

The Abbey Parish Newsletter

18th April, 2021

Third 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	Eastertide
Tuesday	Eastertide
Wednesday	St. Anselm
Thursday	Eastertide
Friday	St. George
Saturday	Eastertide

Please pray for those whose anniversary occurs at this time:

Edward Causton; Alan Thiede; Henry O'Brien; Fredrick Northcote; Dom Celestine Byrne; Louise Mann; Grace Gillespie; Margaret Cousins; Frances Betts; Cybil Auckland; Archibald Leitch; Wilfred Ford; Emily Davis; Joseph Beard; Robert O'Shea; Greta Strachan; Mary Stancombe; Janet Dooner;

May they rest in peace

"Oremus pro invicem"

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

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

Last weekend's collections

	Gift Aided	Online
Buckfastleigh 5 p.m. Sat	£7.00	£25.00
Abbey 9 a.m.	£30.30	£17.31
Abbey 10:30 a.m.	£90.21	£50.00
Ashburton 10:30am	£12.00	£58.30
South Brent 9 a.m.	£25.00	£39.62
Added value through gift aid	£41.31	£31.25

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

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.

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

Bishop Mark writes:

We are extremely fortunate that Michael Dopp, who has a strong international profile, has agreed to lead two sessions with the Diocese on Saturday 1st May.

This is part of our ongoing reflection on developing and supporting Missionary Parishes, which is part of our Diocesan Reflection, "A Precious Place of God's Grace". The sessions are 11-12 noon, and 1-2pm on Saturday 1st May.

I warmly invite you to take part in these online sessions. You can register by using the following link:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/a-precious-place-of-gods-grace-michael-dopp-on-missionary-parishes-tickets-145433789379>

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

Phone line for prayer: call 01364 72768

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

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May he rest in peace

Vatican Secretary of State Cardinal Pietro Parolin has sent a telegram on the Pope's behalf to Queen Elizabeth II, recalling her husband's "record of public service".

"Saddened to learn of the death of your husband Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, His Holiness Pope Francis offers heartfelt condolences to Your Majesty and the members of the royal family," Vatican Secretary of State, Cardinal Pietro Parolin wrote in a telegram addressed to Queen Elizabeth. "Recalling Prince Philip's devotion to his marriage and family, his distinguished record of public service and his commitment to the education and advancement of future generations, His Holiness commends him to the merciful love of Christ our redeemer," the Cardinal wrote. "Upon you and upon all who grieve his loss in the sure hope of the resurrection, the Holy Father invokes the Lord's blessings of consolation and peace," he concluded.

This time last year, the "return" to school after Easter was a very subdued affair. The school had actually been open for one of the weeks to provide childcare for the children of key workers and there were only a handful of children who were entitled to attend school. I have quite fond memories of the time - quiet school, not so much day to day work, an opportunity to catch up - something I had longed for on many an occasion. I guess that goes to show, you must be careful what you wish for!

A year on and a kind of normality is starting to come to fruition - everyone will be returning to school on Monday, including one of our children who has been stuck, for want of a better word, in Mexico for the past year. He has managed to get a flight back to England and has self-isolated and tested as required and we will be very pleased to see him on Monday. We have been able to keep in touch with him via email, zoom and online learning but it will be another box ticked in the "returning to normal" schedule when he comes into school in person.

During the Easter break, the Abbey Estate's Team (a bunch of lovely people formerly known as the Works' and Garden Departments) have been working in school to repair and enhance those little things we needed doing. The flower bed, alongside the wall which was taken down a few months ago, has now been restored in all its glory. Our Reading Pavilion which had seating around it, fit for smaller bottoms (i.e. those of children but not adults), has now been enlarged so that all users can sit out there in relative comfort (it does have heating and zany lighting, after all) and enjoy the fresh air. A spot of paint has been dabbed here and there, as required, around the school and a wicker fence or two installed here and there along the boundary. So, all in all, things are looking up and we must be hopeful that this term will see the return of some of our annual events. Although, I am sure, many more will have to take place outdoors and probably in class, rather than school, groups but better than that than not at all!

Day of Prayer for
the Victims & Survivors of Abuse
4th May, 2021.

Please consider saying this prayer a few times on this day:

God of endless love,
ever caring, ever strong,
always present, always just:
you gave your only Son
to save us by the blood of his cross.

Gentle Jesus, shepherd of peace,
join to your own suffering
the pain of all who have been hurt
in body, mind and spirit by those who
betrayed the trust placed in them.

Hear the cries of our brothers and sisters
who have been harmed,
and the cries of those who love them.
Soothe their restless hearts with hope,
steady their shaken spirits with faith.
Grant them justice for their cause,
enlightened by your truth.

Holy Spirit, comforter of hearts,
heal your people's wounds
and transform brokenness into wholeness.
Grant us the courage and wisdom,
humility and grace to act with justice.
Breathe wisdom into our prayers and
labours.
We ask this through Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

In October 2019, the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales commissioned an independent review of the Catholic Church's Safeguarding Structures and Arrangements. The independent Chair of the Review was Ian Elliott, an experienced safeguarding professional who has worked across the world in this area. The final report and recommendations were published on 20 November 2020.

You can read the report here: <http://www.cbcew.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2020/11/Independent-Review-Safeguarding-Report-2020.pdf>

The Bishops accepted all the recommendations and much work is being done to implement them as soon as possible. Information on the work of the implementation group can be accessed here: www.catholicsafeguardingproject.org

Marriage Matters: *Reflections on the Sunday readings.*

Let peace reign in our hearts

There are times in life, as couples, when the demands of work, concerns about money and care of the children can seem overwhelming. In times like these let's acknowledge each other, take time out to clarify the issues and remind ourselves of the words of Jesus to the Apostles when they thought it was all over, "Peace be with you!"

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. 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 Through Zoom young people (Yr 6 and above) 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

Hee, hee!

Asked to draw a picture of the Holy Family, one little boy drew an airplane with four heads sticking out of the windows. His teacher said, "I can understand that you drew three of the heads to show Joseph, Mary and Jesus. But who's the fourth head?" "Oh," answered the boy, "that's Pontius, the pilot!"