



Buckfast Abbey

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Sunday 16th May 2021

Seventh Sunday of Easter

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LIVE STREAMED SERVICES

Daily Conventual Mass, sung by the Monastic Community can be viewed online by visiting www.buckfast.org.uk/live or on the Abbey's Facebook page.

17:00 Mass (Monday–Friday), 12:05 Mass (Saturday),
11:00 Mass & 15:00 Vespers & Benediction (Sunday)

MASSES WITH CONGREGATION

MONDAY–FRIDAY	12:05:	Abbey Blessed Sacrament Chapel
	17:00:	Abbey Church
SATURDAY:	12:05:	Abbey Church
	17:00:	Vigil: St Benedict's, Buckfastleigh
SUNDAY:	09:00:	Abbey Blessed Sacrament Chapel
	09:00:	St Dunstan's, South Brent
	10:30:	Our Lady of Lourdes, Ashburton
	11:00:	Conventual Mass, Abbey Church

Please pre-book a seat to attend the above Masses,
by visiting the Abbey website www.buckfast.org.uk/servicetimes

FROM FR DOMINIC

Ashburton

On behalf of the congregation at Ashburton, I would like to thank Pat Nuttgens for his years of devoted service as Sacristan. Pat is being succeeded by June Cocks.

June, I am so grateful for you taking up this ministry of service to our little Community. May God reward you.

The time has come to update the Parish contact details. In order to facilitate this, I have left forms at the back of the Church for you to complete. Please put your completed form in the box marked with a black cross. All information will be stored in accordance with Data protection legislation, and will only be used for the purposes of the Parish.

Winners of the Parish Lotto

First prize	6	£25
Second prize	42	£12
Third prize	20	£9
Fourth prize	13	£7

Again, thank you to those who have shown so much love and support as I take up this privileged burden of service as your new Priest. I ask for your continued patience while I 'learn the ropes'. There will be some spectacular mistakes on my part, but please remember I am only human and just doing my best, like all of us!

Yours devotedly

Dominic OSB

CONFESSION

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available between 11:00–11:45 in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel of the Abbey Church.

FOR THE SICK:

Let us pray for those who are sick:

Geraldine Thompson
Margaret McAvoy
John Goulden
Pat Hedges
Fred Cooke
Maureen Purtell

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

		<i>Gift Aid</i>
Buckfastleigh	£10	£25
Abbey 09:00 Mass	£35.10	£5
Abbey 11:00 Mass	£75	£40
Ashburton	£5	£5
South Brent	£4	£30

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

MONDAY Eastertide feria
TUESDAY Eastertide feria
WEDNESDAY Ss Dunstan, Ethelwold & Oswald, *Memoria*
THURSDAY Eastertide feria
FRIDAY Eastertide feria
SATURDAY Eastertide feria

On Wednesday we honour three English Bishops of the mid-tenth century: Saints Dunstan, Ethelwold and Oswald. After a period of disruption in the English Church caused by King Eadwig, these three saints restored monasteries throughout the land, which became centres of learning and pastoral care, bringing much needed stability and helped to unify England as a nation.

Phone line
for prayer:
call 01364 727 768

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

FROM ST MARY'S SCHOOL (Courtesy of Mitzi)

Usually, this week in May would be KS2 SATs week. To interpret the jargon, our Year 6 children would have been taking nationally set exams in English and Maths to assess their progress and attainment before they leave primary school. One of the benefits of these unusual times, is that the children have not had to do them. They will still have to do go through some assessment tasks for the benefit of the Academy Trust but there hasn't been the preparation beforehand and the pressure that goes with the National SATs. This has been a blessing in so many ways, not least for Miss Slack who spends a lot of time each year working out the logistical nightmare of timetables and supervision for this week, ensuring that children who are entitled to additional support, through more time or a reader for some of the tests, get that support. The extra organisational layer, that social distancing would have required, would have meant hiring a football stadium and an army of PPE clad teaching assistants! Okay, maybe that is an exaggeration but, I can honestly say, the tests haven't been missed. In fact, I was disappointed that I didn't remember sooner that they weren't on so that I could enjoy the moment for longer...

In other news, we were pleased that four of our medium-sized children were runners up in the "Love Devon" art competition. They had to create a picture that showed their favourite part of Devon and why they love it. Between them they won three family days out and a supply of ice cream – lovely!

www.st-marysrc.devon.sch.uk

ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH

Of your charity, please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Pamela Margaret Reynolds, Hugh Bullard, Henry Richard Lyster, Rymer Cooper, Maria Vetter, Eva Witt, Mary Roberts (Freda), Mary Stuart, Louisa Ash, Elizabeth Bodenham, Joseph Healey, Maurice Turner, Francis Puddicombe.

Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

PAPAL NUNCIO PRESENTS CREDENTIALS TO HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN

Last week, Her Majesty the Queen received Archbishop Claudio Gugerotti, *Papal Nuncio to the United Kingdom* (The Official Ambassador of the Holy See) via zoom link.



MAY IS THE MONTH OF MARY

Prayer of St John Vianney, to our Blessed Lady:

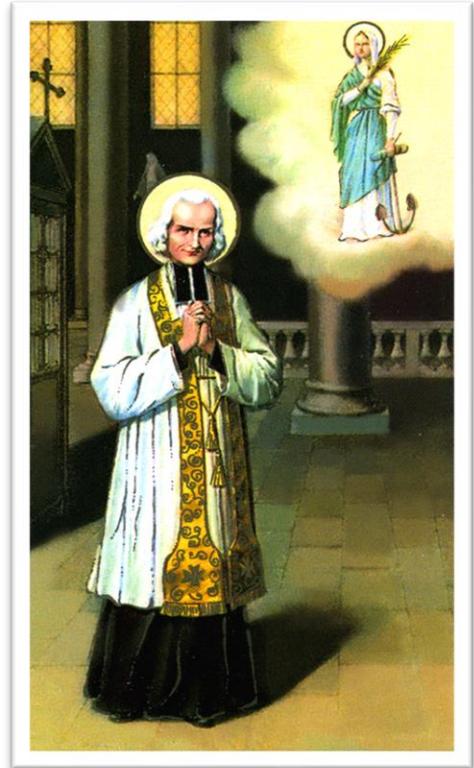
O thou most holy virgin Mary, who dost evermore stand before the most holy Trinity, and to whom it is granted at all times to pray for us to thy most beloved Son; pray for me in all my necessities; help me, combat for me, and obtain for me the pardon of all my sins. Help me especially at my last hour; and when I can no longer give any sign of the use of reason, then do thou encourage me, make the sign of the cross for me, and fight for me against the enemy.

Make in my name a profession of faith; favour me with a testimony of my salvation, and never let me despair of the mercy of God. Help me to overthrow the wicked enemy. When I can no longer say: 'Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, I place my soul in your hands,' do thou say it for me; when I can no longer hear human words of consolation, do thou comfort me.

Leave me not before I have been judged; and if I have to expiate my sins in purgatory, oh! pray for me earnestly; and admonish my friends to procure for me a speedy enjoyment of the blessed sight of God. Lessen my sufferings, deliver me speedily, and lead my soul into heaven with thee: that, united with all the elect, I may there bless and praise my God and thee for all eternity. Amen.

St John Vianney

The Cure of Ars



STATEMENT FROM THE BISHOPS' CONFERENCE

Regarding the recent violence in the Holy Land.

Bishop Declan Lang, Chair of the Bishops' International Affairs department, has echoed calls for an end to “the occupation, discrimination and human rights violations that propagate violent attacks on civilians, standing in the way of a stable and peaceful future for Palestinians and Israelis.”

Statement

As people of peace, we pray for an end to the airstrikes, shooting, missile attacks, and communal violence engulfing the Holy Land.

Pope Francis reminds us that: “Every act of violence committed against a human being is a wound in humanity’s flesh; every violent death diminishes us as people.”

The local churches have clearly stated that peace requires justice. We echo their calls for an end to the occupation, discrimination and human rights violations that propagate violent attacks on civilians,

standing in the way of a stable and peaceful future for Palestinians and Israelis.

We reaffirm our commitment to the internationally recognised status of Jerusalem, the Status Quo of its holy sites, and the equal rights of Jews, Christians and Muslims in the city.

At this critical time let us also offer our support to those humanitarian organisations working tirelessly to save lives and alleviate suffering.

Bishop Declan Lang

Chair of the Holy Land Coordination

POPE FRANCIS ESTABLISHES MINISTRY OF CATECHIS

With a new Apostolic Letter issued *motu proprio*, Pope Francis establishes the lay ministry of catechist, intended to respond to an urgent need for the evangelisation of the modern world, and undertaken in a ‘secular’ manner, avoiding clericalisation.

You can download the Apostolic Letter, issued *motu proprio*, *Antiquum Ministerium* <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/pope-francis-establishes-the-ministry-of-catechist/>

New ministry with ancient origins

The new ministry has ancient origins, going back to the New Testament: it is mentioned, for example, in the Gospel of Luke and in St Paul’s Letters to the Corinthians and Galatians, albeit in a seminal form. But “the history of evangelisation over the past two millennia,” writes Pope Francis, “clearly shows the effectiveness of the mission of catechists,” who have “devoted their lives to catechetical instruction so that the faith might be an effective support for the life of every human being,” even to the point of sacrificing their own lives.

Since the Second Vatican Council, there has been a growing awareness of the fact that “the role of catechists is of the highest importance” (Ad gentes, 17) for “the development of the Christian community.” “In our own day too,” writes Pope Francis, “many competent and dedicated catechists... carry out a mission invaluable for the transmission and growth of the faith,” while a “long line of blessed, saints and martyrs who were catechists has significantly advanced the Church’s mission.” This “represents a rich resource not only for catechesis but also for the entire history of Christian spirituality.”