

The Abbey Parish Messenger

19th October, 2025 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C H & S p.979 CTS p. 1076

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	Feria
Tuesday	Feria
Wednesday	Feria
Thursday	Feria
Friday	Feria
Saturday	Our Lady on Saturday

"Oremus pro invicem"

Please pray for those who are sick:

Kathy Smith	Keith Halle
Brigid Woodhead	Pauline Roberts

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

The Mass at 1205 p.m. in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel on weekdays (Monday to Friday) will cease after 31st October and resume again at the beginning of March 2026. Between these times, the priests of the Abbey would willingly offer Mass during the day for organised groups visiting the Abbey if requested in advance and subject to availability.

The CHOSEN

Parishioners have enjoyed watching together four seasons of this wonderful series on the life and ministry of Jesus.



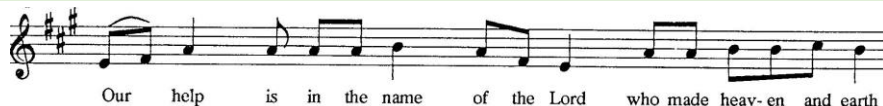
Beginning on Tuesday November 4th we will be watching the first four episodes of Season Five on consecutive Tuesdays at 7.15 p.m. in the parish meeting room at the Abbey. Everyone is most welcome to join us (for directions, please contact Fr. Francis).

Marriage Matters

Reflections on the Sunday readings:

Prayer is essential for a deeper loving.

Today, Jesus encourages us to pray often and never lose heart. Praying together is a time for thanking God for His presence with us and for the blessing of our love for each other. We ask God to help us to forgive hurts, to share ourselves more deeply and to listen better. In darkness, pain or joy, He is there.



Please pray for those whose anniversary occurs at this time:

Mary Ulyat; James Gibson; Dom Vitalis Leib; Ernest Baker; John Ellison; Mike Lang; Ethel Adams; Helen Striffler; David Ash; Joseph Harrington; Sydney Parker; Robert Dean; Guy Whinyates; Bishop William Vaughan; Edith Hamilton;

May they rest in peace

Last weekend's collections

		Gift Aided	Standing orders	Digital Reader
Abbey 9 a.m.	£45.00	£10.00	£8.08	£79.00
Abbey 11 a.m.	£372.06	£70.00	£38.85	£158.00
Buckfastleigh Sat 5 p.m.	£10.00	£55.00		
Ashburton 10:30am	£9.00	£60.00	£6.92	
South Brent 9 a.m.	£88.44	£20.00	£5.77	
<i>Added value through gift aid</i>		£53.75	£14.90	£59.25

Thank you for the additional £10 towards last week's collection for CAFOD



Please pray for the repose of the soul of

Jean Davis

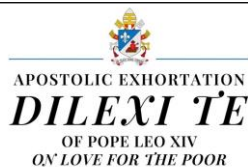
a parishioner who lived in South Brent who died on 16th October.

May she rest in peace.



'Missionaries Of Hope Among All Peoples'
19th October is World Mission Sunday

Today, parishes worldwide celebrate World Mission Sunday. By supporting Missio – the Pope's charity for world mission – we stand united as God's global family, in prayer, solidarity and action. We are called to be 'Missionaries Of Hope Among All Peoples' as everyone deserves to hear that God loves them and to be strengthened by God's Spirit. Please pray for missionaries and give what you can to this vital **second collection**, bringing God's compassion, peace and justice to those in need. To donate, use the Missio envelope, call 020 7821 9755 (office hours) or visit www.missio.org.uk to give a gift, set up a Direct Debit and Gift Aid your donation if possible.



On the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, Pope Leo XIV issued his first Apostolic Exhortation. In doing so, he affirmed, it is 'essential to insist on this path to holiness, for "in this call to recognize him in the poor and the suffering, we see revealed the very heart of Christ, his deepest feelings and choices, which every saint seeks to imitate."'

The Holy See has produced some excellent resources to help us absorb this teaching. They can be found by clicking on this link or pasting it into your browser:

https://www.humandevlopment.va/en/news/2025/dilexi-te-esortazione-apostolica-di-papa-leone-xiv-sull-amore-verso-i-poveri.html?fbclid=IwY2xjawNe_VpleHRuA2FlbQlxMABicmlkETFPcGIQaHJlckEzRnNoQ2NNAR4mycc54YbJ4XA_YRqzDlnbBvKPpt5vZahkamY1JcFDgtnQR_hPCk-QiTk6gUw_aem_jC9ZmDCkyueXQizvcuQaKQ

Among these resources is a synthesis of the document on three pages which includes:

Key ideas: Reflection on the centrality of love for the poor in Christian and ecclesial life | Remembering the moral obligation in regard to the needy, every gesture seen as Revelation | Recognizing multiple forms of poverty: material, social, moral, etc. | Shedding an intrinsic existence of riches and success | Recalling that God chooses the poor, showing himself to be their Messiah | Preoccupation for the integral human development of the least | Authenticity in the works of mercy | The care of the needy |

Synopsis: The care of the poor is part of the Great Tradition of the Church, like a beacon of light that, from the Gospel onward, has illuminated the hearts and steps of Christians of all time. Therefore, we should feel the urgency to invite everyone to immerse himself in this river of light and of life that comes from recognizing Christ in the face of the needy and the suffering. For us Christians, the question of the poor leads to what is essential in our faith, since the poor are not a sociological category, but the very body of Christ.

Prize Draw in aid of the Catholic Children's Society

Thanks to HBH Woolacotts and The School Wear Shop in Plymouth who have donated an AF140 Ninja Air Fryer and a £100 supermarket gift card of your choice, we are delighted to be running our third Crowdfunder prize draw to raise funds to help support our Essential Grants programme.

You can enter as many times as you like and the more entries you purchase, the more chance you will have of winning.

Tickets are priced at £10 for one entry or buy two entries for £20 and receive a third entry for free.

The draw will close at 9am on Monday, 24 November 2025.

To enter, please visit www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/ccsp-ninja-air-fryer-bundle

At South Brent Old School Community Centre, TQ10 9BP Saturday 25th October at 2 p.m.

"When Marley House Became Syon Abbey"

An illustrated talk about the sale of Marley House in 1925 to the Order of The Most Holy Saviour (Brigettine Nuns) to become Syon Abbey. Includes interviews with the last Abbess, Mother Anne Smyth.

There will also be an exhibition in the Aune Room showing the history of Syon Abbey of 600 years

From the archives, by Steve Roach:

A central focus in our study of Buckfast during the Second World War has been the role played by those monks who served as Chaplains. We've been exploring a number of archival resources in this research, principally the Annals and the *Buckfast Abbey Chronicle*; but another vital source of information is the war-time correspondence belonging to one of the Chaplains, Fr Charles Norris. I wanted to share some of this material with you, because it provides an important insight into the experience of Fr Charles and his confrères in the Forces. A document originating from the start of the War is particularly fascinating: 'Memoranda for all Chaplains (R.C.)' by J. Coghlan, Assistant Deputy Chaplain-General, contains vital information for the Chaplains in France and helps us appreciate some of the challenges which they faced: 'The regulation governing dress (a clerical collar over a black stock) will be strictly complied with outside the actual fighting zones. In the fighting zones, Chaplains will use their own discretion but should not wear celluloid collars which are highly flammable. If battle dress (which does not look very becoming on Chaplains) is worn, the clerical collar must not be concealed ... Too much emphasis cannot be laid on the importance of keeping in close personal contact with all ranks – seeking them out and talking to them individually. It is only thus that all, and especially those out of touch with their religion, may be influenced for good ... To the relatives of casualties, a letter from the Chaplain is a great consolation. It would be well therefore for Chaplains to attend to this and to have, as far as possible, the addresses of the next of kin of those in their care. Generally speaking, Chaplains will know when those in their care are about to be engaged in battle or raid. They will, therefore, do everything possible to give all ranks extra facilities in the way of spiritual preparation. Experience teaches that, probably, the best place for a Chaplain during actual fighting is at an Advanced or Main Dressing Station of a Field Ambulance ... Chaplains do well to impress on all ranks that they should not be critical of the habits and customs of the inhabitants of this country who are our allies and friends. They are always anxious and ready to help us even when this means much inconvenience and discomfort to themselves.'

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

In the traffic court of a large Midland city, a young lady was brought before the judge because of a ticket given her for driving through a red light. She explained to His Honour that she was a school teacher and requested an immediate disposal of her case in order that she might hasten on to her classes. A wild gleam came into the judge's eye. "You're a school teacher, eh?" said he. "Madam, I shall now realize my lifelong ambition. I've waited years to have a school teacher in this court!" "Now, sit down at that table and write 'I must not go through red lights' 500 times!!"

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