

The Abbey Parish Messenger

11th October, 2026 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A H & S p. 414 CTS p. 790

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	St. Wilfrid
Tuesday	St. Edward the Confessor
Wednesday	Feria
Thursday	St. Teresa of Avila
Friday	Feria
Saturday	St. Ignatius of Antioch

"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



Please pray for those whose anniversary occurs at this time:

Percy Hamilton-Dean; Dom Angelo Ruess; Richard Nicholls; Anne Morgan; Mary Small; Alice Kalpman; Eileen Walker; Dom Hilarion Durkin; Leonard Lindsay; Martin Henle; Dom Petroc Dangel; Laura Hobson; Dom Luke Humphrey; Louise Piers; Nora Dawson; Lucy Bond; Emma Foster; Andrew Maguire; Dom Jerome Gladman; Ellen White;

May they rest in peace

Last weekend's collections

	Gift Aided	S.O.	Card Reader
Abbey 9 a.m.	£80.85		£53.00
Abbey 11 a.m.	£320.51	£50.00	£8.08
Buckfastleigh Saturday 5 p.m.	£5.00	£25.00	£38.85
Ashburton 10:30am	£10.00	£50.00	£6.92
South Brent 9 a.m.	£72.30	£25.00	£5.77
<i>Added value through gift aid</i>		£37.50	£14.90
			£40.00



The Good Book

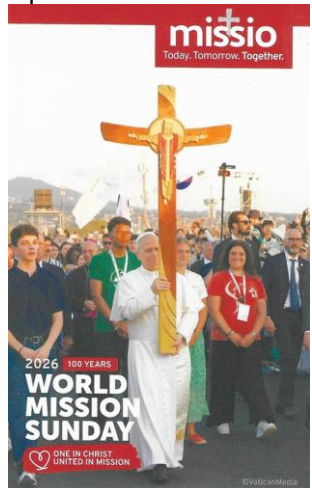
A gentle meander through the Bible intended to help us to see the wood for the trees. 20-30 minutes of input followed by a short time for reflection and a discussion over a cuppa and a chocolate biscuit. Parish Meeting Rooms, Thursdays at 7 p.m.

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Abbey 9 a.m.	£32.00	
Abbey 11 a.m.	£53.00	£55.00
Buckfastleigh Sat 5 p.m.	£10.00	£30.00
Ashburton 10:30 a.m.	£17.00	£20.00
South Brent	£25.00	£90.00
<i>Added value through gift aid</i>		£48.75

Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday

Next Sunday, the Holy Father invites all Catholics to support Missio – his charity for world mission – through a **second collection**. This day of prayer, solidarity and giving unites Catholics worldwide to share the Good News of God's love which has the power to transform lives and heal our world. To donate, use the Missio envelopes, call 020 7821 9755 (office hours) or visit missio.org.uk to give a gift, set up a Direct Debit and Gift Aid your donation if possible.



Autumn Half Term – Children's Craft Activities at Buckfast Abbey

Throughout the half term holiday, there will be FREE seasonal craft activities available for families in the School Room (next to Buckfast Abbey Church). FREE Autumn Spotter Sheet for families to use in the grounds of Buckfast Abbey also available from the School Room. Daily from Monday 26th October – Friday 29th October 10am - 4pm daily

14 October 1-5 p.m. Caritas: Faith in Action Against Modern Slavery, Plymouth Methodist Free, book <https://tinyurl.com/36hftacx>

17 October: Catechists Fair at Buckfast Abbey

Saturday October 10th saw **Adoremus**, the National Eucharistic Congress take place in London, starting with talks and Holy Mass in Southwark Cathedral, followed by a Eucharistic procession through the streets to Westminster Cathedral and ending with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament there.

Cardinal Vincent Nichols reflects on what makes Adoration such a special practice for Catholics: "The word Adoremus means 'we adore,' or maybe 'let us adore.' That's what Adoremus is about – adoration of the presence of Jesus, the Incarnate Word of God, in the Blessed Sacrament before us....In the Mass, what we are present at is the death and self-giving of Jesus on the cross in obedience to his Father so that we may have forgiveness and life. When we're before the Blessed Sacrament, we're there with that presence of the Lord in his greatest act of love for us and for his Father. You don't have to bring anything, just yourself."



Place yourself before Jesus and stay focused on the person of Jesus. You have all the time you want to be silent and just you, face to face, heart to heart with Jesus who loves you, who wants to draw you to himself so that he can tell you what's in your heart and then together be before Our Heavenly Father."

Pope Leo XIV opened the new academic year for ecclesiastical institutions of higher education with a Mass in St Peter's Basilica on Thursday evening, bringing together Rome's large Pontifical academic community.

In his homily, the Pope stressed that the beginning of a new academic year is about far more than simply returning to lectures and research. Study, he said, must become service, sustained by the Holy Spirit and by a "shared mission".

"Reason, the act of asking questions and putting them into words in the light of the Word of God and the Tradition of the Church," the Pope stressed, "are an essential part of the journey of faith in following Jesus Christ".

Intelligence is also necessary for discerning and responding to the possible misuse of education, Leo warned: "In every age, there is no shortage of false teachers who exploit the religious fervour of many believers for their own ends, often leading them to radicalise certain aspects of the teaching they have received at the expense of the whole, which is Christ and his Gospel."

"Intelligence must therefore become memory: not simply by juxtaposing data, as an algorithm now does more quickly than we can, but by remembering experiences, with the resonances that only the human soul can perceive, and by entering more deeply into contact with their goodness."

Full article: <https://www.vaticannews.va/en.html>

Ten years after the publication of Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation on love in the family, *Amoris laetitia*, the time has come to share what has emerged from this document in the Church across the world so that the Church can renew her commitment to accompany families with the challenges and fragilities they face today, said Pope Leo XIV on Wednesday, October 7.

The Pope noted that his predecessors and the Church "have continued along the path indicated by the Second Vatican Council," by focusing on the importance of the family and marriage.

When the Council Fathers placed "the dignity of marriage and the family" within the [Pastoral Constitution *Gaudium et Spes*](#), on the Church in the modern world, "they recognized that family life offers a privileged point of entry into the great cultural, economic, social and political questions of our time, including the work of promoting peace among peoples."

In his March 19 message calling for this meeting, the Pope highlighted that "there are, in fact, places and circumstances in which the Church 'can become the salt of the earth' only through the lay faithful and, in particular, through families."

"*Amoris laetitia* invites us to take seriously this vocation and responsibility," he insisted. "Families themselves participate in the Church's mission in the ordinary fabric of their lives, through love and fidelity, care and forgiveness, the education of children, their efforts in transmitting faith, attention to the elderly and the vulnerable, and the many ways in which they serve their communities and society. In all these ways, families bear witness to the Gospel and contribute to the life and mission of the Church." Full article: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/news>

We need you!

Plymouth CAST is a Catholic multi-academy trust of 34 schools and 1 nursery, spanning the Diocese of Plymouth.

We are looking to expand our Board of Directors. We are particularly interested in hearing from you if you have skills and current or recent experience of education at primary or secondary level, particularly within a multi-academy trust. Please contact the Clerk to the Trust Board for further information, Mrs Leah Paiano lpaiano@plymouthcast.org.uk

Bishop Nicholas, as Chair of the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales' Department for International Affairs, and Bishop James Curry issued a statement to mark the third anniversary of the Hamas attack:

"7th October marks the third anniversary of Hamas's brutal massacre of Israeli civilians during the Jewish holiday of Simchat Torah.

"We remember and pray for those Israelis who were killed or taken hostage and for their families whose lives have been devastated by loss. We remember the Jewish people around the world who continue to carry deep wounds and trauma caused by the atrocities of that day.

"We pray for the tens of thousands killed in Gaza too. To all who have suffered and continue to suffer immensely as a result of the ensuing war – we hold you in our thoughts and prayers. May God, in his mercy, comfort and strengthen you and bring an end to the violence and grief, so that peace may take root.

"Pope Leo reminds us that 'there is no future based on violence, forced exile, or vengeance' and that those who love peace must work for it. The Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem, Cardinal Pizzaballa, has likewise repeatedly called on the Church to build bridges of dialogue and not turn away from the Holy Land, even when the situation seems overwhelmingly complex and painful.

"We therefore strongly advocate for dialogue, forgiveness, justice and reconciliation. Whilst praying for the victims of the awful events of 7 October we need to work for an end to antisemitism throughout the world. We also pray for and work for a just and lasting peace in the Holy Land. This is the only way forward."

Marriage Matters *Reflections on the Sunday readings: Add another stitch*

God our Father invites us all to His great wedding feast in heaven! In living out our married life, we have been making our wedding garments! It is woven, sewn and stitched with all the little acts of loving kindness, long forgotten, the courtesies in every little action we show toward each other, our children, family and friends.

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

Mr. & Mrs. McKickle, vacationing in Rome, were being shown through the Colosseum. "Now, this room," said the guide, "is where the slaves dressed to fight the lions" "But how does one dress to fight lions?" inquired Mr. McKickle.

"Ve-e-e-e-ry slow-w-w-w-w-ly!" replied the guide.

The Safeguarding Reps in this parish are:

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