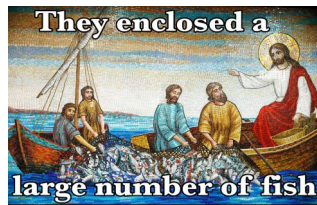


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MASS TIMES

9th February 2025 - FIFTH SUNDAY - C

BRIXHAM:

Sunday: 10.00am: May & Jack Brennan RIP (M. McLaughlin)
Monday: 10.00am: **NO MASS**
Tuesday: 10.00am: For the Sick and housebound of our Parish
Wednesday: 10.00am: Holy Souls (NDL)
Friday: 10.00am: Mr & Mrs. Alex Pereira RIP (G. Lobo)
Saturday: 10.00am: For Vocations
Sunday: 10.00am: For Donor's intentions (Sr. C)

BAPTISMS: With Prior Appointment
WEDDINGS: Six Months notice.

DARTMOUTH:

Saturday: 5.00pm: Hugh Treseder RIP (J. Treseder & M. Fowler)
Thursday: 10.30am: John O'Connell RIP
Saturday: 5.00pm: In honour of Infant Jesus of Prague (G. Lobo)

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 and Ellen Kemp.

HEATING SYSTEM IN THE HALL: After much discussion and consultation, we have decided to go for an infrared heating system rather than a Gas based system, in the Hall in Brixham. This is a lot economical, instant and easy to install. The total cost of installation is £4000 rather than £6900 - £11800 from previous quotes. We hope to start the work in two weeks time.

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 15th 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@predtr.org.uk Enquiries: 01752 701660. We look forward to seeing you.

WORLD DAY FOR THE SICK: Tuesday, 11th February. Please remember to pray for the sick and housebound.

YOUNG ADULTS ROME PILGRIMAGE: Do you want to deepen your faith and engage more fully in your Catholic community? Come and encounter the breadth and depth of the Catholic Church with a Pilgrimage to Rome 28th July-4th August 2025 for 20-35 year olds. As well as Mass with Pope Francis, you will experience the vibrancy of the Church as you are surrounded by thousands of young pilgrims from around the world, glorifying God. You will then be able to share this unique experience by giving back to your community from the riches that God wills to give to you. For more information and to register your interest by 17th February, please follow the link: <https://forms.office.com/e/fhZ8zmvLy6>

MEDITATION: Why did Jesus perform the miracle of the great catch of fish? This incident tells us an important truth about how God works in and through each of us for his glory. God expects of us greater things than we can do by ourselves. When we cooperate in *his* works, we accomplish far beyond what we can do on our own. Therese of Lisieux, a Carmelite nun who died of tuberculosis at the age of twenty-four, wrote to a friend: "Jesus has so incomprehensible a love for us that he wills that we have a share with him in the salvation of souls. He wills to do nothing without us. The Creator of the universe awaits the prayer of a poor little soul to save other souls redeemed like it at the price of all his Blood." God chooses ordinary people, like you and me, as his ambassadors and he uses the ordinary circumstances of our daily lives and work situations to draw others into his kingdom. Jesus speaks the same message to us today: we will "catch people" for the kingdom of God if we allow the light of Jesus Christ to shine through us. God wants others to see the light of Christ in us in the way we live, speak, and witness the joy of the Gospel. Paul the Apostle says, "But thanks be to God, who in Christ Jesus always leads us in triumph, and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of him everywhere. For we are the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing" (2 Corinthians 2:15).

FEAST DAYS: Friday, 14th - *Sts. Cyril & Methodius, Patrons of Europe.*