

The Abbey Parish Newsletter

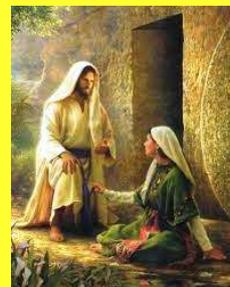
4th April, 2021

The Resurrection of the Lord

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

Confessions: On request after 1205 Masses in Ashburton

Facebook page: search for Buckfast Abbey Parish



Liturgical Calendar:

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| Monday - Saturday | Easter Octave |
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"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

Please pray for those whose anniversary occurs at this time:

Beatrice Andoe; Dom Francis McCarthy; Dom Aidan Conlon; Beryl Baker;
Marie Gordon; Harry Hunt; Jane Simpson; Mother Joseph Magdalen;
Thomas Dowling; Jane Parsons; Sydney Goulding; Jane Young; Stanley Hird;
Clare Hodge; Mary Le Hunte Ward; Angela Carey;
Dorothea Marriott; Norma Small;

May they rest in peace

Last weekend's collections

| | Gift Aided | Online | |
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| Buckfastleigh 5 p.m. Sat | £13.00 | £5.00 | |
| Abbey 9 a.m. | £61.00 | £22.31 | |
| Abbey 10:30 a.m. | £79.10 | £40.00 | |
| Ashburton 10:30am | £15.00 | £58.30 | £10.00 |
| South Brent 9 a.m. | £25.00 | £29.62 | |
| Added value through gift aid | | £37.56 | £2.50 |

Thank you also for the generous donation of £50 towards the cost of the Easter Flowers.

To donate on line, visit <https://www.buckfast.org.uk/donate> and scroll down to select which Mass you normally attend.

I am sorry that it will not be possible to offer Holy Mass with a congregation on Friday this week. The 1205 Mass due to take place in Ashburton on that day has to be cancelled.

Fr. Francis

Day of Prayer for Eastern Christians

The Day of Prayer for Eastern Christians is an annual day of prayer which enables Eastern & Western Christians to come together in communion through prayer. The event unites the Roman Catholic Church in Europe with dioceses of the Eastern Catholic Churches in union with the Bishop of Rome.

This year the Day of Prayer for Eastern Christians will take place on the Sixth Sunday of Easter, 9th May 2021, with the participation of Christians from all over Europe, the Middle East, the Horn of Africa and India.

Message from Cardinal Michael Fitzgerald:

"This Day of Prayer – promoted by the French charitable organization, L'Oeuvre d'Orient and its UK counterpart, Fellowship and Aid to the Christians of the East (FACE) in partnership with the Congregation for Oriental Churches.

It will offer us in the West an opportunity to think of the Eastern Churches and to give thanks to God for all that we owe them: the first preaching of the Gospel, the origins of the monastic tradition, the early Church Fathers, and above all the witness of the Eastern Christians down the centuries, which has been, and still is, an inspiration to our faith.

I trust that this Day of Prayer, despite the restrictions caused by the current pandemic, will bring comfort and assurance to Eastern Christians.



In our solidarity and communion, may we all be renewed by the hope we place in the Risen Christ."

To find out more about the work of FACE and to donate to help Eastern Christians, visit <https://facecharity.org/>

Marriage Matters: Reflections on the Sunday readings.

A sign of new life
Today we celebrate the resurrection and new life in the Lord. In our marriage we too rise to new life when we put each other first in all we do and say. Let us live openly, honestly and truthfully so that we become a 'sign' to our families that Jesus is alive in our married love.

Phone line for prayer: call 01364 72768

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

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Another topsy turvey term has come to an end and everyone now has a two-week break to rest, recuperate and reflect on recent months. Hopefully, the children and staff will all be returning in two weeks' time to a more settled routine with more of our usual activities and events. Our After School Clubs will be restarting with our smallest children being able to take part in multi sports sessions - at last - because they have been waiting in great anticipation since before Christmas! Our choristers have already restarted, albeit in a routine which accommodates the socially distancing bubbles, and I know that they will be hoping to get together in larger groups as the term goes on. Trips and visits can be tentatively considered but it is more likely that the extracurricular activities will come to the school rather than the children go out, partly because of the coach journeys which would be needed to get them there.

We did finish the term with one of our traditions - our Easter Bonnet competition - although the children were only able to "parade" with their classes. Tony Luscombe, one of our governors, kindly volunteered to judge the entries. It was a bit of a challenge because it all had to be done remotely with the class teachers filming or photographing the children sporting their bonnets. I have to say, the IT and media skills of staff have flourished during lockdown but that doesn't necessarily mean that they will hold the camera the right way up when filming the class procession. For at least one class, Tony will have had to watch with his head tilted at a right angle to get an idea of what the bonnets would look like upright. But judge them he did, and five overjoyed children were awarded an additional Easter Egg alongside their annual gift from our Friends Association who funded an egg for every child.



Mrs Teeder, who leads our Foundation Stage Unit somehow managed to hover over the children's bonnets, laid out on the carpet, to photograph them and, you can see, a colourful array they are too.

It only remains to wish you a Happy Easter from all at St Mary's and, as the sun comes out, may spirits rise that we are back on the path to normality, and we can celebrate the great news with renewed hope in our hearts. He is Risen!



So many people are working behind the scenes to prepare our parish liturgies and beautify all the churches in the parish. We are deeply grateful to every one of you: sacristans, flower arrangers, musicians, altar servers, singers. Here's a little taste of what's being achieved in St. Dunstan's, South Brent:



Hee, hee!

A man rushed into the chemist's shop and asked for something the stop hiccups. The chemist poured a glass of water and threw it in the man's face.

"Why did you do that?" the man shouted angrily.

"Well, you don't have hiccups now, do you?"

"No!" retorted the customer. "But my wife out in the car still does!"

Buckfast Abbey Parish Lottery

The monthly draw for March took place this past week. The lucky winners are:

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| 1st Prize (£25) | 114 | Mr. C. Fieldhouse |
| 2nd Prize (£12) | 115 | Mr. L. Fieldhouse |
| 3rd Prize (£9) | 32 | Mr. P. Nuttgens |
| 4th Prize (£7) | 86 | Mr. F. Campbell |

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