

# The Abbey Parish Messenger

7<sup>th</sup> June, 2026 Corpus Christi Year A H & S p. 336 CTS p. 823

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	Feria
Tuesday	Feria
Wednesday	Feria
Thursday	St. Barnabas
Friday	<b>Most Sacred Heart of Jesus</b>
Saturday	St. Anthony of Padua



Please pray for those whose anniversary occurs at this time:

*Seamus McNally; Joseph Hauff; Hilda Hext; Hermione Fothergill; Hazel Bray; Jules Van Heem; Audrey Lewis; Br. Joachim Boyle; Daniel Pritchard; Sylvia Calmady-Hamlyn; Sr. Ann Davis; Bernadette Irwin; Dom Edward Beane; Eleanor Spruce; Jane Bibby; Wilfrid Vine; William Black; Mary Poulton; Ena Walters;*

May they rest in peace

## "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

**There will not be the usual 1015 a.m. Mass in our church in Ashburton this Wednesday.**

## Last weekend's collections

	Gift Aided	S.O.	Card Reader
Abbey 9 a.m.	£61.00		£55.00
Abbey 11 a.m.	£372.80	£55.00	£8.08
Buckfastleigh Saturday 5 p.m.	£15.00	£30.00	£38.85
Ashburton 10:30am	£20.00	£10.00	£6.92
South Brent 9 a.m.	£56.18	£25.00	£5.77
<i>Added value through gift aid</i>		£30.00	£14.90
			£41.25



The discussion group on Catholicism will **not** meet this Tuesday. Back to normal on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June at 7 p.m. in the parish meeting room at the Abbey. (contact Fr. Francis for directions)

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.

Forthcoming concert in the Abbey:  
**Venetian Splendour** Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June, 19:30 (tickets: <https://bit.ly/4nxKWZM>)

Immerse yourself in the radiant sound of Renaissance Venice with a celebration of music by Gabrieli, Monteverdi and Croce, performed by the Abbey Choir with period instruments.

## Plymouth Diocese Summer Camp

For children between the ages of 9 and 12. Buckfast Abbey, 27<sup>th</sup> -31<sup>st</sup> July Exploring the Pope's encyclical 'Dilexi Te,' the words of the Lord in Revelation 3:9, 'I have loved you.'

A time of fun, friendship and faith. £150 per person. Help with the cost available from the parish (apply to Fr. Francis)

More information: [summercamps@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:summercamps@prcdtr.org.uk)

At the end of the 11 a.m. Mass in the Abbey on this Solemnity of Corpus Christi, there will be a procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the steps of the medieval Guest Hall where a short service of veneration will take place. Knights and Dames of the Western Section of The Equestrian Order of The Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem (a religious Pontifical Order of Knighthood) will escort The Blessed Sacrament, Abbot David Charlesworth OSB., KCHS (a Knight Commander of the Order) and the monastic community.

For information on the Order and its considerable charitable work in the Holy Land visit their website: <https://eohsj.org.uk/>

Today, the Order exists to support Christian's in the Holy Land (the living stones) physically on pilgrimage, prayer fully and financially.

## Free Will & Grace, 28 - 31 August 2026

Join us for a theological and philosophical deep dive on one of the great themes of the Christian Faith: human freedom and Divine grace. With lectures and workshops building on St Thomas Aquinas' writings, the course will also explore questions of conscience and the problem of evil. This year's guest speaker will be Rev. Dr Simon Gaine, OP. For more information and to book, go to:

<https://christianheritagecentre.com/>

The themes of the Consistory convened by Pope Leo for three days from 26<sup>th</sup> June were outlined by Cardinal Giovanni Battista Re, Dean of the College of Cardinals. He explains that the Pope wishes the meeting, like the one held on 7–8 January this year, to serve as “a space of mutual listening, discernment and shared reflection on issues of particular importance for the life and mission of the Church today.”

Cardinal Re recalls that Pope Leo sees the Consistory as an opportunity both “to gather the experience and counsel of the members of the College of Cardinals” and to count on “the active assistance and support of each one in the various places and responsibilities in which they serve the Church.” For that reason, he writes, the discussions should take place in “a spirit of listening, freedom and parrhesia,” fostering a process of shared discernment. (Parrhesia is a Greek word meaning, “the obligation to speak the truth for the common good, even at personal risk.)

A reflection on the international situation and the life of local Churches, a discussion of key themes in the encyclical Magnifica Humanitas, and an update on the implementation of the Synod will be at the heart of the Consistory.

Cardinals will be invited to share the sufferings, tensions and challenges affecting the peoples and ecclesial communities entrusted to their care, as well as the signs of hope, fidelity to the Gospel and prospects for reconciliation that they believe should be brought to the attention of the College. Cardinals from regions affected by war will be invited to share how conflict has directly and painfully shaped their pastoral experience, while the others will be asked to reflect on the resurgence of “languages, logics and practices” that undermine reconciliation and peaceful coexistence.

**Marriage Matters** *Reflections on the Sunday readings:* Feed your love

Without food we die! Our wedding promise was to nourish each other so that we bring life to our marriage. We feed each other in all the little countless ways, but particularly in our tender lovemaking, our talking and listening, support and encouragement, particularly in times of doubt and uncertainty. In these ways our marriage will grow and shine.

Thursday 15 October, 18.00

**Catholic Union Webinar for Young Catholics.** [The Desert and the Polis: Loneliness as Spiritual Crisis and Political Failure.](#) Young Catholics wishing to attend this webinar at 6.00pm on Thursday 15 October with Father John Church OP and Professor Anna Rowlands should register by emailing [info@catholicunion.org.uk](mailto:info@catholicunion.org.uk) to reserve their place. The event will be moderated by Tong Wu, member of the Catholic Union, and chaired by Dr Karen Singarayer, Vice Chair of the Catholic Union.

The webinar is aimed primarily at students, graduates, and young professionals. The Catholic Union wants to offer participants the opportunity to have a conversation that takes loneliness seriously as both a spiritual condition and a structural one. You can read more about the event here: [https://catholicunion.org.uk/2026/04/the-desert-and-the-polis-loneliness-as-spiritual-crisis-and-political-failure/?mc\\_cid=f2624353f9&mc\\_eid=81274d7270](https://catholicunion.org.uk/2026/04/the-desert-and-the-polis-loneliness-as-spiritual-crisis-and-political-failure/?mc_cid=f2624353f9&mc_eid=81274d7270)

Pope Leo XIV has appointed Maria Montserrat Alvarado as Prefect of the Dicastery for Communication, effective from 1 November 2026.

Born in Mexico City, Alvarado earned academic degrees from Florida International University and George Washington University. From 2009 to 2023, she held leadership positions at the Becket Fund for Religious Liberty, serving in initiatives dedicated to the defense of religious freedom and the promotion of human dignity.

Since 2023, she has served as President and Chief Operating Officer of EWTN News, the news division of the Eternal Word Television Network, overseeing international media platforms producing content in seven languages across television, radio, print, digital, and social media.

Established by Pope Francis on 27 June 2015 as part of the reform of the Roman Curia, the Dicastery for Communication oversees the Holy See’s communications systems, including Vatican News, Vatican Radio, L’Osservatore Romano, Vatican Media (photo, audio & video services), the Holy See Press Office, the Vatican publishing house, the Vatican Printing press, and the Filmoteca Vaticana. In addition to the operational and technological functions assigned to it, the Dicastery also deepens and develops the properly theological and pastoral aspects of the Church’s activity in the field of communication.

On Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July, the **Summer Gathering of the Catholic Union of Great Britain at Buckfast Abbey.**

Introduction by Bishop Nicholas Hudson; Mass in the Abbey. A talk by Abbot David Charlesworth OSB and another from a Catholic member of the House of Lords. Please book by the end of May here:

[https://catholicunion.org.uk/eventslist/catholic-unions-summer-gathering/?mc\\_cid=a6064f5457&mc\\_eid=81274d7270](https://catholicunion.org.uk/eventslist/catholic-unions-summer-gathering/?mc_cid=a6064f5457&mc_eid=81274d7270)

The Catholic Union exists to address the pressing social challenges of the day and equip and protect the ability of Catholics to contribute to those debates and in wider public affairs. Membership is open to practising members of the Catholic laity in Great Britain. For more information, and to join the Union, go to <https://catholicunion.org.uk/>

**“A joyful heart is good medicine” (Proverbs 17:22)**

Interrupted by the sound of the bell announcing the end of the class, the professor was annoyed to see the students noisily preparing to leave before he finished speaking. “Just a moment, Gentlemen,” he said, “I have a few more pearls to cast.”

The Safeguarding Reps in this parish are:

Abbey	Lesley Clark
Buckfastleigh	Mary Coates
Ashburton	Deborah Fisher
South Brent	Mary Waterman

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