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MASS TIMES

9th March 2025 - FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - C

BRIXHAM:

Sunday: 10.00am: Rosemary Walters RIP (Annie & Liz)
Monday: 10.00am: **NO MASS**
Tuesday: 10.00am: Deceased members of the Cooke Family
Wednesday: 10.00am: William Lobo RIP (G. Lobo)
Friday: 10.00am: Holy Souls (FM)
Saturday: 10.00am: For Vocations
Sunday: 10.00am: Special Intentions (P. Reynolds)

BAPTISMS: With Prior Appointment
WEDDINGS: Six Months notice.

DARTMOUTH:

Saturday: 5.00pm: Maria Verniquet RIP (FM)
Thursday: 10.00am: Wilfred Verniquet RIP (FM)
Saturday: 5.00pm: Mike Jordan RIP (J. Belli)

CONFESSIONS:

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

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 - £85.00. 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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: 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.



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

PLENARY INDULGENCE: Pope Francis issued a Decree on Granting of Indulgence during the Ordinary Jubilee Year of 2025. A leaflet as to what it is how to obtain is available at the back of the Church.

MEDITATION: The forty days of Lent is the annual retreat of the people of God in imitation of Jesus' forty days in the wilderness. We are called to journey with the Lord in a special season of **prayer, fasting, almsgiving, repentance, and renewal** as we prepare to celebrate the feast of Easter, the Christian Passover. The Lord gives us spiritual food and supernatural strength to seek his face and to prepare ourselves for spiritual combat and testing. We, too, must follow in the way of the cross in order to share in the victory of Christ's death and resurrection. As we begin this holy season of preparation and renewal, let's ask the Lord for a fresh outpouring of his Holy Spirit that we may grow in faith, hope, and love, and embrace his will more fully in our lives. What lesson can we learn from Jesus' temptation in the wilderness? How can we hope to fight temptation and overcome sin in our own personal lives? When Jesus went out into the wilderness to fight temptation by the devil, he was led by the Holy Spirit. Jesus did not rely on his own human strength and will-power for overcoming temptation. He relied on the Holy Spirit to give him strength, wisdom, courage, and self-control. The Lord Jesus knows that we cannot fight temptation on our own. We need the strength and guidance of the Holy Spirit to help us. The Lord Jesus gives us his Holy Spirit to help us in our weakness (Romans 8:26) and to be our guide and strength in times of testing (1 Corinthians 10:13). The Lord gives grace to those who humbly acknowledge their dependence on him (James 4:6) and he helps us to stand firm against the attacks of Satan who seeks to destroy us (1 Peter 5:8-10; Ephesians 6:10-18). The Lord Jesus is ever ready to pour out his Spirit upon us that we may have the courage we need to repent of our sins and to turn away from them, and to reject the lies and deceptions of Satan. God wants us to "fight the good fight of the faith" (1 Timothy 6:12) with the strength and help which comes from the Holy Spirit.