

The Abbey Parish Messenger

2nd July, 2023 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A *Readings in Mass Book p.96*

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.

Facebook page: search for Buckfast Abbey Parish

Liturgical Calendar:

Monday	St. Thomas, Apostle
Tuesday	The Chideock Martyrs
Wednesday	Feria
Thursday	Feria
Friday	Feria
Saturday	Our Lady on Saturday



Please pray for those whose anniversary occurs at this time:

*Annie Lowe; Mary Parnell; Olive Parr; Stephen Hunt; Nora Mack;
Dom John Baptist Archer; Jennifer Baker; Charles Hale; Shirley Fidock;
Mary Halle; Paul Devany; T. Bergess; Louisa Patterson; Mildred Hendry;
John Beard; Nellie Board; Dorothy Engster; Frances Fox; Dom Nicholas Marsh;
Dom Boniface Pedrick; Henrietta Stanton; Reginald Whately; Gertrude Wills;
Dom Maurus Massé; Lilian Henle; Hilda Hext;
Hermione Fothergill; Penny Messer;*

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

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At all Sunday Masses this week there will be a Second Collection for Peter's Pence. This is mandated by the Holy See to take place in all parishes across the world on a Sunday near the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul.

From the Diocesan Safeguarding Team: An invitation to survivors of abuse

The diocese would very much appreciate hearing from people who have a lived experience of abuse, so that we can involve them in the work we are doing to support survivors. We would welcome the opportunity to hear survivors' feedback and ideas so that we can improve our response to those who have been hurt by abuse. If you think you might be able to help us in this work, or if you would like to find out more about what we are doing in the diocese to support survivors, please contact: Sophie Scagell (Survivor Support Caseworker) on 01364 645436 / sophie.scagell@prcdtr.org.uk

Last weekend's first collections

Abbey 9 a.m.
Abbey 11 a.m.
Buckfastleigh Sat 5 p.m.
Ashburton 10:30am
South Brent 9 a.m.

Added value through gift aid

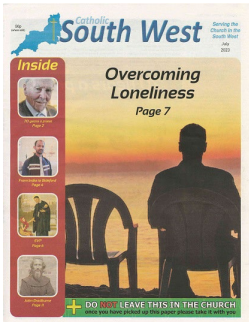
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Last weekend's second collections

Iona attending World Youth Day
Abbey 9 a.m.
Abbey 11 a.m.
Buckfastleigh Sat 5 p.m.
Ashburton 10:30am
South Brent 9 a.m.

£79.00
£432.77
£15.00
£10.00
£96.20

Thank you so much for this wonderfully generous collection for Iona to attend World Youth Day. Fr. Abbot has kindly agreed that the Abbey will donate the balance of Iona's travel expenses so that she will be able to represent us in Portugal. Iona has agreed that some time after her return she will come to an evening parish gathering to tell us all about her experience of World Youth Day.



The July edition of Catholic South West is available in the Abbey Shop and the churches in Buckfastleigh, Ashburton & South Brent.

March for Life UK happens in London on Saturday 2nd September.

Many are concerned about restrictions on freedom, but it's often not until these restrictions affect us personally that we speak up. Abortion destroys the most fundamental freedom, the freedom to live, and leaves so many women and men deeply hurting. Join thousands of others at this family-friendly event to speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves. Full details can be found at www.marchforlife.co.uk

Last week, the Instrumentum Laboris which is the document that will form the basis for discussion at the first session of the 16th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops being held this October.

The document (in various formats) plus a FAQ/Summary document can be accessed by copying this link into your browser: <https://www.synod.va/en/synodal-process/the-universal-phase/documents.html>

(It is) 'an opportunity for the entire People of God to continue the journey that has begun, and an opportunity to involve those who have not been involved so far.' (Cardinal Mario Grech, Secretary General of the General Secretariat of the Synod)

Thank you, Mrs. Clayton, for this news from our parish school:

Unfortunately, our Mass which was to be led by Avon Class was cancelled this week, but I am pleased to say that it has been re-arranged for Wednesday 12th July at 9.15am. **Parishioners would be welcome to visit St Mary's to celebrate Mass and to stay for refreshments afterwards.**



Stella Maris (formerly The Apostleship of the Sea) has over 1,000 chaplains and volunteers in ports all over the world, who help seafarers and fishers when they are overburdened and in need of rest.

A ship arrived at Teesport in North East England last year with 22 seafarers on board. Two Stella Maris ship visitors conducted a routine visit, taking with them welcome packs and bags of clothing.

It transpired that the crew was under huge mental and physical strain. One confided that, during the voyage to Teesport from the USA, he had only been getting two hours sleep a night because he was so stressed and overworked. He was also concerned that the crew were no longer able to operate the vessel safely as they were all exhausted.

The Stella Maris team contacted the relevant authorities and a vessel detention notice was served that afternoon.

As a result, the seafarers were able to go ashore for the first time in many months and spent time relaxing at the seafarers' centre in the port. 11 of the crew were repatriated to the Philippines later that month.

Stella Maris' ship visiting can only happen because of your support - your generosity helps its chaplains and volunteers to support over 137,000 seafarers in ports around the UK and to reach 70,000 ships around the world.

There will be a Second Collection at all Sunday Masses in this parish on 8th/9th July. (This is the last one until 27th August)

I am putting this Messenger together in Sweden, in Mariavall the monastery of women which last year became part of the English Benedictine Congregation. This is their website: <https://www.mariavall.se/>

Mariavall's monastery has its origins in The Sisterhood of Jesus' Mother Mary, a community formed in 1957 by Magda Wollter and other women within the Lutheran Church of Sweden. In 1983, the then eight nuns converted to the Catholic Church. They had been living by the Benedictine monastic rule since 1964. Count Erik Sparre at Kronovall Castle in Tomelilla municipality donated land so that a new and larger monastery could be erected.

The monastery was designed by Benedictine monk Hans van der Laan and inaugurated in 1991. The abbey church was consecrated in 1995. Since March 6, 2016, Mother Christa has been the abbess of the monastery. The monastery runs guest activities, an icon workshop, a bookbindery and a bookstore.

The church in Mariavall is open all day and guests are welcome to attend the nuns' mass and prayers. People who wish to find God in the silence and solitude which the monastic life offers can also spend a few days in the guest quarters by emailing mariavall@katolskakyrkan.se. Many of the nuns speak very good English.



The monastery



The Abbey Church



Mother Christa (Abbess), with Sr. Siluana

I am here as part of the Continuing Formation Commission of the English Benedictine Congregation. We – Fr. Cuthbert from St. Louis Abbey, Sister Josephine from Stanbrook Abbey, Sister Magdalen from Jamberoo Abbey and Fr. Kevin from Ampleforth Abbey – were asked by the General Chapter to organise a conference, so our time in Sweden has that as one its aims. Another is to get to know each other and thus become an effective working group. The last aim, which is by no means the least, is to spend time with the nuns of Mariavall and thus contribute to the efforts of the Congregation to welcome and integrate one of our newest members into our group.

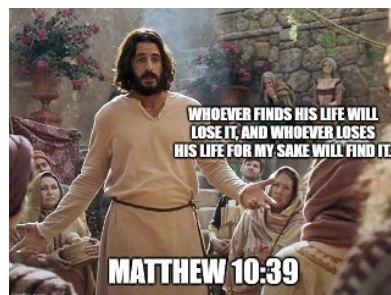
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Marriage Matters: Reflections on the Sunday readings:

Love grows when you give it away

We have become more aware over the years that the more we love, the more it grows. Our natural instinct is to always put ourselves first. 'To love' stands this mentality on its head! The Gospel says: "Anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it."

When we experience being loved, we are enabled to love too!



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

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