



## Ss Joseph & Teresa Parish, Wells,

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**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

### Worship in Wells & Shepton

Sat 9 <sup>th</sup> Jul	6.00pm Vigil Mass ( )
Sun 10 <sup>th</sup> Jul	9.00am Solemn Mass ( <i>Pro Populo</i> ) 11.00am Mass in Shepton ( ) <b>Diocesan Pilgrimage to Glastonbury from 2.15pm</b> 6.00pm Mass at All Hallows School, East Cranmore (Alkington Intention)
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> Jul	<u>ST BENEDICT OF NURSIA</u> , Co-Patron of Europe, Feast 9.15am Liturgy of the Word and HC in Shepton 9.30pm Mass ( )
Tue 12 <sup>th</sup> Jul	<u>Feria of Week XV</u> 9.15am Mass in Shepton 9.30am Mass ( )
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> Jul	<u>Feria (St Henry the Emperor)</u> 9.10am Liturgy of the Word and HC in Shepton 9.30am Mass ( )
Thu 14 <sup>th</sup> Jul	<u>Feria (St Camillus of Lellis)</u> 9.30am Mass 9.15am Mass in Shepton ( )
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Jul	<u>St Bonaventure</u> 9.15am Liturgy of the Word and HC in Shepton 9.30am Mass 6.00pm Traditional Latin Mass ( )
Sat 16 <sup>th</sup> Jul	<u>Our Lady of Mount Carmel</u> 9.30am Mass
<b>Next Week:</b>	<b>Sunday XVI "Through the Year (Year A)</b>
Sat 16 <sup>th</sup> Jul	6.00pm Vigil Mass ( )
Sun 17 <sup>th</sup> Jul	9.00am Solemn Mass ( <i>Pro Populo</i> ) 11.00am Mass in Shepton ( ) 6.00pm Mass at All Hallows School, East Cranmore (Alkington Intention)

**Confessions** These are normally heard on Saturdays, Noon to 12.30pm in Shepton & from 5.00pm to 5.30pm in Wells.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> collection last week for 'Day for Life' raised £119. Thank you for your generosity.

This week's second collection is for **The Apostleship of the Sea**. See inside for information about its work.

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK Patricia Baker (2001), Prue Barrington (1994) *Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine, et lux perpetua luceat eis. O Lord, grant them eternal rest and may perpetual light shine upon them*

### PRACTICAL MINISTRIES – ROTAS FOR NEXT WEEK

<b>CLEANING</b>	<b>COFFEE</b>	<b>FLOWERS</b>	<b>WELCOMING</b>
<i>Week beg 11 July</i>	<i>Sun 17<sup>th</sup> July</i>	<i>Fri 15<sup>th</sup> /16<sup>th</sup></i>	

*Suzanne Martin & Helen Pearce*

*Frankie Lambert & Andy Boothroyd*

*Lizzie Beasley, Gill Baxter, Gill McGrath*

*Sat 16<sup>th</sup> Bea May  
Sun 17<sup>th</sup> Claire Mitchell*

### 9.00AM SUNDAY MASS MUSIC:

Mass setting

**Kyrie Taizé**

**Gloria 409**

**Gospel acclamation 412**

**Sanctus 433**

**Memorial acclamation 435**

**Doxology 438**

**Agnus Dei 455**

Hymns

**Opening**

**Offertory**

**Communion**

**Final**

CHURCH WATCH In addition to the published hours of church opening for public worship, the church will now be open for visiting the Blessed Sacrament in the Tabernacle, private prayer, meditation, spiritual reading etc at the following times:-

**First Tuesday of every month from 4.00-5.00pm**

**First Wednesday of every month from 3.30 – 4.30pm**

**First Friday of every month from 5.00-6.00pm**

**Second Wednesday of every month from 3.00-4.00pm**

If you have any questions about this please speak to Fr Philip or Jim McDonald (675098)



COFFEE & CAKE This Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July from 10.00-11.30pm. Stay after Mass or drop in during the morning. Children are very welcome. (The cakes are always delicious!)



## TO REFLECT ON DURING THE WEEK - MATTHEW 13:1-23

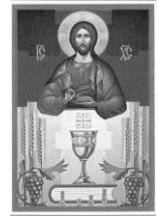
That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat there; and the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they had not much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, but when the sun rose they were scorched; and since they had no root they withered away. Other seeds fell upon thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. He who has ears, let him hear." Then the disciples came and said to him, "Why do you speak to them in parables?" And he answered them, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given. For to him who has will more be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who has not, even what he has will be taken away. This is why I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand. With them indeed is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah which says: 'You shall indeed hear but never understand, and you shall indeed see but never perceive. For this people's heart has grown dull, and their ears are heavy of hearing, and their eyes they have closed, lest they should perceive with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and turn for me to heal them.' But blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear. Truly, I say to you, many prophets and righteous men longed to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it. "Hear then the parable of the sower. When any one hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in his heart; this is what was sown along the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is he who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is he who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the delight in riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. As for what was sown on good soil, this is he who hears the word and understands it; he indeed bears fruit, and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty

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**Question of the Week:** Do we shut our eyes and close our ears to God's word when life becomes difficult or do we try and see His message with our hearts and live our lives accordingly?

## THE NEW MASS TRANSLATION "Amen" (From the Salford Diocesan Liturgy Office)

After gathering and uniting ourselves as a worshipping community by our opening hymn or antiphon, the first word we say is "Amen" in response to the Sign of the Cross. This word is not changing in the New Translation – because it is not actually translated! The word "Amen" is a Hebrew word, showing agreement or confirmation – "So be it", "It is so". In the Scriptures we find it in Our Lord's mouth many times, and it is used in Jewish and Muslim prayer as well as in our own Christian Liturgy. We will say this word at least ten times in Mass – sometimes more. When we use it, what meaning do we put into the word? Or is it just a verbal full stop which does not mean a great deal? Saying "Amen" is all about affirming truth and certainty – crying out "Yes, it's true". Think of all the moments in the Mass when you are asked to say "Amen": you are being asked "Do you believe this? Is this true?" A heartfelt "Amen" proclaims "Yes!"



**APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA** Today is Sea Sunday when the Church remembers all those who live and work at sea. The Apostleship of the Sea reaches out to the seafarers, who visit our ports each year. They often come from poorer countries, where wages are low and work in difficult and often dangerous conditions, suffering from loneliness, spiritual deprivation and even exploitation as they transport the goods we use and consume every day. In the distant days before Ordination, Fr. Philip worked with the Anglican equivalent, the Missions to Seamen, and alongside the Stella Maris chaplains. **The second collection this weekend is for the Apostleship of the Sea.**

## WORLD YOUTH DAY MADRID COMES TO SOMERSET - HELP NEEDED

Fr Tony Trafford has asked for our help. He will be bringing a party of some 350 young Australians to visit Downside Abbey en route to Madrid for World Youth Day. This is because the 1<sup>st</sup> Archbishop of Sydney was a monk of the abbey. One group of about 50 will be accommodated in the Blue School (sleeping on floors). **Volunteers are needed to prepare and serve breakfast on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> and Monday 15<sup>th</sup> August. If you would like to help please speak to Sharon Haigh.**



**PARISH TRIP TO WEYMOUTH Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July** This event has been very popular in past years and we are usually very lucky with the weather. We shall be hiring a coach and leaving after the 9.00am Mass. The cost will be £5 per adult, £2.50 per child with a maximum charge per family of £15. **We need more people to make the trip viable and it is essential that payment is made in advance, by Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July at the latest. Payment should be given to Barbara Lewis in the Parish Office or via the 'L' pigeonhole. Cheques payable to Ss Joseph & Teresa.** Naturally if the trip has to be cancelled, all payments will be refunded.

**CHRISTIANS TOGETHER IN WELLS AREA On Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July** there will be an ecumenical picnic and prayer pilgrimage led by Westbury-sub-Mendip Anglican parish. This will start at Dear Leap car park above Ebbor Gorge on the road between Easton and Priddy. Bring and share picnic 6.00pm. Walk and prayers 6.45-7.45pm. In case of bad weather this will be held in St Lawrence Church. **On 24<sup>th</sup> July at 6.30pm** there will be a United Service and **Patronal Festival at St Mary Maddalene, Wookey Hole.**



**'WEARING MANY HATS'** Fr Tibor and Cheddar parish invite us to a talk on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm in their church hall. Fr Tom Gunning will be talking about his life as 'Parish Priest in Bath, Hospital Chaplain and Dean' He has the reputation of being an entertaining speaker! The talk will be followed by bring and share drinks and nibbles. This is an opportunity to meet parishioners in Cheddar and to continue to build up links in preparation for our formal linking as parishes.

**PARISH DATABASE** We are planning to create a new database (register) of parishioners. It is very helpful to the parish priest to know how many people are members of the parish and to be able to contact them. The present database has been in existence for a number of years. Many people will have moved away or died, while others have arrived. So we are asking **EVERYONE** to fill in one of the mauve cards you will find on the pews. These should be handed to Barbara Lewis, the parish administrator, or put in the parish priest's pigeonhole in the porch or in the postbox outside the presbytery. Please be assured that the information will be treated as confidential and contact details will not be given to others without permission. More cards are available in the box marked 'WELCOME' in the porch.



**FROM THE PARISH OFFICE** A reminder that the normal opening hours of the parish office are Wednesdays and Fridays 10.00am -1.00pm and 2.00-4.00pm. Next week, exceptionally, the office will be open on Tuesday from 2.00-4.00pm, Wednesday 10.00am-1.00pm and not on Friday.

In response to a number of inquiries for information, it may be helpful to know that the following are the customary offerings to the Officiating Clergy [People are free to give more or less according to circumstance] :- for a Baptism/Christening £30, for a Marriage £100. The offerings for funeral liturgies are covered by the Funeral Director. Further guidance can be found by comparing the above with the Table of Statutory Fees in the porch of any of our Church of England neighbours.

### PARISH DIARY

Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> Jul.	10.00-11.30am Church	Parish coffee morning
<b>Thu 14<sup>th</sup> Jul.</b>	<b>7.30pm Wincanton</b>	<b>Parents &amp; Catechists' Meeting in preparation for Confirmation</b>
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Jul.	7.30pm Cheddar	Talk by Fr Tom Gunning
Sun 17 <sup>th</sup> Jul.	After 9.00am Mass	Parish trip to Weymouth
<b>Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Jul.</b>	<b>7.00pm Wincanton</b>	<b>Confirmation Mass with Bishop Declan</b>
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> Jul.	9.30am Church	"End of Year" Mass with our primary school
Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup> Jul.	4.15pm Church	Praying into Silence
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Sept	7.00pm Cheddar	"Parishes in Communion for Mission": Benediction, then Bring & Share Supper

**ST MARY MAGDALENE'S DAY** On the 22<sup>nd</sup> July, a Friday this year, the Church remembers one of the Lord's close friends. The Parish Church will be pleased to welcome the Parish School to Mass that day to mark another year completed. Our ecumenical neighbours in Wookey Hole will begin keeping their patronal festival and invite us to join them on the Sunday evening following for United worship. Fr. Philip will be driving off to Chelmsford on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July for a Solemn Religious Profession of Br. Rupert as a Canon Regular of the Order of Prémontré. The Bible does not tell us that St Mary Magdalene was a reformed prostitute but a friend of Christ. As such, her feast day makes a great day for a religious to profess the vows of poverty, chastity and obedience.

