

St Mary & St George, Totnes
Parish of the Sacred Heart, Kingsbridge
Our Lady, Star of the Sea, Salcombe

NewsLetter



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Safeguarding (Totnes)

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Accessibility (Totnes)

- Disabled access
 - Disabled toilet
 - Loop system
- Parking (Totnes)**
We have a car park at the back of the church.

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FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT B PSALTER 1

3RD DECEMBER

ST MARY & ST GEORGE				MASS INTENTIONS
SUNDAY 3RD DEC	MASS	TOTNES	9.30AM	
TUESDAY 5TH DEC	MASS	TOTNES	10.00AM	
THURSDAY 7TH DEC	MASS	TOTNES	10.00AM	
SACRED HEART				MASS INTENTIONS
SUNDAY 3RD DEC	MASS	KINGSBRIDGE	11.30AM	
FRIDAY 8TH DEC	MASS	KINGSBRIDGE	10.15AM	
OUR LADY, STAR OF THE SEA				MASS INTENTIONS
SATURDAY 2ND DEC	MASS	SALCOMBE	5.00PM	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

*O come,
let us
adore
Him.*



CHRISTMAS SERVICES

PENITENTIAL SERVICES TBC

CHRISTMAS EVE

5PM SALCOMBE
7PM KINGSBRIDGE
9PM TOTNES

CHRISTMAS DAY

9.30AM TOTNES
11.30AM KINGSBRIDGE

WE REMEMBER OUR LOVED ONES
JEAN TRIMMING RIP

FRIDAY 8TH DECEMBER
THE IMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

COFFEE AFTER MASS
Every Sundays & Thursday (TOTNES) /
Every Sunday (KINGSBRIDGE)

Seeds of Faith (TOTNES)
All welcome. If you would like more information please contact Margaret Cushen cushen@tiscali.co.uk

CONFESSION
Please contact the Parish Secretary or speak to the Priest before Mass

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Prayers for the Sick Please Hold In Your Prayers: Segundo Vacas Sr, Christa Hawkins, Jill Gilboy, Robert M. Amil, Gary Dowland, Rita Zollo, David Hawking, Heather Wagstaff, Sarah Sparrow, Denis Owen, Jeannette Blanchard, Martin Holland, Peter Goodliffe

TOTNES ADORATION—TUESDAYS AFTER MASS
Benediction, Rosary and Adoration for one hour. You are welcome to call in anytime during the hour
KINGSBRIDGE ADORATION—ADORATION (THIRD SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH)
On the third Sunday of each month (pastoral duties permitting) there will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament immediately following the 11.30am Mass



ST MARY AND ST GEORGE

ADVENT- a time when we wait in anticipation and expectation for the birth of Jesus. Today's Gospel urges us to "Stay awake!" -maybe we can use this season to prepare for the birth of our Saviour more prayerfully. Rather than rushing around can we pause and reflect often on this momentous birth, even for a few minutes each day. I'm certain that this will be of benefit to us as we travel through Advent.



NEW THANK YOU

Massive thanks to the parish from Isabelle (Cosgrave) and Dan for making Alice's baptism last weekend such a lovely occasion, and for everyone's great generosity.

NEW STELLA MARIS - SEAFARERS

As it only just over 3 weeks to Christmas it is time to ask you all if you can help with Christmas presents for the Seafarers who are responsible for bringing so much of what we eat and use over the festive season to our shores. They will be spending Christmas Day on board a ship and not with their families so our few gifts for them will make a lot of difference and will show that we care about them and are grateful for all they do. I am looking for the usual items:- gloves, socks, notebooks and pens, sweets, toiletries and small games. If you wish to give me some money instead I will spend it wisely and deliver the goods to our Lay Chaplain, Ann Donnelly in time for the ships coming into port before Christmas. Thank you for your generosity. Ann

NEW **PARISH FUNDS** On Sunday 3rd Dec there will be a sale of some handcrafted items for Parish Funds. If you have any suitable items please bring them along. e.g. we could include cakes, plants etc.

NEW CHRISTMAS EVE, VIGIL MASS, 9PM

HYMNS OF THE NATIVITY, 8.30PM FOR HALF AN HOUR BEFORE THE MASS On the evening of Sunday 24th December the Vigil Mass of the Nativity of Our Lord will take place at 9pm with Hymns of the Nativity being sung from 8.30pm.

SUNDAY 17TH DECEMBER 2PM: CAROL SERVICE AND CAKES Our carol service this year will have a slightly different format, and include the setting up of our crib. There will be cakes, tea and mulled wine afterwards (instead of coffee after Mass). The earlier time will both avoid clashes with other events this busy weekend, and allow anyone who prefers to drive home whilst it is still light. Everyone will be very welcome, please get in touch if you want to be involved, (especially if you are bringing children so that we can make sure they are able to do specific things according to their preferences). Gemma Stockford
splitnotes@hotmail.com

CRIB FESTIVAL Bring your crib from home on Sunday 31st December for the Crib Fest in church 6th and

7th January. Make sure your name is with the crib. A little history written on a postcard would be great- how long you have had it and any additions/breakages!!! We will use the weekend to invite people from the town to come and view the cribs while bringing goods for refugee welcome boxes, as we have done previously. A list of what goes in boxes will be on the board in the hall by the beginning of December. Any questions ring Margaret 07971392923

CARDS & GIFTS FOR SALE We now have cards and gifts for sale in the Narthex. Please take a look as we have a lovely selection. All cards are £1. Gifts are individually priced. Please put money in the 'Books and Papers' box. CHRISTMAS CARDS NOW AVAILABLE!

MISSIO RED BOX Please return all red boxes for collection in the next 3 weeks. Either give directly to Anne-Marie or leave in the Sacristy. Thank you for your ongoing support for Missio.

CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART & OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

PRISON FELLOWSHIPS ANGEL TREE PROJECT Fr Anthony who is the chaplain for Channings Wood Prison would prefer us to give to the Prison Fellowships Angel Tree project Instead of the traditional Mars bars. This project collects money and then buys gifts for the children of inmates for Christmas. If you wish to donate please see Ann Yates at Kingsbridge or give to Fr Jarek in an envelope marked Angel Tree and he can then pass them to me for Bob Fretton who is the Kingsbridge contact for the Prison Fellowship.

MINCE PIES ON SATURDAY 16TH DECEMBER Mince Pies and voices will be very welcome on Saturday 16th December at 11 am on the Sacred Heart forecourt. Music and words will be provided as well as mulled wine to aid the vocal cords. So come and remind busy shoppers of the true meaning of Christmas. Please leave the mince pies, bought or homemade, at the back of Church where they will be stored until the day.

16th December 2023
11am Kingsbridge
Mince Pies / Mulled
Wine & Singing!

17th December 2023
2pm Carol Service
(Totnes)

6th/7th January 2024
Crib Festival (Totnes)

14th January 2024
Parish Sunday Lunch
(Kingsbridge/
Salcombe)

4th February 2024
Parish Sunday Lunch
(Totnes)

*****NEW*** 2024 YEAR BOOKS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH**

*****NEW*** INSPIRE, A MUSIC FESTIVAL FOR THE YOUTH**

Inspire, Saturday March 2nd, 2024, at Schiller Hall, Buckfast Abbey, 11.30 – 18.00

Open to those aged 13-25. Tickets: £25 Booking form: <https://forms.office.com/e/SLhtRkyqDZ> Join fellow Christians across the diocese to enjoy inspiring talks by speakers including Daniella Stephens and listen to the sounds from One Hope Project, Sounds from Jozzy, Falmouth Vineyard and Crossbeam.

For further information contact: Saskia, youth@prcdtr.org.uk

OR SEE THE POSTER AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH

COUNSELLING HELPLINE IN PLYMOUTH DIOCESE

Phone: 0330 0580960, press option 5 for the Counselling Service. It is completely confidential.

MARRIAGE MATTERS

28/11/23 Our Lord Jesus Christ the King (A) Called to be symbols of the way Jesus loves Ezek 34:11-12; 15-17 1 Cor 15:20-26; 28 Matt 25:31-46 Jesus says that those who respond to others are in effect responding to him. Our call as married couples is to be a symbol of Jesus' love for us. In each small way that we show our love: doing little jobs, spending quality time together, listening, forgiving and making up, we are "imitating" and nourishing one other.



PRAYER INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER, POPE FRANCIS, DECEMBER 2023

For persons with disabilities

We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

POPE FRANCIS @PONTIFEX

Dear young people, never get tired of being instruments of peace and joy among your peers!

*****NEW*** EXCITING TIMES ARE AHEAD AS WE PREPARE FOR THE JUBILEE IN 2025**

LETTER OF THE HOLY FATHER FRANCIS, TO MSGR. RINO FISICHELLA, PRESIDENT OF THE PONTIFICAL COUNCIL, FOR THE PROMOTION OF THE NEW EVANGELIZATION, FOR THE JUBILEE 2025



To My Dear Brother, the Most Reverend Rino Fisichella, president of the Pontifical Council, for the Promotion of the New Evangelization

The Jubilee has always been an event of great spiritual, ecclesial, and social significance in the life of the Church. Ever since 1300, when Boniface VIII instituted the first Holy Year – initially celebrated every hundred years, then, following its biblical precedent, every fifty years, and finally every twenty-five years – God's holy and faithful people has experienced this celebration as a special gift of grace, characterized by the forgiveness of sins and in particular by the indulgence, which is a full expression of the mercy of God. The faithful, frequently at the conclusion of a lengthy pilgrimage, draw from the spiritual treasury of the Church by passing through the Holy Door and venerating the relics of the Apostles Peter and Paul preserved in Roman basilicas. Down the centuries, millions upon millions of pilgrims have journeyed to these sacred places, bearing living witness to the faith professed in every age.

The Great Jubilee of the year 2000 ushered the Church into the third millennium of her history. Saint John Paul II had long awaited and greatly looked forward to that event, in the hope that all Christians, putting behind their historical divisions, could celebrate together the two thousandth anniversary of the birth of Jesus Christ, the Saviour of humanity. Now, as the first twenty-five years of the new century draw to a close, we are called to enter into a season of preparation that can enable the Christian people to experience the Holy Year in all its pastoral richness. A significant step on this journey was already taken with the celebration of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, which allowed us to appreciate anew all the power and tenderness of the Father's merciful love, in order to become, in our turn, its witnesses.

Diocesan News

In the last two years, not a single country has been unaffected by the sudden outbreak of an epidemic that made us experience first-hand not only the tragedy of dying alone, but also the uncertainty and fleetingness of existence, and in doing so, has changed our very way of life. Together with all our brothers and sisters, we Christians endured those hardships and limitations. Our churches remained closed, as did our schools, factories, offices, shops, and venues for recreation. All of us saw certain freedoms curtailed, while the pandemic generated feelings not only of grief, but also, at times, of doubt, fear and disorientation. The scientific community quickly developed an initial remedy that is gradually permitting us to resume our daily lives. We are fully confident that the epidemic will be overcome and that the world will return to its usual pattern of personal relationships and social life. This will happen more readily to the extent that we can demonstrate effective solidarity, so that our neighbours most in need will not be neglected, and that everyone can have access to scientific breakthroughs and the necessary medicines. We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us, and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision. The forthcoming Jubilee can contribute greatly to restoring a climate of hope and trust as a prelude to the renewal and rebirth that we so urgently desire; that is why I have chosen as the motto of the Jubilee, *Pilgrims of Hope*. This will indeed be the case if

we are capable of recovering a sense of universal fraternity and refuse to turn a blind eye to the tragedy of rampant poverty that prevents millions of men, women, young people and children from living in a manner worthy of our human dignity. Here I think in particular of the many refugees forced to abandon their native lands. May the voices of the poor be heard throughout this time of preparation for the Jubilee, which is meant to restore access to the fruits of the earth to everyone. As the Bible teaches, "The sabbath of the land shall provide food for you, for yourself and for your male and female slaves and for your hired servant and the sojourner who lives with you; for your cattle also, and for the beasts that are in your land, all its yield shall be for food" (Lev 25:6-7). The spiritual dimension of the Jubilee, which calls for conversion, should also embrace these fundamental aspects of our life in society as part of a coherent whole. In the realization that all of us are pilgrims on this earth, which the Lord has charged us to till and keep (cf. Gen 2:15), may we never fail, in the course of our sojourn, to contemplate the beauty of creation and care for our common home. It is my hope that the coming Jubilee

Year will be celebrated and experienced with this intention too. Growing numbers of men and women, including many young people and children, have come to realize that care for creation is an essential expression of our faith in God and our obedience to his will. To you, dear Brother, I entrust responsibility for finding suitable ways for the Holy Year to be planned and celebrated with deep faith, lively hope and active charity. The Dicastery charged with promoting the new evangelization can help make this season of grace a significant stimulus to the pastoral outreach of the particular Churches, both Latin and Eastern, which are called in these years to intensify their commitment to synodality. In this regard, our pilgrimage towards the Jubilee will express and confirm the shared journey that the Church is called to make, in order to be ever more fully a sign and instrument of unity in harmonious diversity. It will be important to foster a renewed awareness of the demands of the universal call to responsible participation by enhancing the charisms and ministries that the Holy Spirit never ceases to bestow for the building up of the one Church. The four Constitutions of the Second Vatican Ecumenical Council, together with the Magisterium of these recent decades, will continue to provide direction and guidance to God's holy people, so that it can press forward in its mission of bringing the joyful proclamation of the Gospel to everyone.

As is customary, the Bull of Indiction, to be issued in due course, will contain the necessary guidelines for celebrating the Jubilee of 2025. In this time of preparation, I would greatly desire that we devote 2024, the year preceding the Jubilee event, to a great "symphony" of prayer. Prayer, above all else, to renew our desire to be in the presence of the Lord, to listen to him and to adore him. Prayer, moreover, to thank God for the many gifts of his love for us and to praise his work in creation, which summons everyone to respect it and to take concrete and responsible steps to protect it. Prayer as the expression of a single "heart and soul" (cf. Acts 4:32), which then translates into solidarity and the sharing of our daily bread.

Prayer that makes it possible for every man and woman in this world to turn to the one God and to reveal to him what lies hidden in the depths of their heart. Prayer as the royal road to holiness, which enables us to be contemplative even in the midst of activity. In a word, may it be an intense year of prayer in which hearts are opened to receive the outpouring of God's grace and to make the "Our Father," the prayer Jesus taught us, the life programme of each of his disciples.

I ask the Blessed Virgin Mary to accompany the Church on the journey of preparation for the grace-filled event of the Jubilee, and to you and your co-workers, with gratitude, I cordially send my Blessing.

Rome, Saint John Lateran, 11 February 2022, Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Lourdes. FRANCIS

TOTNES



OFFERINGS VIA QR CODES

THANK YOU

KINGSBRIDGE SALCOMBE

