

The Abbey Parish Newsletter

21st June, 2020 Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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	Ss. John Fisher & Thomas More
Tuesday	Holy Nuns of England
Wednesday	Birthday of John the Baptist
Thursday	Feria
Friday	Feria
Saturday	St. Cyril of Alexandria



Please pray for those whose anniversary occurs at this time:

*Stanislaw Marshall; Jeremiah Pyne; Elizabeth Jennings; William Alcock;
Leslie Payne; Lilian Brown;*
May they rest in peace

"Oremus pro invicem"

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

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

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

Opening of churches for private prayer in the Buckfast Abbey Parish.

This week, churches in the parish will be open for private prayer from 1100 until noon as follows:

Monday and Thursday:	Church of Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Petrock, East Street, Ashburton, TQ13 7AT
Tuesday and Friday:	Church of St. Benedict, Chapel Street, Buckfastleigh, TQ11 0AJ
Wednesday:	Church of St. Dunstan, New Park, South Brent, TQ10 9AQ

Those who wish to pray in a church are encouraged to visit the church nearest to where they live. For the time being, other churches in the Torbay Deanery which intend to open at certain times include:

St. Joseph's Newton Abbot (01626 365231)
<https://st.josephs.org.uk/home.html>

Sacred Heart, Kingsbridge (01548 852670)
<https://kingsbridgecatholicchurch.com/>

Our Lady & St. Patrick, Teignmouth (01626 774640)
<https://allsaintsteignmouth.org.uk/>

Our Lady, Help of Christians & St. Denis, St. Marychurch (01803 327612)
<https://sites.google.com/view/ourladyandstdenistorquay>

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

[Youtube.com/c/BuckfastAbbey](https://www.youtube.com/c/BuckfastAbbey)

Facebook @buckfastabbeyofficialsite

Marriage Matters:

Reflections on the Sunday readings.

Fear conceals itself...

How easy to become paranoid, to wonder what others might be saying about us. These aspects can be present outside our relationship and within it; at their core is fear! Jesus continuously exhorts the Twelve, "do not be afraid...every hair on your head has been counted". Living our life now in Christ, we will not fear what others think.

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

The Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth) is looking for enthusiastic, new Trustee Directors to fill vacancies that have arisen as a result of retirement. We are looking for experienced members of the public to guide the charity and ensure it is managed effectively. We are seeking Trustee Directors who have strategic vision, independent judgement, the ability to think creatively and a willingness to speak their mind. We are especially interested in hearing from people with the time, enthusiasm and commitment to take an active role in the Society - mentoring our staff, attending events and our educational courses. You may also have valuable experience in managing within a small charity. We are particularly keen to achieve a more diverse board of trustees and we welcome applications from all sections of the community. The Board meets at least four times a year and whilst the position is voluntary and unpaid, reasonable travelling expenses are paid as per our policy. To find out more, please contact Shelagh Fearnley or Andrea Rodgers on 01364 645420 for an informal chat and an information pack.

News from our Parish School (Courtesy of Mitzi)

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

You would think that, with only about a third of children in school, there would be less to do and, indeed, for some there maybe. However for others, not least the headteachers, there seems to be more. At this time of year, Miss Slack is planning out the staffing for the classes in September - there is always some consternation involved with this as the teachers are always hopeful of more adult support in their classroom (and why wouldn't they be, as the more adults, the more individual attention can be afforded to each child) and it is a careful balancing act to share the support appropriately across the school. However, this year there are added questions - for a start, what will "school" look like in September? Will all the children be in (regardless of what the government guidance says)? If they are, where will they be in terms of their learning / mental health / attitude after six months at home, which is what it will be for some of them. Will there be extra funding to help recover the lost ground that many may have suffered? Lots of extra things to think about. Then there are the Annual Reports to be sent out. Obviously, we can only use the term "Annual" quite loosely as, although they are circulated once per year, they would normally reflect a whole year of learning - this year that has been reduced to about two thirds. Whilst the class teachers carefully prepare and write these for every child, Miss Slack will read every single one and add a comment of her own to each. I have to say, this is a task that has doubled since her arrival as the school numbers continue to grow! The School Improvement Plan has to be reviewed for the past year and drawn up for the coming year - again, a job without the same certainties of previous years. Where are the results from those pesky SATs, when you need them, to confirm the progress of the school in maintaining standards of learning.

Meanwhile, the school continues to welcome back more children who, as I said last week, continue to thrive. However, for each parent it is a step into a new normal and Miss Slack will take time to support and reassure them that we will keep their child as safe as we possibly can. In an effort to maintain the normal cycle of events, we have had the lines painted for the running track. The likelihood of any kind of sports day is extremely low to non-existent but its presence means that the children who are in can have a bloomin' good run around it in PE and, with a bit of luck, the lines will last until September when more children can race around it. Staff are also trying to ensure that we will continue to enter our annual competitions, for example, the Devon CPRE are encouraging children to use their imagination to create a piece of artwork or writing about a favourite spot of Devon that is important to them. Last year we were overall winner in this competition so no pressure! There are also awards to gain - the Year 6's are working on their Torbay and Devon Civic Award and also the John Muir Award which encourages the children to connect with, enjoy, and care for wild places. Am I the only one who is already looking longingly at those relatively quiet and, it has to be said, sunnier days of lockdown....

The Holy Nuns of England

This feast, celebrated by the monasteries of the English Benedictine Congregation, remembers and seeks the heavenly support of the many saints, mostly not officially recognised, who have been members of the monasteries of nuns which flourished in Anglo-Saxon times and down the centuries until the present time.

Some have become famous and publicly venerated:

St. Etheldreda (the ancient form of the name 'Audrey'), was the daughter of the King of the East Angles. She was married to a prince, but was widowed after only three years of marriage. In 672 she founded the double monastery at Ely, from which rose Ely cathedral. She was abbess there until her death in 679. There was a great devotion to St. Etheldreda in earlier times. **Mildred** was the granddaughter of King Penda of Mercia. After training in the convent of Chelles in France, she founded the Abbey of Minster on the Isle of Thanet in Kent. In 657 **St. Hilda** founded the double monastery (women and men) of Whitby Abbey. Later in the seventh century, **St. Frideswide** founded the double monastery in Oxford on the site of what is now Christ Church College chapel.



St. Etheldreda, pray for us, that England will continue to be blessed with saintly Nuns

CAFOD is responding to the worldwide coronavirus crisis and is part of Caritas Internationalis - one of the largest aid networks in the world, with a local presence in 165 countries.

Thank you for your donations, which are making all the difference in the fight against coronavirus. With your continued support, we can provide life-saving food, clean water, and hygiene kits. We can give people the chance to survive.

Our collective expertise and experience – in water, hygiene and sanitation programmes, supporting families when their livelihoods are threatened, and in building strong partnerships with faith leaders and technical experts – reaches right across the world and means we can support the vulnerable and most in need during the coronavirus crisis.

Our programmes around the world are run by committed local experts and we are in constant touch with them as they deal with this crisis.

To see how your support is making a difference, go to <https://cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Latest-campaigns>

CELEBRATE! Online Conference, 27-28 June 2020

Hear from inspiring speakers, take time to prayerfully retreat, get creative, join with live worship and celebrate Mass together. You don't need a Facebook account. Simply following this link:

<https://www.facebook.com/Celebratecommunity/>



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

A child's prayer: Dear God...

Please send me a pony. I never asked for anything before, You can look it up. - Bruce