

Mother Joanna Jamieson, which shows the builder monks at work. monastery today you'll see a huge painting by a female Benedictine

the museum to monastic life, the bookshop and restaurant, and the day trippers, drawn by the beautiful buildings and stunning grounds, go there each year, some staying in the guest houses on site. Others are monastic produce shop. monastery in Britain, and certainly the most visitor-friendly. Thousands Over the years since, Buckfast has become probably the most famous

made under a licence granted by the monks. recipe with them from France, and although they no longer make it at the monastery, it is which has a reputation in Scotland for contributing to alcoholism. The monks brought the There are two other famous elements of life at Buckfast: one is the eponymous tonic wine,

exhibition and, of course, the modern bee community of forty hives, which today are kept share his knowledge with other enthusiasts, and his legacy is marked at Buckfast with an which became known as the Buckfast Queen. He travelled the world for research and to one of the most important bee experts on the planet, was to breed a hardier type of beee had been wiped out by a disease; Brother Adam's contribution, which was to make him put in charge of them in 1919 and continued in his job until 1990 - he died six years for many years were cared for by its legendary beekeeper Brother Adam Kehrle. He was later, aged ninety-nine. Shortly before he arrived at the abbey, most of the bee population for research and education purposes rather than honey. The other famous piece of Buckfast history is less contentious: it's the abbey's bees, which

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Mass text

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

for all the ages of eternity, alleluia, alleluia. The Lord is truly risen, alleluia To him be glory and power

FIRST READING Acts 10:34. 37-43

PSALM Psalm 117

RESPONSE This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- Give thanks to the Lord for he is good "His love has no end." R. Let the sons of Israel say: for his love has no end.
- The Lord's right hand has triumphed; and recount his deeds. R. shall not die, I shall live his right hand raised me up.
- The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.

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a marvel in our eyes. R. This is the work of the Lord

SECOND READING Colossians 3:1-4 Or 1 Corinthians 5:6-8

Alleluia, alleluia GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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Christ, our passover, has been sacrificed; let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord

GOSPEL John 20:1-9

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia. therefore let us keep the feast with the Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; unleavened bread

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Next Sunday's Readings: John 20:19-31





SUNDAY BULLE

THINKING FAITH



abbey more than a thousand years ago. The existence of the stories of English Catholicism – but as anyone who's read Hilary community there today has been called one of the most moving an uninterrupted journey. Mantel's Wolf Hall novels or studied history knows, it's not been The first monks arrived in Buckfast, in Devon, to establish ar

empty until, in 1800, a local merchant built a mansion on the site sent a team to Buckfast. After its dissolution the land remained Benedictines, but later the community followed the Cistercian rule. Cromwell, charged by Henry VIII to close down the monasteries, The numbers fluctuated, but in 1539 Mantel's protagonist, Thomas It was 1018 when the monks arrived; originally they were

a community of Benedictines in Ramsgate in Kent, who had been would like to live at Buckfast. That week's Tablet was delivered to somewhere in England, there might be a community of monks who It was the existence of this building that proved key to the monks including Fountains and Kirkstall in Yorkshire. taking inspiration from the ruins of other dissolved monasteries architect Frederick Walters was commissioned to draw up plans rebuild a new abbey on the site of the original one, and leading Devon, and in October that year they arrived. The plan was to of a new home. They were delighted with the idea of a move to the Catholic weekly magazine The Tablet to float the idea that return; because in 1872 the then owner, wanting to sell, wrote to forced out of France because of anti-clericalism and were in search

complete, but it was finally consecrated in 1932; the service to mark the event was broadcast live on the BBC. If you visit the or six at a time, built it themselves. It took them some years to of the story: because the monks, working in small groups of four But it's the actual building of Buckfast that is one of the highlights

Catholic

heritage

in Britain



in Britain, starting series in which Joanna ahead. Today in Sunday Abbey in Devon. with a visit to Buckfast of our Catholic heritage places that tell the story Moorhead looks at Bulletin we begin a new the weeks and months trips and holidays over we think about planning for many, a time when Easter is traditionally,

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RESURRECTION OF THE LORD EASTER SUNDAY OF THE

DIVINE OFFICE WEEK