



Buckfast Abbey

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Sunday 23rd May 2021

Pentecost Sunday

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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
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SATURDAY:	12:05:	Abbey Church
	17:00:	Vigil: St Benedict's, Buckfastleigh
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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

FR DOMINIC WRITES:

A Big thank you to all those who have taken the time and trouble to fill in and return the Parish Contact Details form. I shall continue to leave more of these forms at the back of the Church for the next two Sundays, ie 23rd and 30th May. To those of you who have not had the opportunity to fill them out, may I please encourage you to do so. It greatly helps me in getting an accurate 'snapshot' of the Parish. Again, many thanks for your time and patience in this matter.

Last Tuesday, 18th May, I was asked to join with our Parish S.V.P. group, via the wonders of Zoom! I was touched by both the generosity and love shown by its members.

On behalf of the Parish, thank you for all you do on our behalf, you are a shining example to the rest of us of "faith and good work".

Key Holder List

I have been advised that it is 'best practice' on the change of any administration, to draw up a key holder list. So, may I ask those of you who hold any keys to Church property to please let me know who you are. Many thanks.

Advance Notice!

On Friday 28th May, there will be only one Mass in the Abbey Church at 12:05. This will be the Sung Conventual Mass of the day.

On Monday 31st May at 12:05pm Mass will be put back to 11:00am. This is to accommodate the Requiem Mass of Dom Prior's Brother.

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	£37	£5
Abbey 09:00 Mass	£0	£0
Abbey 11:00 Mass	£29	£10
Ashburton	£0	£10
South Brent	£3.50	£30

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

MONDAY Our Lady of Buckfast *solemnity*
TUESDAY St Bede the Venerable *feast*
WEDNESDAY St Aldhelm *memoria*
THURSDAY St Augustine of Canterbury *solemnity*
FRIDAY feria
SATURDAY feria, Votive Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary

This week's liturgical calendar is rather busy! On Monday we return to 'Ordinary Time,' when our Eastertide celebrations are concluded, and no particular aspect of our cycle of redemption is celebrated. Our own titular feast of Our Lady of Buckfast is kept as a solemnity. We also honour two pivotal saints of our land; St Bede, a Benedictine monk of the eighth century, and St Augustine, missionary to England and first Archbishop of Canterbury.

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.

**UPDATE FROM
THE BUCKFAST ABBEY PARISH
ST VINCENT DE PAUL GROUP**

This week our SVP group met, once again on Zoom. We are really hoping that we will be able to meet in person soon. It was good to have Father Dominic with us for his first Buckfast SVP meeting. Our focus this month was to review our Easter greetings campaign and look at any pastoral needs within our parish. We have been greatly encouraged by the messages of thanks which we have received following the delivery of Jude's Easter cards. Several people said that they still felt connected with our parish, even though they have been unable to attend church.

When restrictions lift, we will be able to fulfil the central purpose of the SVP which is to befriend and visit as well as provide practical support for those who need us. In the meantime, if you or someone you know would like to be contacted please do let us know via Father Dominic.

We want to express our thanks to Father Francis who encouraged us to set up a Buckfast Abbey SVP group. We would also like to thank those generous parishioners who have made financial donations to the SVP via our group. Further details on regular giving or occasional donations may be obtained from Mike Lang.

If you would like to join us, you will be made most welcome. Please speak to Kelvin or Rachel Ellacott or Mike Lang for details.

ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH

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

Kathleen Ferrero, George Byng Visc. Torrington, Dom Richard Rotter, Alan Wakley, John Henle, Dana Taylor Speicher, Susan Luckyn-Malone, Agnes Withers, Edith Robinson, John Bissett, Mildred Smyth (oblate), Br Anselm Maigler OSB, Margaret Lindsay, Dom Winfrid Rechtsteiner, Austin Concanon, Lester Davis, Mary Catherine Burrows, John Berchmans Bourke, Dom Thomas Plersch.
Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

THE NEWEST MEMBER OF THE FLOCK



Our congratulations and prayers go to Ian Fuller who has been received into the Church.

Do you know of anyone who may be interested in becoming a member of the Roman Catholic Church or would welcome a deeper conversation about the faith? Please let Fr Dominic know.

CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY (PLYMOUTH)

Update May 2021



The Covid pandemic and the restrictions we have had to work around have affected us all. Many organisations have had to develop new ways of working. This includes the Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth) who have also had to find new ways of meeting the needs of families in our Diocese.

Lockdown restrictions have prevented us from holding our usual fundraising events over the last 12 months. We've been busy tapping into alternative funding including specific COVID response funds.

The needs we address are still plentiful and if anything, have increased. Many families have been affected by COVID, not only in terms of financial circumstances due to job loss or being furloughed, but also in being able to source and purchase second-hand items. Many businesses and charities they would normally have used have had to close for most or part of 2020. In addition, children have been at home a great deal more because schools have had to close, which has also impacted on family finances as utility bills and food bills have increased.

CCSP has been able to move some of its activity on-line, delivering the Patchwork Parenting courses in different ways and introducing the Lockdown Lowdown, giving support to families and carers over the internet. Inevitably there have been increased applications for grants. 135 children benefited directly from a CCSP grant in 2020. In total CCSP have supported 473 children within families last year.

Please support us. If you would like to join our mailing list and receive a copy of the newsletter, again, please contact the office. Our website has details on a number of ways in which you can donate, so that we can continue giving real help to families in need within our Diocese.

If you know of a family who might need our help, please direct them to our website. Please remember us, and the children we help, in your prayers.

Thank you.

Kelvin Ellacott, Trustee.

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