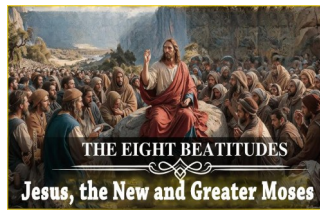


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MASS TIMES

16th February 2025 - SIXTH SUNDAY - C

BRIXHAM:

Sunday: 10.00am: For Donor's intentions (Sr. C)
Monday: 10.00am: **NO MASS**
Tuesday: 10.00am: Private Intentions (Sr. C)
Wednesday: 10.00am: Gordon Thomas RIP (P. Thomas)
Friday: 10.00am: Holy Souls (NDL)
Saturday: 10.00am: For Vocations
Sunday: 10.00am: Jeffery Burnes RIP (Y. Burnes)

BAPTISMS: With Prior Appointment
WEDDINGS: Six Months notice.

DARTMOUTH:

Saturday: 5.00pm: In honour of Infant Jesus of Prague (G. Lobo)
Thursday: 10.30am: Holy Souls (NDL)
Saturday: 5.00pm: David Riddell RIP (A&M Robinson)

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: We have now received 8 infrared heaters. Most probably, the heaters will be installed in the Hall next week; depending on the availability of our electrician.

DEATH: Dr. Patrick Fanning, who was a resident of Strete, died on 4th February will have his Funeral Services held at St. John the Baptist on Thursday, 27th February at 1.00pm. May he Rest In Peace.

NO TO ASSISTED SUICIDE - TALK: MPs voted for the terminally ill Adults (End of Life) Bill to pass its Second Reading in November 2024. This bill can still be defeated when MPs next vote at the end of April. Attend a meeting to learn how to save vulnerable people from assisted suicide. Date: **Saturday, 1st March 2025**. Location: St. Joseph's RC Church Hall, 96 Queen's Street, Newton Abbot TQ12 2ET. Debrah.vanKroonenburg@prcdtr.org.uk

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: We know from experience that no one can escape all of the inevitable trials of life - pain, suffering, sickness, and death. When Jesus began to teach his disciples, he gave them a "way of happiness" that transcends every difficulty and trouble that can weigh us down with grief and despair. Jesus began his sermon on the mount by addressing the issue of where true happiness can be found. The word *beatitude* literally means *happiness* or *blessedness*. Jesus' way of happiness, however, demands a transformation from within - a conversion of heart and mind which can only come about through the gift and working of the Holy Spirit. Ambrose (339-397 A.D), an early church father and bishop of Milan, links the beatitudes with the four cardinal virtues which strengthen us in living a life of moral excellence. He writes: "Let us see how St. Luke encompassed the eight blessings in the four. We know that there are four cardinal virtues: **temperance, justice, prudence and fortitude**. One who is poor in spirit is not greedy. One who weeps is not proud but is submissive and tranquil. One who mourns is humble. One who is merciful gives away his own goods. One who bestows his own goods does not seek another's, nor does he contrive a trap for his neighbour. These virtues are interwoven and interlinked, so that one who has one may be seen to have several, and a single virtue befits the saints. Where virtue abounds, the reward too abounds. Thus temperance has purity of heart and spirit, justice has compassion, patience has peace, and endurance has gentleness." (*EXPOSITION OF THE GOSPEL OF LUKE 5.62-63, 68*).

FEAST DAYS: Saturday, 22nd - *The Chair of St. Peter* (Apostle).