

# The Abbey Parish Newsletter

9<sup>th</sup> August, 2020 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

**Confessions: 11 a.m. on Saturdays in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel**

**Facebook page: search for Buckfast Abbey Parish**

## Liturgical Calendar:

Monday	St. Laurence
Tuesday	St. Clare of Assisi
Wednesday	Feria
Thursday	Feria
Friday	St. Maximilian Kolbe
Saturday	Feria

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



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

*Reginald Seaton; Winifred Scott; Philip Bridge; Eileen Nolan; Leonard Carroll; Jack Fidock; Christina Roberts; John Dacey; Timothy Walker; Charles Whatmough; Benet McKenzie; Elizabeth Burt; Hilda Jeffery; Bridie Norman; William Elliott; Amy Stuart; Abbot Benedict Garriador; Dom Hugh Zettel; Matthew Smerdon; Pat Simonds; Catherine Miller; Richard Pilsbury; Henry Trude; Cecily Hodgson; Anatole von Hugel; Horace Hosworthy; Christine Walls; Sr. Gabriel Blanchfield; Brian Baverstock;*

**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*

## Reserving your place at Holy Mass

The online booking system is now in operation. Just go to the Abbey's website, <https://www.buckfast.org.uk/> and click on "Book Mass Seating". This is an added hassle for all of us, but it's surely worth it to keep everyone safe.

Live-streaming of daily Mass and the Divine Office continues. You can view online in any of these places:  
[www.buckfast.org.uk/live](http://www.buckfast.org.uk/live)

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

[Facebook @buckfastabbeyofficialsite](https://www.facebook.com/buckfastabbeyofficialsite)

## Parish Collections

As you know, we are trying to avoid handling cash, so it's been a bit of a hassle for you to make your Sunday parish offering.

It's now possible to do this via the Buckfast Abbey website. Just go to: <https://www.buckfast.org.uk/donate>

You can then select the church whose collection you wish your offering to be added to. You will also be given the opportunity to gift aid your donation if you are a UK tax payer.

## Face Coverings at Mass

The latest guidance from the Bishops' Conference on Mass with a congregation includes the following:

Face coverings will be mandatory in Places of Worship from Saturday 8th August 2020. All those who are attending churches must wear a face covering unless they are exempt from doing so. This is for the good of all who gather in the Church for Mass as it is an enclosed public space where there are people from differing households who they do not normally meet. Priests in the sanctuary, providing they are sufficiently distant (2m or more) from the congregation, do not need to wear a face covering except when distributing Holy Communion (please see below). Other ministers in the sanctuary should wear face coverings and remain socially distant from the celebrant.

The Government website has very good advice for anyone who feels the need to be exempted from wearing a face covering:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/face-coverings-when-to-wear-one-and-how-to-make-your-own/face-coverings-when-to-wear-one-and-how-to-make-your-own#when-you-do-not-need-to-wear-a-face-covering>

The Environmental Health Department of the Local Authority is responsible for overseeing this regulation. In regard to the Abbey, they have told Fr. Francis:

1. Services at which only the monks are present. The monks are regarded as a single household and therefore do not need to separate by 2 meters and do not need to wear face coverings
2. Services with monks and a congregation. All except concelebrating priests must wear face coverings and only one individual may sing or chant.

## What should I do if I see someone not wearing a face covering in church?

The Bishops' Conference have said that, while it would be sensible to keep your distance from someone who isn't wearing a face covering, it would not be appropriate to challenge them. They may well be exempt and they are not required to give evidence of that. This is what the Government says about this:

"...Those who have an age, health or disability reason for not wearing a face covering should not be routinely asked to give any written evidence of this, this includes exemption cards. No person needs to seek advice or request a letter from a medical professional about their reason for not wearing a face covering.

Some people may feel more comfortable showing something that says they do not have to wear a face covering. This could be in the form of an exemption card, badge or even a home-made sign. **This is a personal choice and is not necessary in law.**"

News from our Parish School (Courtesy of Mitzi)

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

Before term came to an end, the children in school wrote letters to those who had been unable to come in. They wanted to tell them what it had been like in school and that they had been missed. These are extracts from the letters from Fernworthy, our Year 3 and 4 children, and their kindness and thoughtfulness for others shines through:

"I hope you are ok? I know it is a tough time right now but it will be okay soon and our class is all done and it is tons of fun at school and I miss you so much."

"The new classrooms are well. School is fine so don't worry. We miss you a lot. We have to wash our hands regularly. We are all in bubbles of 15 and we have to stay in them and eat in our classrooms. We don't see other classes but it is okay. Though everyone is looking after each other. It was nice to see some of my friends again."

"I hope you are well? We are! I imagine you are very bored and maybe a little worried about September? So I'm going to catch you up. First of all, the new Fernworthy classroom is finished! Second of all, we now eat in our classroom and I think it will be the same in September but I'm not sure. We also have a different playtime so we won't see Burrator at break time. We all miss you very much but we want you to know we are thinking of you."

"We hope you are having a good time at home or wherever you are. I am excited because we will be in Burrator soon. When we come back, we will be in a bubble which means we keep in our area but it's okay. We have been learning lots at school but also going to the woodlands and playing rounders. It's been fun to see some of our friends again and know you will be happy at school. I wish I could give you a big hug!"

"It is alright at school. We have a new classroom which is great. We are all in a bubble which is okay as we still get to use the field and the woodland. We hope you are okay and know school will be fine when you come back."

And finally, "I miss you lots like jelly tots, my mum says that to me. We do less work. We're happy here, can't wait to see you again! 😊😊😊. Yours happily, Fernworthy"



*This is less an advertisement and more to avoid you missing out on a lovely meal at a bargain price!*

**The Grange Restaurant, Buckfast Abbey**

Come and dine in the restaurant Mondays to Wednesdays throughout August for Pre-Booked only. (Table service)

Pre-Book to enjoy the Grange Lunch Club menu

Come and try our delicious new 'Eat Out to Help Out' menu. This Government backed scheme offers up to £10 off per person.

Time slots for booking are: 12 noon, 12:45pm and 1:30pm.



To book, go to <https://www.buckfast.org.uk/covid-19> and click on the "Restaurant and Giftshop" tab.

**Marriage Matters:**

*Reflections on the Sunday readings.*

Walking on water - falling through fear

Peter got out of the boat but, with fear of sinking, he took his eyes off Jesus. Life today is like travelling in a small boat on the rough sea of secularism that mocks religion and seeks to end traditional marriage. Life's storms can change into a gentler breeze when we get out of our boat and walk with Jesus.

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We all know what wonderful work members of the **Society of St. Vincent de Paul** do, quietly, in many parishes throughout the country. If anyone felt inspired to start a group in this parish, I'd be very keen to support them. In the meantime, SVP Young Vincentians have written to tell us of the resources and activities they provide on their website for youngsters in each of three age-groups:

Mini Vinnies (7-11 year olds) <https://www.svp.org.uk/mini-vinnies>

Youth SVP (11-14 year olds) <https://www.svp.org.uk/youth-svp>

B-Attitude (14-18 year olds) <https://www.svp.org.uk/b-attitude>

They've also just launched an Instagram account with the aim of accompanying young people in their spiritual journey and in their acts of charity carried out within their local communities and further afield. <https://www.instagram.com/svpyoungvincentians/>

Please encourage the young people you know to visit these sites and get involved.

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

Three men went out to play a round of golf, Moses, Jesus and an old man. Moses tee'd off first, and the ball landed in the water. He parted the water, and hit the ball in for a birdie. Jesus tee'd off next, and the ball landed in the water. He then walked on the water, and hit the ball in for a birdie. Lastly the old man tee'd off, but before the ball could hit the water, a fish jumped out and caught the ball in it's mouth. Then an eagle swooped down and caught the fish. Lightening then struck near the eagle, frightening it, and it dropped the fish. When the fish hit the ground, it dropped the ball in for a perfect hole in one. Jesus and Moses turn to the old man, and Jesus said, "Dad, if you don't quit playing like that, we're not going to bring you anymore."