

# The Abbey Parish Messenger

10<sup>th</sup> May, 2026 Sixth Sunday of Easter Year A H & S p. 293 CTS p. 387

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.**

## Liturgical Calendar:

Monday	The Abbots of Cluny
Tuesday	Eastertide
Wednesday	Eastertide
Thursday	<b>Ascension of the Lord</b>
Friday	St. Pachomius
Saturday	Eastertide



Please pray for those whose anniversary occurs at this time:

Mary Channing; Lavinia Ash; Margaret Winstanley; Wingrave Tench;  
Donald Beard; Dom John Kraft; Montagu Godfrey; Charles Walmsley;  
Leslie Deane; Dom Charles Norris; Beatrice Bebenek; Mortimer Bullen;  
Blanche Bracchi; Joseph Wolff; Nicholas Scott Maddocks;  
Kathleen Sheehan; Br. Paul Lascaraboura; Pam Reynolds;

May they rest in peace

This Thursday is the **Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord**

This is a Holyday of Obligation.  
Mass will be celebrated in this parish as follows:

10:15 a.m.	Ashburton TQ13 7AR
12:05 p.m.	Abbey
5:00 p.m.	Abbey
7:30 p.m.	South Brent TQ10 9AQ

Please note, there will NOT be Mass in Ashburton this Wednesday.

## Last weekend's collections

	Gift Aided	S.O.	Card Reader
Abbey 9 a.m.	£69.75	£20.00	£76.00
Abbey 11 a.m.	£371.86	£55.00	£152.00
Buckfastleigh Saturday 5 p.m.	£10.00	£40.00	£38.85
Ashburton 10:30am	£20.00	£29.50	£6.92
South Brent 9 a.m.	£39.00	£30.00	£5.77
Added value through gift aid	£43.63	£14.90	£57.00

## "Oremus pro invicem"

Please pray for those who are sick:

Kathy Smith	Pauline Roberts
Brigid Woodhead	

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



## Catholicism

Tuesdays at 7 p.m. in the parish meeting room at the Abbey. (contact Fr. Francis for directions)

A series of discussions on the blessings of being Catholic. All welcome.

## Caritas May Newsletter

Please click the link to read the latest news of love in action around our diocese <https://tinyurl.com/y9bjk8a8>

The Diocesan Newsletter for May is now available via this link:

<https://email.workwithgusto.co.uk/t-t-A26C2BBAA727D7802540EF23F30FEDED>

## Next Weekend there will be a **second collection** for the World Day of Social Communications.

Pope Leo XIV has chosen "Preserving human voices and faces" as the theme for this day. This emphasizes the importance of maintaining human presence, empathy and moral responsibility in an era increasingly dominated by technology and artificial intelligence. The Church encourages using technology as a tool to enhance human connection rather than replace it, ensuring that it remains guided by human judgment and ethical responsibility.

Your kind donations will go towards the efforts of our Church in England and Wales to use all means of communication to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ. There is much evidence that this, whether websites, Facebook and Youtube engagement, podcasts and videos are very effective ways of making contact with young people and drawing them in to the life and love of the Church.

Young Adults' Retreat (18 – 30 yrs). Schlerder Abbey. 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> June

The theme of the retreat will be to reflect on our calling to be stewards of the earth, underpinned by the scripture Genesis 2:15. There will be times of prayer, reflection and discussion led by Fr Jude. Young people are being asked to make a contribution of £40 each.

Sign up here: [Sclerder Retreat \(18-30\) - Stewards of the earth – Fill in form](#) There will be transport from Liskeard Station to Sclerder both on the Friday night and Saturday morning.

Caritas are delighted to let you know that this week we will be sending to your parish a poster to be displayed in each of your churches. This is the fruits of all your lovely emails telling us of the different languages that are represented in your parish. The posters, we hope, will be a way of visibly welcoming people and demonstrating that All are Welcome – a way to Welcome the Stranger. This is part of the Caritas wider initiative to support the [A Million Acts of Hope](#) campaign, showing our solidarity of Welcome to all and kindness in the community. Your displaying of the poster will be a part of a bigger demonstration that we are a place of safety and charitable love. Our hope is that this will become a talking point as well as a visible and permanent Welcome.

On Thursday, 7th May, residents of Taybeh, the last entirely Palestinian Christian village in the West Bank, reported that Israeli settlers stormed their land and established a new illegal outpost. Residents also said settlers threatened to kill those returning to their property and later seized a nearby quarry. Bishop Jim Curry visited Taybeh earlier this year as part of the Holy Land Coordination and celebrated Mass with the parish community at Christ the Redeemer Church. Responding to the reports, he said:

"When I visited Taybeh in January, I was deeply concerned to learn about the rising tide of settler attacks carried out in and around the village. This recent attack highlights the continued plight of the Christians, and their neighbours, who belong to the land and only wish to live in peace with dignity."

Bishop Curry encouraged Catholics and people of goodwill in England and Wales to show their fraternity and support to the people of Taybeh.

He said: "It is easy to feel helpless and not know what to do in the face of these repeated attacks, but we must not be discouraged. Prayers and words of concern are important, they need also to be accompanied by concrete action. One such action is solidarity through encounter."

"I encourage Christians in England and Wales to continue supporting the communities of the Holy Land through pilgrimage and presence. Visiting places such as Taybeh, when it is safe to do so, will help you to stand in solidarity with local families and businesses as they face increasing intimidation and economic pressures that risk driving them out of their homeland."

"The Bishops of England and Wales have repeatedly raised these concerns directly with the UK government. Nevertheless, I urge all those with influence and responsibility to do everything possible to prevent further violence and uphold the dignity and rights of all people in the Holy Land."



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Christians in Taybeh celebrate Easter in 2023

Full article: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/news>

### Marriage Matters

*Reflections on the Sunday readings:*

Listen to Jesus within ourselves and within our partner.

Jesus is in me and in you! In marriage we are especially called to honour that presence in our spouse every day. There may be times when we hurt each other or take each other for granted, leading to feelings of jealousy and resentment, often to arguments. At times like this the call is for forgiveness, for healing, for affirmation.

### Diocesan Youth Residential Heatree, Dartmoor. May 15<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup>

Aimed at those aged 9 - 12, typically school years 5-7. It is a great way for our young people to meet others from across the Diocese but also explore the Sunday readings whilst engaging with outdoor pursuits (raft building and high ropes), focused discussions, crafts and games.

A grant has enabled us to reduce the cost to £70. Families sending siblings can also ask for a small reduction.

Follow the link to sign up:

<https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=KIdbqQH-RkEKiqby9p4ZacZb3hbGtbDxGmw1Owwi3-IZUQTlwN0JZSUIOTzJGMjQ2WUtlMUphMEgyRiQIQCN0PWcu&route=shorturl>

Laudato Si week will be celebrated on 17<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> May this year.

### God's Wild Acre

Caritas invites you to take part in a new project – God's Wild Acre. Do you have a little space in your garden, a window box, or any area you can give to encourage nature to do what it does best? We would like to reach an acre of land that has been set aside to celebrate creation's wild growing. Please send us your stories, images and size of your plot so that we can share them on our media streams [caritas@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:caritas@prcdtr.org.uk)

### ST. RITA'S OF CASCIA FEAST DAY FRIDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> MAY AT ST RITA'S CENTRE, HONITON

**Principal Celebrant:** Father Jose Romero OAR

Mass at 12 noon, followed by the blessing and distribution of roses for the sick. Hot drinks will be available all day, but visitors should bring a packed lunch. The day will conclude with Benediction at 3 pm. Tel. 01404 42635 [www.stritascentre.org](http://www.stritascentre.org)

Interested in training and volunteering as a Relationship Counsellor? Marriage Care is a Catholic organisation specialising in relationship support and we are currently looking for those who are empathetic, understanding and have an enthusiasm for supporting adult relationships, to train on our Certificate in Relationship Counselling (CRC) and volunteer with us. This is a great opportunity to make a real difference to couples and families. Please note that there are costs associated with training on our CRC. These costs are far lower than with alternative training providers.

**MARRIAGE care**



In line with our ethos as a charity, no one is excluded on the basis of their ability to pay. To find out more please visit: [www.marriagecare.org.uk](http://www.marriagecare.org.uk) or email: [volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk](mailto:volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk)

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

In prohibition days in America, a Kentucky moonshiner was on trial.

The judge turned to the jury and asked: "You are now going to consider your verdict. Before I give you your instructions, do any of you have any questions?"

"Yes, Your Honour," replied one of the jurors. "Did the defendant boil the malt one or two hours, does he cool it quickly, and at what point does he add the yeast?"