

The Abbey Parish Messenger

18th June, 2023 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A *Readings in Mass Book*

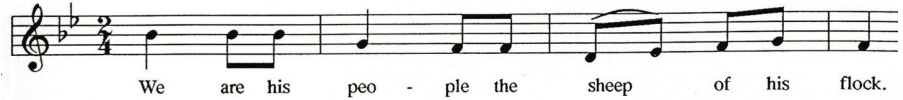
Full details of times of Services are posted in the Abbey and the other churches in the parish

Confessions: Blessed Sacrament Chapel Saturdays 11 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

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Liturgical Calendar:

Monday	St. Romuald
Tuesday	St. Alban
Wednesday	St. Aloysius
Thursday	Ss. John Fisher & Thomas More
Friday	Ss. Etheldreda, Mildred and Holy Nuns of England
Saturday	Birthday of John the Baptist



Please pray for those whose anniversary occurs at this time:

Grace Retallack; Francis Hasslacher; John Heurtley; Bessie Brooke; Rosemary Reynolds; Frances Hale; Francis Cawley; Dorothy Modley; Maureen Grassby; Victor Ely; Stanislaw Marshall; Jeremiah Pyne;

May they rest in peace

"Oremus pro invicem"

Please pray for those who are sick:

Wendy Williams Mike Lang
Bridget Woodhead Letitia Woolcott

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

Phone line for prayer: call 01364 72768

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Churches Together in Ashburton will be holding a Taize Service in our Church in Ashburton on Sunday 18th June, beginning at 6.30 p.m. All welcome

Last weekend's collections

	Gift Aided	Standing orders	Digital Reader
Abbey 9 a.m.	£69.00	£0.00	£8.08
Abbey 10:30 a.m.	£267.35	£30.00	£24.23
Buckfastleigh Sat 5 p.m.	£5.00	£25.00	
Ashburton 10:30am	£55.00	£13.45	£6.92
South Brent 9 a.m.	£28.00	£20.00	£4.62
<i>Added value through gift aid</i>	£22.11	£10.96	£19.00

Come and celebrate the patronal feast of our church in Ashburton!

Thursday 22nd June

Church of Our Lady & St. Petroc, East Street TQ13 7AT (Ample parking available at the church)

10 a.m. Mass with children from our parish school.

After Mass, join the children for a drink in the parish rooms. They will then return to school and you are invited to stay for brunch prepared by Father Francis. 😊
For catering purposes, please tell Fr. Francis **by email or phone message by Monday 19th June** if you will be joining us for brunch.



Day for Life. Sunday 18th June. There will be a Second Collection at all Masses on this day.

This is the day in the Church's year dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition.

The theme this year is "Listen to Her" and focuses on post-abortion trauma and the impact of abortion primarily on women, but also on men. This year's message from the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales is written by a Catholic woman who had an abortion when she was 15. The full text is available at <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/day-for-life/> Here are some extracts:

"In the fleeting moments of honesty with myself and God, I knew that my choice didn't make me lose something, but someone. At times, this realisation was unbearable. This led to periods of deep depression and suicidal thoughts, as well as more promiscuous behaviour and numbing the pain with alcohol, food, or isolation.

This all changed when I was encouraged to go to confession. Even when I tried to justify my choice, the priest met me with the love and mercy of Jesus. The tears he shed melted my heart of stone. I began to give up my old ways of life and follow His way.

On this journey I was introduced to Rachel's Vineyard: a healing ministry that provides support for those who are suffering after abortion. I remember the kindness of the woman that I spoke to, and I knew I wouldn't be judged there.

It took so much courage to go on a retreat, but I can genuinely say it changed my life. By hearing other people share their stories and being gently encouraged by the team, I was able to speak the truth of what had happened to me on that day. My feelings were acknowledged, including my sense of loss. I was finally given permission to grieve for the baby that had died through my choice. I acknowledged my motherhood and named my son Joseph. This was the start of God turning the guilt, shame and unforgiveness into a deep love for my son, as any good mother would have."

Day for Life prayer to St. Joseph, Defender of Life

Dearest Saint Joseph,
at the word of an angel,
you lovingly took Mary into your home.
As God's humble servant, you guided
the Holy Family on the road to Bethlehem,
welcomed Jesus as your own son
in the shelter of a manger,
and fled far from your homeland
for the safety of both Mother and Child.
We praise God that as their faithful protector,
you never hesitated to sacrifice
for those entrusted to you.

May your example inspire us also
to welcome, cherish, and safeguard
God's most precious gift of life.
Help us to faithfully commit ourselves
to the service and defense of human life -
especially where it is vulnerable or threatened,
Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God
in all things.

CARITAS DIOCESE OF PLYMOUTH - REFUGEE
WEEK EVENT WEDS 21 JUNE 6-7 PM VIA ZOOM
'Every migrant has a name, a face and a story'. Pope
Francis

Refugee Week is approaching and the theme this year is
Compassion. Caritas Diocese of Plymouth would like to
invite people to learn more about '[Love the Stranger](#)' - a
new publication by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of
England and Wales – which reflects on our Christian
response to the challenges facing those who have left
their homeland in search of a better life. *Love the
Stranger* is a call to action – not only to help those who
come here, but also to facilitate and rejoice in their
service to our society.

There are many in our diocese who welcome those new
to their community, reach out to asylum seekers,
welcome families through community sponsorship, host
Ukrainian families and much more. This event will be an
opportunity to find out more about what is happening and
to learn from each other. All welcome to join us via Zoom
on Wednesday 21st June from 6-7pm.

Please email caritas@prcdtr.org.uk or fill in this short
form to receive the Zoom link
<https://forms.office.com/e/DeWYqB7cL9>

**SAVE THE DATE: Saturday 8th July 2023 - Vocations to
Priesthood - Day of Reflection.** Have you ever asked the
question 'Is God calling me to Priesthood or to the Religious life?'.
This 'Day of Reflection' for men will be held on Saturday 8th July
from 10:00 to 16:00 at Sclerder Abbey, Sclerder. Under 18s are
welcome to attend with parents' permission.
For further information, please contact Fr Jacek Kostuch
on Jacek.Kostuch@prcdtr.org.uk by 3rd July, 2023 at the latest.
*Arrangements can be made to collect you from Liskeard Railway
Station and returned after, if required.*

Day for Life prayer to St. Joseph, Patron of the Unborn

O St. Joseph, after your most holy spouse, our
Blessed Mother, you were the first to take into
your arms and heart the baby Jesus. From the
first time you gazed upon him and held him,
your heart and soul were forever bonded to
him. You caressed the Holy Child with fatherly
love and affection, and you committed yourself
always to love, protect, and care for this Son.
Look now with similar love and affection upon
this child of mine, who has gone from this
world.

I place my child, as well as my grief and guilt,
into the eternal embrace of your arms. Hold
and caress my child for me with the love of my
arms and sweetly kiss my child with all the
tender affection of my heart.

As God the Father entrusted the care of His
most precious Son into your most loving and
confident hands, so too do I entrust into your
fatherly care this child of mine. Please present
him to the merciful hands of Our Lord, so that
one day, when I too leave this world, my child
may greet me into eternal life.

Marriage Matters: Reflections on the Sunday readings:

Think of all the blessings
Priests offer sacrifice, and are 'mediators' between God
and humans. Jesus was a Priest and a 'mediator',
sacrificing Himself on the Cross and pleading, "Father
forgive them". Baptism made us 'sharers' in Christ's
Priesthood. At Mass, as a Priestly people, we join in His
sacrifice and pray for ourselves and others. So, 'serve the
Lord with gladness', counting our blessings.

Choristers at Buckfast Abbey

Buckfast Abbey is recruiting its next generation of
choristers. We are seeking any child in Year 6 or Year 7
with a passion for singing and some experience of
reading music. The commitment involves two weekday
rehearsals/services after school and comes with a
generous package of tuition.

For more information please email the Assistant Master
of the Music, Robert Pecksmith
(rpecksmith@buckfast.org.uk) or visit
<https://www.buckfast.org.uk/music>

"A joyful heart is good medicine" (Proverbs 17:22)

At Sunday School they were learning how God
created everything, including human beings.
Johnny was especially intent when the teacher told
him how Eve was created out of one of Adam's ribs.
Later in the week his mother noticed him lying down
as though he were ill, and said, "Johnny, what is the
matter?"

Johnny responded, "I have pain in my side. I think
I'm going to have a wife."