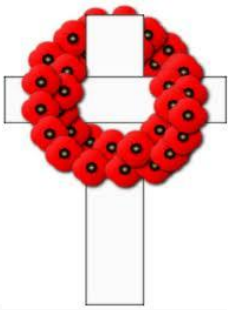
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Full details of times of Services are posted in the Abbey and the other churches in the parish.
Confessions: Blessed Sacrament Chapel: Saturdays 11 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.





Liturgical Calendar:

Monday	**Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**
Tuesday	St. Leo the Great
Wednesday	**St. Martin of Tours**
Thursday	Feria
Friday	**All Benedictine Saints**
Saturday	Our Lady on Saturday

"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:

Mary Ford; Lilian Paynter; Margaret Anderson; Esther Capping; Frances Power; Lorna Adamson; Evelyn Adamson; Margaret Slocombe; Mildred Kingdon; Dom Mellitus Hauler; Meta Banbury; William Stuart; Frederick Gower; Kay Salter; Margaret O'Brien; Emily Mitchell; Ivy Bridge; Mary Causton; Heloise Chatrian; Margaret Minns; Timothy Rymer Cooper; Ruby Hawkes; Bridget Garrett; Bessie Hawkins; Dom Adalbert Pappelau; Elizabeth Sampson; Brenda Andrews; Martin Baker;

May they rest in peace

Sunday, 15th November at 6:30 p.m. in the Catholic church in Ashburton
An ecumenical prayer service with Taize chant



All welcome.

Wednesday Mass in Ashburton

These Masses are now cancelled until the normal routine resumes on Wednesday 16th December.

Last weekend's collections

		Gift Aided	S.O.	Card Reader
Abbey 9 a.m.	£81.60			£51.00
Abbey 11 a.m.	£518.02	£45.00	£8.08	£99.00
Buckfastleigh Saturday 5 p.m.	£15.00	£35.00	£38.85	
Ashburton 10:30am	£30.00	£20.00	£6.92	
South Brent 9 a.m.	£96.14	£60.00	£5.77	
Added value through gift aid		£40.00	£14.90	£37.50

7 p.m. on Monday 16th November
in the parish meeting room at the Abbey
(for directions please contact Fr. Francis)
A talk by Mr. Joe Mullins, retired Prison Governor and regular worshipper at Buckfast. He will give us his experience of the help prisoners need to stop them re-offending and the ways in which The Prison Advice and Care Trust (PACT) contributes to that.
There will be a Second Collection for PACT at Sunday Masses on 28/29 November.

Prisoners · Families · Communities
A Fresh Start Together

"I was in prison and you visited me"
Matthew 25:36



There will be a short service in the parish cemetery after the 11 a.m. Mass at the Abbey today: Gathering at the lych-gate, where a plaque remembering parishioners who gave their lives for their country is situated, we remember them and all who have died in war.

Plymouth Diocese Young Adults Retreat (18 – 30 years)
20-22 November at Buckfast Abbey
Preparing for Advent: Isaiah 40:3:
"A voice cries out: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God."
Prayer, reflection and discussion led by Dominican Brothers Augustine and Reginald. Young people are being asked to make a contribution of £40 each. Sign up here:
Buckfast Abbey Retreat for young adults 20th - 22nd November 2026 – Fill in form

Christmas themed craft workshops,
in the Education Centre at Buckfast Abbey.
Needle-Felted Robin Baubles
Saturday 14th November 1:30pm – 3:30pm
Sold out!

- **Price:** £10 per person (includes all materials)
- **Skill Level:** Beginners welcome—no prior experience needed
- **Age Requirements:** Suitable for ages 12+

Booking & Information Spaces are limited. To book your place, or to ask any questions, please email a member of our Education Team: education@buckfast.org.uk

ADVENT RETREAT DAY ON SATURDAY, 5th DECEMBER 2026 AT ST RITA'S CENTRE "EXPLORING PRAYER AND CONVERSION"

led by Fr. Gerald Wilson OAR

The day will begin with coffee/tea on arrival at 9.30am. The first talk will start at 10am. The second talk will be at 11am. Adoration in silence (with an opportunity for Confession) will be at 12.00pm. Lunch will be served at 1pm. Holy Mass at 2.45pm. Depart at 3.30pm. The charge for the day, including lunch, is just £27.00.

To register, please complete the application form and let us know of any dietary requirements. You can contact St Rita's Centre by phone at 01404 42635, by email at admin@stritascentre.org, or register online via our website: ADVENT RETREAT DAY-"EXPLORING PRAYER AND CONVERSION" . Payment can be made in advance or on the day.

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

Marriage Matters *Reflections on the Sunday readings:*

Always be ready

Jesus said we must always be ready for His second coming, ready to meet Him. Being 'ready' doesn't mean spending all the time doing religious things. For married couples, being 'ready' means being ready to listen to each other, sharing thoughts and feelings. Keep your 'love tank' full by thinking of ways he or she can be surprised by love.

World Day of the Poor Event
The Lord is the Refuge of the Poor

There are still a few places left to join Caritas Diocese of Plymouth to celebrate the 10th World Day of the Poor on Saturday 14th November 2026, 11am-4.30pm, at the newly opened St James Catholic Church, 40 Old Road, Tiverton, Devon, EX16 4H J. Bishop Nicholas will open the day and closing with mass, keynote speaker, David Wells reflecting on Pope Leo's message and also Canon Kristian Paver who will talk on the new church at Tiverton. A simple lunch will be provided. Registration is essential for this free event. To register, click 10th World Day of the Poor Event: Tiverton – Fill in form, email caritas@prcdtr.org.uk or tel: 01364 645440.

'Ecce Homo: What is a Man?'

A conference organised by **Virtus**, a Catholic initiative to explore what it means to be a man in today's world, and how men can live our their faith with greater virtue, courage and responsibility. Talks, discussions and workshops, with speakers including **Abbot Robert Igo OSB (Abbot of Ampleforth Abbey), Fr Toby Lees OP (Priest Director of Radio Maria England) and Ryan Christopher (Director of External Affairs, Angelicum)**. It will also offer an opportunity for fellowship with other Catholic men, concluding with Holy Mass at St George's Cathedral.

Saturday 21st November 9.30 a.m. – 6.30 p.m.
Amigo Hall, St. George's Cathedral, Southwark, SE1 7HY.

Tickets: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ecce-homo-what-is-a-man-tickets-1999284278095

Website: https://virtusuk.org/

On 28 and 29 October, Father Bashar Fawadleh, Catholic priest from Christ the Redeemer parish in Taybeh – the last entirely Christian village in the West Bank, Palestine, visited the UK at the invitation of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem to raise awareness about the current situation in Taybeh.

He explained that in the eastern part of Taybeh, the residents are experiencing violent attacks by "radical settlers", including burning the land and cars of local residents, as well as bringing cows and sheep to graze on agricultural land, blocking the harvest of olive groves – a key asset of this land.

Despite diplomatic presence and agreements, attacks and violence against the people of Taybeh continue, including against children and the elderly. Fr Bashar also witnessed attacks against diplomatic delegations while accompanying an organised visit:"We were all shocked because this is the first time that we are facing something like that. We thought, has something happened against the diplomatic missions? What would have happened if we had been alone without any diplomatic missions?"

"16 families have left Taybeh; that means between 70 to 75 persons in the last 3 years. … If this place will be empty [of] Christians, you will lose your roots from the land, because we are the roots of the Christians."

"This is our situation, but still we are the Church. The Church is present. We do not just put our hands up and say we cannot do anything. No, the Church is present. We are raising our voice, we are inviting the people to come to Taybeh. … We put on a lot of pressure through by the diplomatic missions, the ecclesiastical channels and with the Vatican. … We don't ask anything, we don't ask any privilege because we are Christians. No, we ask human rights. We ask basic rights. to live in security and safety. That's all." Fr Bashar also recorded a podcast alongside Bishop James Curry, Lead Bishop for the Holy Land, and Harry Hagopian, an international lawyer, in which he discussed further the struggles of every day life in Taybeh. You can listen to the podcast here: https://www.cbcew.org.uk/podcast/turbulent-times-in-taybeh/

Full article: www.cbcew.org.uk/news/

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

Stewardess: "I'm very sorry, Mrs. Jones, but I'm afraid we've left your husband behind at Heathrow." Mrs. Jones: "Oh, thank goodness for that! Since we took off I've been thinking that I had gone deaf!"

The Safeguarding Reps in this parish are:

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

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