

The Abbey Parish Newsletter

7th February, 2021 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Confessions: By request after 1205 Masses in Ashburton

Facebook page: search for Buckfast Abbey Parish

Liturgical Calendar:

Monday	Feria
Tuesday	Feria
Wednesday	St. Scholastica
Thursday	St. Benedict of Aniane
Friday	Feria
Saturday	Feria

"Oremus pro invicem"

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

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

Live-streaming of daily Mass and the Divine Office continues. You can view online in any of these places: www.buckfast.org.uk/live
 Youtube.com/c/BuckfastAbbey
 Facebook: @buckfastabbeyofficialsite

Phone line for prayer:
 call 01364 72768

Next Wednesday, 10th February, there won't be a priest available at Midday, so the daily Mass in our church in Ashburton will begin at 9 a.m.

Please pray for those whose anniversary occurs at this time:

Edward Banks; Denis Knight; Jerome Dawson; Roy Andrews; Vincent Jennings; Samuel Gayton; Margaret Colby; Frederick Neale; Gilbert Moore; John Naylor; Pat Burke; Albert Gheny; Pauline Hornsey; Guy Wetherall; Annie Boyce; Andrew Straw; Mary Sandys; Gertrude Henle; Dom William Henle; Verity Rowe; Joseph Hawkins; Olive Elliott; Jan Tarasiuk;

May they rest in peace

Last weekend's collections

	Gift Aided	Online
Buckfastleigh 5 p.m. Sat	£2.00	£25.00
Abbey 9 a.m.	£36.20	£17.31
Abbey 10:30 a.m.	£83.00	£51.37
Ashburton 10:30am	£0.00	£6.92
South Brent 9 a.m.	£0.00	£49.62
Added value through gift aid	£31.31	£3.75

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

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Word has just arrived of the death of **Wendy Hird**

May she rest in peace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Tony Burke**



Who died on 1st February
 Tony's funeral service will take place in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at 3 p.m. on Wednesday 17th February.
 The number who can attend is limited by law to 30 and close relatives must have priority. If you wish to attend, please contact Tony's daughter, Nina, on 09766 525492. All who attend must provide their contact details.

ROME – One Iraqi priest voiced hope that if Pope Francis's scheduled visit to Iraq next month takes place as expected, the trip will help not only to heal the wounds of the country's lacerated Christian community, but that it will also advance efforts to restore trust with the Muslim population.

"For us to welcome the pope is to welcome someone whose presence will heal many wounds inside the hearts of our faithful," and who will show "that the Church has not left its faithful," Father Karam Qasha, Chaldean pastor of Telskuf, said during a Feb. 4 roundtable with journalists.

Like many, Qasha, whose village is located roughly 19 miles north of Mosul, believes Pope Francis's visit will not just be for Iraq, "but for the whole Middle East," because throughout the region, whether they are refugees or still at home, Christians have faced enormous difficulty.

"We hope this visit will bring a different framework, a different horizon, to our faithful," he said.

During his March 5-8 visit, the pope is scheduled to make stops in Baghdad, Erbil, Qaraqosh, Mosul, and the Plain of Ur, with a possible brief detour to the city of Najaf for a meeting with Grand Ayatollah Al-Sistani, one of the most authoritative figures in Shi'a Islam.

Local church authorities, including Chaldean Catholic Patriarch Luis Raphael Sako, hope that should the pope and Al-Sistani meet, they will sign the Human Fraternity document already signed by Pope Francis and the top authority in Sunni Islam, the Grand Imam of Al-Azhar Ahmad Al-Tayyeb, during Francis's 2019 visit to the United Arab Emirates. Full article: www.cruxnow.com



News from our Parish School (Courtesy of Mitzi) <http://www.st-marysrc.devon.sch.uk/>



This week is Children's Mental Health Week and the focus is "Express Yourself". With this in mind (pardon the pun), on Friday, the children, both in school and at home, were invited to "Dress to Impress" in return for a donation to the children's charity, Place2Be. You will see from the photo that the children didn't disappoint. (This is collage one of two - there will be another one next week to make you smile!). The children always enjoy dressing up for school but there are occasionally issues with outfits where children struggle with unfamiliar fastenings. This week, it was a superhero struggling to get out of their costume at a crucial moment whose calls for help had staff running to assist but it was a crisis soon remedied and the superhero quickly returned to play.

As we move forward in our fight against the pandemic, it is the children's future well-being that must be at the centre of our plans. In your prayers, this week, please hold the headteachers of our schools in your hearts. They are the steely thread running through the web of competing needs which would pull lesser people apart. As they balance the demands of a myriad of people, all with varying degrees of strengths and fragility, headteachers are steadfastly finding ways to keep the children at the centre of all we do. They do not have the luxury of saying, to staff who are anxious about coming into school, that it is not safe, they have to make it safe; they cannot say, to the parents who are struggling with the home learning, that the learning isn't important, because it is crucial for their children; they cannot say that maintaining standards, because times are tough, doesn't matter because Ofsted will still come knocking at the door at some point!

We have one more week before the half term break. It is a busy week full of training and meetings and phone calls, with the added interest of a forecast of ice and snow, so we will have to be on our toes to keep up. I am sure I am not the only one wishing this next week away before a quieter week beckons.

Breakthrough Transformation Trust is a local charity providing high quality care and education for children and young people who face life challenges.

Employment Vacancy: Breakthrough for Families Support Worker (Newton Abbot)

Closing Date: Midday on Friday, 19th February 2021

Interviews: Week Commencing Monday, 22nd February 2021

Hours: 37.5 per week Monday to Friday (part-time hours will be considered)

8.30am – 4.30pm Term - time only; Rate of Pay Band 4. Actual salary: £15,172 to £20,066 pro-rata

This is an excellent opportunity to join Breakthrough's team in Newton Abbot as a Breakthrough for Families Support Worker. This is an emerging role, expanding upon our excellent existing work with children and families. The successful candidate will be entering a fast-paced, expanding and vibrant charity with an 18-year record of high levels of excellence and success.

To apply, please follow the link: <https://www.breakthroughtransformationtrust.org/vacancies> to download the application form or email us requesting an application form. This should be returned together with a covering letter and CV explaining why you are suitable for the above post.

Due to the current situation with COVID 19, our Centres are closed so we are only accepting email applications.

St. Scholastica's day is celebrated as a feast in this parish because she was the sister of St. Benedict. You may know the most famous story about her: she came to visit her brother and spent many hours talking about the things of God. When it was getting late, Benedict made to leave, but Scholastica asked him to stay a while longer. Benedict refused, but Scholastica prayed to God and a violent thunderstorm came, so Benedict had to stay. Still today it's noticeable that Nuns, who live in prayer their union with God, can guide their male counterparts to become more charitable and so more human.

Marriage Matters:

Reflections on the Sunday readings.

Making the time to talk and to listen

As married couples we need time to grow in knowledge and understanding of each other. This week let us make time when we are not tired, to talk together, to share what's happened in the day, our thoughts and feelings, the things that worry us or make us happy. Perhaps we can also plan a regular celebration of our love.

Hee, hee!
danced."

Rick: "I'm through with that girl."
Sam: "Well, what's wrong with that?"

Sam: "Oh, why?"
Rick: "I was dancing with her when she asked me!"
Rick "She asked me if I

Wise man say: "If at first you don't succeed, trying looking in the waste paper basket for the instructions."

On their way home from church on Ash Wednesday a little boy asked his mother, "Is it true that we're made of dust, Mum?" "Yes, darling," came the reply. "And do we go back to dust again when we die?" "Yes, dear," the mother responded. "Well, Mum, when I said my prayers last night and looked under the bed, I found someone who is either coming or going."