SYSTEM IN THE HALL:** The Heating System in the Parish Hall in Brixham is completely broken down. It was installed 19 years ago. We are exploring various options; whether to go with gas based system or electric heating. It's going to be expensive. If anyone has any brighter idea, please let me know.

**A BIG THANK YOU** to Debbie Donolan who has volunteered to help with the Accounts of the Parish.

**UNBOUND - a practical guide to deliverance and true Freedom in Christ.** In this Jubilee year where Pope Francis has asked us to be "Pilgrims of Hope" This day will offer practical guidance on the spiritual battle of life and how inner healing and deliverance can give us true freedom in Christ. The day is being led by Sue Wash the National Co-Ordinator of Unbound Prayer ministry UK. This event will be held at Buckfast Abbey conference centre on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> February 10am-3pm. ( Dart View Room 4). There is an opportunity to go to the Abbey mass at noon. Bookings need to be done through [plymouth-crownhill@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:plymouth-crownhill@prcdtr.org.uk) Enquiries: 01752 701660. We look forward to seeing you.

**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](mailto:recruitment@prcdtr.org.uk)

**MEDITATION:** God often reveals his glory to us in the unlikeliest of places - in a cold stable at Bethlehem, at a village wedding party in Cana, on a bloody cross at Golgatha, or on the road to Emmaus. In today's Gospel reading we see the first public sign and miracle which Jesus performed. The Lord Jesus brought great blessing and joy to a newlywed couple and their wedding party. First by his presence, and second by saving them from embarrassment when the wine ran out. Changing water into wine was a remarkable act of kindness; but giving the best to last was unnecessary and unheard of. In the Old Testament wine is seen as both a gift and blessing of God (Deuteronomy 7:13; Proverbs 3:10, Psalm 105:). That Jesus would miraculously produce 120 gallons of the best wine (many times more than needed) shows the superabundance of the blessings which he came to offer. This miracle signifies the "new rich wine" of the Gospel and it points to the "wine of the new covenant" and the "bread of life" which Jesus provides for his disciples in the Lord's Supper or Eucharist. It also points to the Messianic banquet which Jesus will provide at the end of the age when he comes again in his glory. The miracles of Jesus demonstrate the power of God's love and mercy for his people. God's kindness knows no limits. And the ultimate expression of his love is revealed in the person of his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. He became flesh for our sake, and he died for our redemption, and he rose that we, too, might be raised up and glorified with him.

**FEAST DAYS:** Tue., 21st - *St. Agnes*; Fri., 24th - *St. Francis de Sales*; Sat., 25th - *Conversion of St. Paul*.