

OUR LADY, STAR OF THE SEA
Brixham
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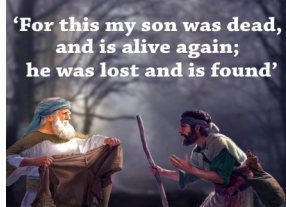
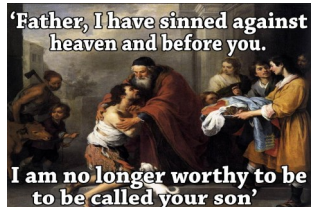
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MASS TIMES

BRIXHAM:

Sunday: 10.00am: Rosemary Walters RIP (J. Beard)
Monday: 10.00am: **NO MASS**
Tuesday: 10.00am: Holy Souls (NDL)
Wednesday: 10.00am: Joseph & Edith Kelly RIP (FM)
Friday: 10.00am: Fr. Siby Manickathan, msfs RIP
Saturday: 10.00am: Fr. K. Karachira msfs RIP
Sunday: 10.00am: Rosemary Miller RIP (J. Beard)

BAPTISMS: With Prior Appointment
WEDDINGS: Six Months notice.



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DARTMOUTH:

Saturday: 5.00pm: For the People of the Parish
Thursday: 10.00am: Holy Souls (FM)
Saturday: 5.00pm: Maria Mullen RIP (S. Murray-Bruce)

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 - £233.76. Thanks.

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.

EASTER RAFFLE: Wonderful prizes to be won. Debbie Donelan is selling Raffle Tickets after Sunday Masses. Draw will take place on Palm Sunday after Mass.

A VERY BIG THANK YOU to Roz Bates who looked after our Parish Office for nearly 20 years with dedication, care and commitment. To me, personally, she had been a great support and strength. As she retires for health reasons, in the name of the Parish Community, my grateful THANKS.

FILIPINO COMMUNITY, SOUTHWEST: Crowning of the Statue of Our Lady, Cultural Show and get-together at Church of the Assumption, Torquay on Saturday, 10th May. Start time: 3.30pm. All are invited.

LENT - SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION will take place in our Church on **Tuesday, 8th April**, starting at 6.00pm. Fr. Jaromir from Kingsbridge will be with us in Brixham to hear Confessions. **Torbay Area:** Assumption of Our Lady, Abbey Road, Torquay - 6.00pm on Thursday, 27th March & St. Joseph's Church, Newton Abbot on Friday, 11th April at 6.00pm.

HOLY WEEK MASS TIMES: During the Easter Triduum, all our Masses are going to be in Brixham. Easter Sunday Mass in Dartmouth will be at 12.00 noon. **Maundy Thursday** - 8.00pm; **Good Friday** - 3.00pm; **Holy Saturday** - 6.00pm. **Easter Sunday:** Brixham - 10.00am; Dartmouth - 12.00noon.

MEDITATION: When God commanded his people to celebrate the Passover annually, he wanted them to never forget what he did for them when he freed them from oppression and slavery in the land of Egypt and brought them back to their promised homeland which he gave as a sign of his immense love and favour. At the end of their wandering in the wilderness for 40 years, Joshua, the successor to Moses, led the people in celebrating the Passover meal after they had safely passed over the River Jordan to their promised homeland (Joshua 5:9-12). The crossing over from a land of slavery and oppression to a land of promise and freedom is a sign that foreshadows the true freedom and homecoming which the Lord Jesus has won for us in his kingdom. Through his victory on the cross the Lord Jesus has *delivered us from the dominion of sin and darkness and transferred us to his kingdom of light, truth, and forgiveness* (Colossians 1:13-14). Jesus illustrates this Passover from slavery to sin and condemnation to freedom and new life in Christ with the longest parable recorded in the Gospels (Luke 15:11-32). What is the main point of Jesus' story about two ungrateful sons and their extravagant loving father? Is it the contrast between a grudging obedient son and a rebellious son who had wished his father was dead? Or the warm reception given to a spendthrift son and the cold reception given by the eldest son? In this parable Jesus gives a vivid picture of God and what God is like. God is truly kinder than any of us. He does not lose hope or give up when we stray from him. He is always on the lookout for those who have a change of heart and want to return. He rejoices in finding the lost and in welcoming them home.

TO ALL THE MOTHERS OF THE PARISH - 'A HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY'

