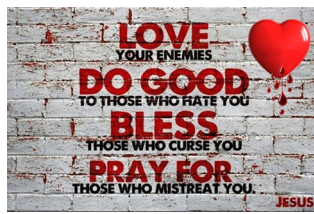


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**MASS TIMES**

**23rd February 2025 - SEVENTH SUNDAY - C**

**BRIXHAM:**

*Sunday:* 10.00am: Jeffery Burnes RIP (Y. Burnes)  
*Monday:* 10.00am: **NO MASS**  
*Tuesday:* 10.00am: For the people of the Parish  
*Wednesday:* 10.00am: Intentions of the Donor (Sr. C)  
*Friday:* 10.00am: Holy Souls (NDL)  
*Saturday:* 10.00am: For Vocations  
*Sunday:* 10.00am: Joseph Pereira RIP (G. Lobo)

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

**DARTMOUTH:**

*Saturday:* 5.00pm: Intentions of the Celebrant  
*Thursday:* 10.30am: David Riddell RIP (A&M Robinson)  
*Saturday:* 5.00pm: Brian Sheppard RIP (D. Sheppard)

**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:** The work is now complete. Total Cost: £4000.00

**SMARTIE TUBES COLLECTIONS:** So far - £45.00. Thanks.

**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](mailto:Debrah.vanKroonenburg@prcdtr.org.uk)

**LENT DAY OF RECOLLECTION:** Saturday, 15th March at St. Rita's Centre, Honiton from 9.30am - 4.00pm. Talks, Adoration, Mass. Cost: £25.00 which includes lunch. Registration Forms are available at the back of the Church or ring on 01404 42635.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR POPE FRANCIS:** Pope Francis has a 'polymicrobial infection' of his respiratory tract. It is a kind of double pneumonia. Please keep him in your prayers.

**LENT:** The season of Lent begins on Wednesday, 5th March. All through Lent, there will be Stations of the Cross in our Church. **Dartmouth: On Thursdays** - Mass at 10.00am followed by Stations. **Brixham: On Fridays** after the Mass.

**MEDITATION:** The Gospel passage contains four commands of Jesus: **love, forgive, do good, and pray**. They specify the kind of love that the Christian follower is expected to show toward an enemy. The "enemy" is one who injures hates or rejects the Christian. What makes Christians different and what makes Christianity distinct from any other religion? It is *grace* - treating others, not as they deserve, but as God wishes them to be treated - with loving-kindness and mercy. God is good to the unjust as well as the just. His love embraces saint and sinner alike. God seeks our highest good and teaches us to seek the greatest good of others, even those who hate and abuse us. Our love for others, even those who are ungrateful and selfish towards us, must be marked by the same kindness and mercy which God has shown to us. It is easier to show kindness and mercy when we can expect to benefit from doing so. How much harder when we can expect nothing in return. With God all things are possible. He gives power and grace to those who believe in the Lord Jesus and accept the gift of the Holy Spirit. His love conquers all, even our hurts, fears, prejudices and griefs. Only the cross of Jesus Christ can free us from the tyranny of malice, hatred, revenge, and resentment and gives us the courage to return evil with good. Such love and grace has power to heal and to save from destruction. That is why Paul the Apostle tells those who know the love and mercy of Jesus Christ to "bless and not curse... nor take revenge. and to overcome evil with good" (Romans 12:14,17,21).

**FEAST DAYS:** Tuesday, 25th - *St. Walburga*; Saturday, 1st March - *St. Davis* (Patron of Wales)