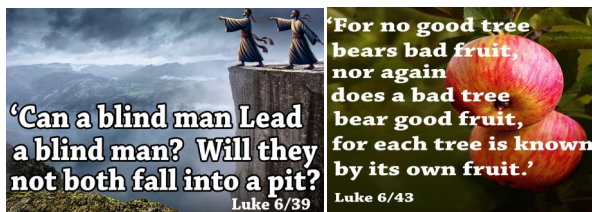


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**MASS TIMES**

**2nd March 2025 - EIGHTH SUNDAY - C**

**BRIXHAM:**

Sunday: 10.00am: Joseph Pereira RIP (G. Lobo)  
Monday: 10.00am: **NO MASS**  
Tuesday: 10.00am: Intentions of the Donor (Sr. C)  
Wednesday: 10.00am: **ASH WEDNESDAY**  
Friday: 10.00am: Holy Souls (NDL)  
Saturday: 10.00am: For Vocations  
Sunday: 10.00am: Deceased members of the Cooke Family

**DARTMOUTH:**

Saturday: 5.00pm: Brian Sheppard RIP (D. Sheppard)  
Wednesday: 5.00pm **ASH WEDNESDAY**  
Thursday: 10.30am: Private Intentions  
Saturday: 5.00pm: Holy Souls (FM)

**CONFESSIONS:**

**BRIXHAM:** Saturdays: 10.30 - 11.00 am  
**DARTMOUTH:** By Appointment

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

**ADORATION:** **Brixham:** Every Friday from 9.30 am - 10.00 am. Stations of the Cross after Mass. **Dartmouth:** Adoration will commence after Lent. Stations of the Cross after Mass.

**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.

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

**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. Please keep him in your prayers.

**BISHOP PHILIP MOGER** has stepped away from being the Bishop of Plymouth Diocese. *'For the immediate future, I'll be taking a sabbatical: a time of prayer and personal reflection, the next stage on the journey of my ministry'* Bp. Philip Moger.

**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.

**ASH WEDNESDAY, 5th March:** **A DAY OF FAST AND ABSTINENCE.** See the list above for Mass time.

**DIOCESAN YEAR BOOK 2025** is now available at the back of the Church. £4.00 each. Only limited numbers.

**MEDITATION:** The Gospel of Luke was written by a disciple who was trained as a physician. Luke, with keen insight, portrays Jesus as the good physician and shepherd of souls who seeks out those who desire healing, pardon, and restoration of body, mind, and spirit. Like a gentle and skilful doctor, the Lord Jesus exposes the cancer of sin, evil, and oppression in our lives so we can be set free and restored to wholeness. A key step to healing and restoration requires that we first submit to the physician who can heal us. The Lord Jesus is our great Physician because he heals the whole person - soul and body, mind and heart - and restores us to abundant life both now and for the age to come in his everlasting kingdom. The Lord Jesus wants to heal and restore us to wholeness, not only for our own sake alone. He also wants us to be his instruments of healing, pardon, and restoration for others as well. The Rabbis taught: "He who judges his neighbour favourably will be judged favourably by God." The Lord knows our faults and he sees all, even the imperfections and sins of the heart which we cannot recognize in ourselves. Like a gentle father and a skilful doctor he patiently draws us to his *seat of mercy* and removes the cancer of sin which inhabits our hearts. There's a proverbial saying that you know a tree by its fruit. Likewise a person will produce good or bad fruit depending on what is sown in the heart. Charles Read said: "Sow an act and you reap a habit. Sow a habit and you reap a character. Sow a character and you reap a destiny." Character, like fruit, doesn't grow overnight. It takes a lifetime.

**FEAST DAYS:** Wednesday, 5th - Ash Wednesday,

