

The Abbey Parish Newsletter

11th April, 2021

Second Sunday of Easter

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:

Monday - Saturday	Easter tide
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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

The monastic community gives thanks to God for the election of the Right Reverend David Charlesworth as the Abbot of Buckfast last Friday.

Marriage Matters: Reflections on the Sunday readings.

Doubt no longer
Sometimes we are asked to trust our spouse implicitly despite the doubts that plague us. Can we believe them when something really important depends on it? Thomas needed proof of Jesus' wounds before believing. Jesus said: "Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe [and]...Doubt no longer but believe." It's important to believe and to decide to trust.

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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Please pray for those whose anniversary occurs at this time:

Mary Moll; Pamela Daly; Ada Sass; Elizabeth Long; Alan Hitchcock; Jules Donn; Gertrude Donald; Mary Nicholls; Hilda Hull; Anna Kermigle; Roberta Cumming; Francis Hext; Dom Joseph Buguet; June Tarasiuk; Sheila O'Sullivan; Maud Emmett; Vida Morris; Dom Dunstan Goetz;

May they rest in peace

Last weekend's collections

	Gift Aided	Online
Good Friday	£10.00	
Abbey 9 a.m.	£73.50	£17.31
Abbey 10:30 a.m.	£233.19	£80.00
Ashburton 10:30am	£55.00	£58.30
South Brent 9 a.m.	£15.00	£50.00
<i>Added value through gift aid</i>	£56.31	£22.50

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

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/>

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

Before school finished for Easter, the children learnt about Holy Week in their RE lessons. Often the children are not in school for the actual week, a bit like Christmas, so they have to learn in advance what will be happening. This year, because of the dates on which it fell, the children were in school up to Maundy Thursday and are having the following two weeks off instead. Having learnt about the events of Holy Week, the older children were able to take advantage of the better weather and make Easter gardens using materials from our outdoor areas. As you can see, it was clearly an exercise in recycling too, as most of the children made their gardens in the tubs that their lunches are delivered in now. They also used materials from the prayer space to make their crosses. However, it does also appear that some daffodils may have been cut down in their prime to provide some colour!



Also before Easter, St Mary's helped two of our families who wanted to do something to support the local food bank. Poppy, Felix, Oscar and Katie put their Easter money towards buying a couple of prizes for a raffle. They then asked the other children to bring in items for the food bank in return for an entry into the raffle. As a result, they were very pleased and proud to be able to deliver over twelve full bags of food to the food bank and two other children were pleased to receive an extra Easter egg. A very simple idea, well-executed. It doesn't have to be complicated to make a difference.



Dates for your diary from Saskia Hogbin of the Diocesan Youth Service

Social Justice talks (Your Faith in Action) Monday 26th April 7.30 -9.00 by ZOOM

We are pleased that CAFOD will join us to talk about their Reclaim our Common Home campaign. We will have a chance to explore what is the G7 Summit? How does it impact on our lives? Why does it matter to the everyday person? What can you do? This talk is aimed at young people aged 12 -25 For Zoom log in please email youth@prcdtr.org.uk

Pentecost; Drama, Dance and singing workshops. 21st, 28th April and 5th, 12th May 7.00 – 8.15 by ZOOM

Continuing with the popular drama and dance workshops Youth Events will be running on themed on Pentecost. This is jointly run with By Design Theatre. It is aimed at young people in Year 6 upwards. Through Zoom Young people will have the opportunity to explore the piece of scripture from Acts about Pentecost. They will be guided to produce short sequences of dance and drama which will be recorded through ZOOM. For ZOOM log in please email youth@prcdtr.org.uk

I am seeking young people across the diocese that speak an additional language to English and would be happy to record themselves saying the Lord's prayer. Please get in contact if you are willing to take part.

If all remains according to the government Road map it is hoped that in July, we have a couple of day events at St Rita's in Honiton. On the July 10th there will be a chance to explore Expressing your faith through creativity. Members from the Stay Awake band will join us. This is event is aimed at young people aged 10 upwards. July 2nd there will be a social justice day, Care for Creation. This is aimed at young people 13 to 25. More details to follow.

Hee, heel!

Sad news at the nestle factory today; a member of staff was injured when a pallet of chocolate fell on top of him. He tried in vain to attract attention, but every time he shouted "the milky bars are on me" everyone just cheered!!!