

The Abbey Parish Messenger

8th June, 2025 **Pentecost**

15th June, 2025 **The Most Holy Trinity**

22nd June, 2025 **Corpus Christi**

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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



NB There will not be a newsletter on the next two weekends

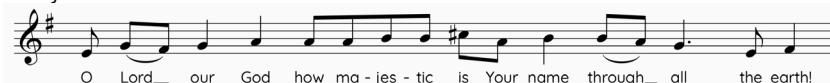
Liturgical Calendar:

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| Monday | Mary, Mother of the Church |
| Tuesday | Feria |
| Wednesday | St. Barnabas |
| Thursday | Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest |
| Friday | St. Anthony of Padua |
| Saturday | Our Lady on Saturday |
| Monday 16 th | Feria |
| Tuesday | Feria |
| Wednesday | Feria |
| Thursday | St. Romuald |
| Friday | St. Alban |
| Saturday | St. Aloysius Gonzaga |
| Monday 23 rd | Holy Nuns of England |
| Tuesday | Birth of John the Baptist |
| Wednesday | Feria |
| Thursday | Feria |
| Friday | Most Sacred Heart of Jesus |
| Saturday | St. Ireneus |

Pentecost:



Trinity:



Corpus Christi:



Please pray for those whose anniversary occurs at this time:

Joseph Hauff; Hilda Hext; Hermione Fothergill; Hazel Bray; Jules Van Heem; Audrey Lewis; Br. Joachim Boyle; Daniel Pritchard; Sylvia Calmady-Hamlyn; Sr. Ann Davis; Dom Edward Beane; Eleanor Spruce; Jane Bibby; Wilfrid Vine; William Black; Mary Poulton; Ena Walters; Olive Wordley; Carrie Portelly; Annie Deane; Beatrice Northcote; Beatrice Sasinowska; Bernard Petre; Lucy Gibson; Joseph McElroy; Dom Robert Smith; Denis Pope; John Walsh; Henry Cavalier; Mary Stones; Rosamund Carus; Grace Retallack; Francis Hasslacher; John Heurtley; Bessie Brook; Rosemary Reynolds; Frances Hale; Francis Cawley; Dorothy Modley; Maureen Grassby; Victor Ely; Stanislaw Marshall; Jeremiah Pyne; Elizabeth Jennings; William Alcock; Leslie Payne; Alexander Rowe; Lilian Brown; Ethel Ward-Smith; Olive Davidson;

May they rest in peace

"Oremus pro invicem"

Please pray for those who are sick:

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| Kathy Smith | Keith Halle | Wendy Williams |
| Bridget Woodhead | Pauline Roberts | |

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

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Second Collection 15th June Day for Life
The Church teaches that life is to be nurtured from conception to natural death. In England and Wales, *Day for Life* is celebrated on the third Sunday of June each year.

The theme is *Hope does not Disappoint: Finding meaning in Suffering.*

It is inspired by Romans 5:5-6. St Paul invites us to see that Christian hope is not just naïve optimism but, rather, an unshakeable trust in the power and presence of God who is with us always. This hope can endure the darkness of human suffering and even see beyond it.

Your generous donations will support the work of the Church in England and Wales in support of the dignity of life from conception to natural death.

In this context, please note that the House of Commons will continue their consideration of the Assisted Suicide Bill on 20th June. Please keep up the pressure on your MP by writing to them again and pointing out that this is an ill-concieved and poorly drated Bill which will endanger the lives and peace of mind of our most vulnerable brothers and sisters.

Last weekend's collections

| | | Gift Aided | Standing orders | Digital Reader |
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| Abbey 9 a.m. | £42.00 | £5.00 | £8.08 | £55.00 |
| Abbey 11 a.m. | £285.57 | £95.00 | £38.85 | £111.00 |
| Buckfastleigh Sat 5 p.m. | £15.00 | £27.00 | | |
| Ashburton 10:30am | £20.00 | £46.00 | £6.92 | |
| South Brent 9 a.m. | £81.30 | £25.00 | £5.77 | |
| Added value through gift aid | | £49.50 | £14.90 | £41.50 |

World Communications Day

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| Abbey 9 a.m. | £21.00 |
| Abbey 11 a.m. | £22.50 |
| Buckfastleigh Sat 5 p.m. | £12.61 |
| Ashburton 10:30 a.m. | £12.00 |
| South Brent | £40.10 |
| | £108.21 |

Please, always remember that many of our fellow Christians are persecuted for their faith; no small number are martyred. Please feed your prayer for them by studying the Aid to the Church in Need website: <https://acnuk.org/>

Second Collection 29th June, Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul

On this day it is customary to take up a 'second collection' for "Peter's Pence". Your kind donations support the work of the Catholic Church, including the charitable works with Pope Leo wishes to promote. It benefits our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression and disasters. For further information, visit <https://www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html>

The Eden Way, Devon - A Weekend of Pilgrimage

Come and join us for a free weekend of pilgrimage on The Eden Way in Devon on 28th and 29th June. The circular route named after the Garden of Eden travels through the 6 parishes of the the Teign Valley and visits its 6 magnificent churches. At each we will be warmly welcomed with plenty of tea and cakes. We will walk at a gentle pace with time to pause, watch the wildlife, take in the beautiful countryside and reflect.

We are offering each day as a separate and independent day walk.

This event is free, however a donation at any of the churches would be most appreciated. Tickets can be booked on Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/.../the-eden-way-devon-a...>

For further details of the walk on the 28th, please follow the link to the Journeying website: <https://www.journeying.co.uk/day-walks-and-events?id=1145551>

And for the walk on the 29th: <https://www.journeying.co.uk/day-walks-and-events?id=1145575>

Journeying is a non-profit seeking, ecumenical Christian organisation, founded in 1988.

Refugee Week this year takes place from **16-22nd June** with activities taking place locally and nationally. World Refugee Day on 20th June is an international day, designated by the United Nations to focus global attention on the plight of those fleeing conflict or persecution and to honour and celebrate the achievements, strength and courage of refugees around the world.

Pope Leo XIV recently addressed the Diplomatic Corps to the Holy See: "...no one is exempted from striving to ensure respect for the dignity of every person, especially the most frail and vulnerable, from the unborn to the elderly, from the sick to the unemployed, citizens and immigrants alike... All of us, in the course of our lives, can find ourselves healthy or sick, employed or unemployed, living in our native land or in a foreign country, yet our dignity always remains unchanged. It is the dignity of a creature willed and loved by God."

Please contact Alex, the Caritas Plymouth Refugee and Migration Project Lead, if you wish for any further details or materials: alexandra.miranda@prcdtr.org.uk

From the archives:

The Abbatial Blessing of Dom Bruno Fehrenbacher took place on 23 March 1939. The congregation included the new Abbot's three brothers who had journeyed to Buckfast from their home in Württemberg. Undertaking to "carefully guard the possessions of the monastery and use them for the good of the Church, the brethren, the poor, and the homeless", the Abbot received his pastoral staff.

At the reception which followed the liturgy, Dom Bruno expressed sincere thanks to Bishop John Barrett who had conferred the Abbatial Blessing. He said he was fully aware of the responsibilities that awaited him, particularly when he considered what his great predecessor had achieved. By the help of God and the faithful collaboration of a loyal and keen Community, he hoped to persevere and increase what had been so wonderfully begun.

"In this Abbey," said Dom Bruno, "we have realized a certain thing which the world outside is vainly seeking. Our Community is made up of different nationalities; this is a source of dissension and mistrust nowadays, but I would like to draw your attention to the fact that different nationalities can work together for peace and harmony for everyone concerned."

Coming just months before the outbreak of World War II, Abbot Bruno's words have a strikingly prophetic and poignant feel to them.

Steve Roach

Pope Leo XIV has sent a special message to Catholics and people of goodwill celebrating Day for Life on Sunday, 15 June, to assure them of his spiritual closeness at this time:

"In this Jubilee Year focussed on the theological virtue of hope, it is fitting that your theme, 'Hope does not disappoint – finding meaning in suffering', seeks to draw people's attention to how the mystery of suffering, so prevalent in the human condition, can be transformed by grace into an experience of the Lord's presence, for God is always close to those who are suffering and guides us to appreciate the deeper meaning of life, in love and closeness (cf. Message of His Holiness Pope Francis ' XXXIII World Day of the Sick)."

The Holy Father concluded by entrusting the work on Day for Life to the intercession of Our Lady of Good Counsel, and cordially imparted his Apostolic Blessing to all those supporting the Day as a pledge of fortitude, joy and peace in the Risen Lord.

Marriage Matters

Reflections on the Sunday readings:

The Holy Spirit is always there to help us
On our wedding day we were full of life and joy and visibly reflected the presence of the Holy Spirit in us. But He has also been present at other times in our lives: difficult times such as rejection by others, financial difficulties, mental and physical illness. By asking for His strength, He has kept us strong and close.

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

A famous Viking explorer returns home from a voyage and found his name missing from the Town register. His wife insisted on complaining to the civic official who apologises profusely saying, "I must have taken Leif off my census."