

# The Abbey Parish Newsletter

7<sup>th</sup> June, 2020 Most Holy Trinity

Full details of times of Services are posted in the Abbey and the other churches in the parish

**Confessions: In grave necessity, please telephone the parish priest to arrange a meeting. Facebook page: search for Buckfast Abbey Parish**

## Liturgical Calendar:

Monday	Feria
Tuesday	Feria
Wednesday	Feria
Thursday	St. Barnabas
Friday	Feria
Saturday	St. Anthony of Padua

### "Oremus pro invicem"

Please pray for those who are sick:  
Geraldine Thompson Pat Hedges  
Margaret McAvoy Fred Cooke

If you or someone you know would like to be included here, please contact  
Fr. Francis



### Please pray for those whose anniversary occurs at this time:

Seamus McNally; Joseph Hanff; Hilda Hext; Hermione Fothergill; Jules Van Heem;  
Audrey Lewis; Br. Joachim Boyle; Daniel Pritchard; Sylvia Calmady-Hamlyn;  
Sr. Ann Davis; Dom Edward Beane; Eleanor Spruce; Jane Bibby; Wilfrid Vine;  
William Black; Mary Poulton; Ena Walters;

May they rest in peace

If you are self-isolating and need help getting food or medicine, please give Fr. Francis a call.

## Live-streaming:

Sundays	
Matins	6.45 a.m.
Lauds	7.45 a.m.
Holy Mass	10.30 a.m.
Vespers & Benediction	6.30 p.m.
Compline	8.00 p.m.
Monday - Saturday	
Matins	6.30 a.m.
Lauds	7.45 a.m.
Holy Mass	9.00 a.m.
Vespers	6.30 p.m.
Compline	Mon-Fri: 8 p.m.

You can view online in any of these places:

[www.buckfast.org.uk/live](http://www.buckfast.org.uk/live)

Youtube.com/c/BuckfastAbbey

Facebook @buckfastabbeyofficialsite



St. Anthony of Padua

Noted by his contemporaries for his powerful preaching, expert knowledge of scripture, and undying love and devotion to the poor and the sick, he was one of the most quickly canonized saints in church history.

## Buckfast Abbey Parish Lottery

Thank you very much for your patience, all you who have joined the parish lottery. As you know, we suspended the draws back in March because it wasn't possible for those who witness the draw to get together.

You'll be pleased to know that we achieved this last week and so have the results for you for the draws of March, April and May. Congratulations to the lucky winners!

### March:

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize (£25)	No. 92	Mrs. L. Woolacott
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize (£15)	No. 14	Mr. J. Goulden
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize (£10)	No. 52	Mr. M. Smith
4 <sup>th</sup> Prize (£7)	No. 104	Name withheld

### April:

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize (£25)	No. 10	Mrs. S. Lethbridge
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize (£15)	No. 53	Mr. R. Smith
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize (£10)	No. 88	Mr. B. Beale
4 <sup>th</sup> Prize (£7)	No. 9	Mrs. M. Coates

### May:

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize (£25)	No. 26	Mr. M. Alcock
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize (£15)	No. 96	Mrs. L. Woolacott
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize (£10)	No. 44	Name withheld
4 <sup>th</sup> Prize (£7)	No. 11	Mrs. K. Goulden

### PROCEEDS IN AID OF THE PARISH SYRIA APPEAL.

This lottery has been registered with Teignbridge District Council

New players are always welcome. For an application form please contact Mike Lang, or Fr. Francis on 01364 645526 or [parish@buckfast.org.uk](mailto:parish@buckfast.org.uk)

## The Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth) needs your help!

We rely entirely on the generosity of our supporters, parishioners and schools but with so many of our planned fundraising events cancelled, we now need to look for alternative sources of fundraising and funding. **And this is where your help comes in please.** We hope to raise between £3,000 and £6,000 which would enable us to help at least 40 children directly (although more likely 80-100 family members would directly benefit). £6,000 would allow us to purchase for example –

10 children's beds/cots and mattresses - £1,000, 10 cookers – £2,000, 10 fridge/freezers - £1,500, 10 washing machines – £1,500.

Please help us to reach our target by donating at <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/catholic-childrens-society-plymouth-1>  
The link to our crowdfunding page can also be found via our website [www.ccsplymouth.org.uk](http://www.ccsplymouth.org.uk) where you can also find alternative ways of donating ONLINE via Virgin Money Giving, Charities Aid Foundation or the Big Give. Simply visit [www.ccsplymouth.org.uk](http://www.ccsplymouth.org.uk) and click the DONATE button to find out how.

## News from our Parish School (Courtesy of Mitzi)

<http://www.st-marysrc.devon.sch.uk/>

St Mary's School opened its doors to more children this week as per the government guidance. As predicted, we had twenty-four or twenty-five children in school each day up on the ten or so keyworker children we had been welcoming during the initial lockdown. The systems we have put in place to keep the children in separate groups worked very well with only the occasional slip where a child ended up on the wrong side of a dividing line. Fortunately, that was only in terms of the building - the groups of children themselves were very well marshalled and did not come across each other apart from a distant view from time to time. We continue to receive deliveries of PPE and sanitiser - the latter having varying degrees of potent aroma. But we are grateful to all the various parties who have ensured that we have received the stocks we need and the sanitiser is disappearing at rates which suggest it is well used. Even if it does diminish the backs of your hands to dry scales!

Also, as predicted, we all soon fell into a new routine and, looking back, it feels longer than a week since we returned to a more school-like scenario. The teachers are relishing the chance to focus closely on the learning for the handful of children in their care and also to delve more deeply into topics which would normally be given a whistle stop tour when squeezed in after SATs. Hmm, I have just thought, somewhere there must be a great big warehouse chock-a-block with obsolete, but pristine, packs of SATs papers - unless they have already been sent off to a giant government shredder for recycling. I don't think anyone will be disappointed at their demise!

To ensure social distancing, Mrs Kerswell has moved her class into one of the new classrooms in the old convent and has declared herself very pleased with it. I only hope she remains as pleased when she has twenty-five children in there rather than just five but I am sure she will have taken that into account. As always it was a last minute rush for the builders to make it available and, I am happy to say, the stairs were installed just in time so no fireman's pole was needed. Although the children were quite excited to use the spiral staircase, which is their fire exit, when they practised the evacuation drill this week.

All-in-all, a good step along the long but, I am sure, bumpy path to our new normality.

Talking of predictions, it will be twenty years ago to the day on Monday that I first darkened the door of St Mary's as its administrator. My original office is now a corridor, the school has more than doubled in size, pupil numbers are very much on the up and I am on my fifth headteacher - but who would have predicted that a) I would still be here and b) that, even though we are navigating our way through a world health crisis that has turned our daily life almost on its head, St Mary's would be in such fine fettle! I have to say, I am very glad on both counts.

*Fr. Francis writes: "This is a most appropriate moment to thank Mitzi for all she does at St. Mary's School, paddling furiously beneath the surface as the Headteacher, staff and pupils glide gracefully over the choppy waters of academia. We want to thank her, too, for faithfully providing the parish with a weekly insight, both entertaining and informative, into the daily life of the school and the many ways in which everyone works to provide the children with a very special start to their school career and an environment of loving care in which those tender young hearts can thrive. Thank you so much, Mitzi"*

To celebrate the opening of the new wing of the school, here are some photos. No doubt, when it is possible, we will be invited to look around 'in person.'



### He fills your mouth with laughter and your lips with rejoicing" (Job 8:21)

An elderly Parish Priest was searching his wardrobe for his clerical collar before Sunday Mass. In the back, he found a small box containing 3 eggs and a large sum of money totalling £350. He called his housekeeper to enquire about the box and its contents. Embarrassed, she admitted having hidden the box there since being employed 30 years previously. The Parish Priest asked her, "WHY?" She replied that she hadn't wanted to hurt his feelings. He asked her how the box could have hurt his feelings. She said that every time he had delivered a poor sermon, she had placed an egg in the box. The priest felt that 3 poor sermons in 30 years was certainly nothing to feel bad about, so he asked her what the £350 was for. She replied, "Each time I got a dozen eggs, I sold them to the neighbours for £1."

### **Marriage Matters:** Reflections on the Sunday readings.

Be united and live in peace

In today's readings, God is revealed as full of compassion, tenderness and love for His people. Through the sacrament of marriage, we are called to reflect these qualities through our relationship with each other. When we are irritated and react angrily, it is important that we look at ourselves together, trying to recognise why, and seek to correct the causes.

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