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**SUNDAY XVI 'Per Annum'**  
**Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B**

**Sunday and Weekday Worship in Wells**

Sat 18 <sup>th</sup> July	6.00pm First Mass of Sunday ( )
Sun 19 <sup>th</sup> July	9.00am Solemn Mass ( <i>Foundation Mass</i> ) <b>3.00pm Holy Baptism of Alexander R. Rossi</b> <b>6.30 Ecumenical Evening Worship led by Wells</b> <b>Vinyard at the Methodist Church. All welcome</b>
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Feria of Week 16 9.30am Mass ( )
Tue 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Feria 9.30am Mass ( )
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	<b>3.00pm Memorial Requiem Mass for Michael Waldron</b> <u>St Mary Magdalene</u> 9.30am Mass (Sheila Neary RIP)
Thu 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	<b>9.30am End of Year Mass in School ( )</b> <u>ST BRIDGET OF SWEDEN, Co-Patronness of Europe</u> 9.30am Mass ( )
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> July	<u>St Sharbhel Mahkluf</u> 9.30am Mass ( <i>Thanksgiving to St Sharbel</i> ) 7.00pm Mass in the Extra-ordinary Form ( )
Sat 25 <sup>th</sup> July	<u>ST JAMES THE GREAT, Feast</u> 9.30am Mass ( )

**Next Sunday: Sunday XVII (Year B)**

**Confessions** Normally, the holy Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated on Saturdays, Noon to 12.30pm in Shepton and from 5.00pm to 5.30pm in Wells. Do ring and check

Last week's collection for the Apostleship of the Sea raised £269.65  
 This weekend there will be a collection is for the **Fabric Fund**.

Next weekend there will be a collection for 'Day for 'Life'. Proceeds will go to the Linacre Centre for Healthcare Ethics and other life-related activities supported by the church.

**ANNIVERSARIES AT THIS TIME** Mary Stott (1984), Syd Bristow (2008), Michael Wells (1991), Peter Hillard (1995), Clare Coleman (2001), *Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine, et lux perpetua luceat eis.* May the Lord

grant them eternal rest.

**Worship in Shepton**

Sun 19 <sup>th</sup> July	<u>16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</u> 11.00am Mass ( <i>Pro Populo</i> )
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Feria of Week 16 9.15am Liturgy of the Word and HC
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Sat 25 <sup>th</sup> July	<u>ST JAMES THE GREAT</u> Noon Confessions
Sun 26 <sup>th</sup> July	<u>17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</u> 11.00am Mass ( )

**PRACTICAL MINISTRIES - ROTAS FOR NEXT WEEK**

CLEANING	COFFEE	FLOWERS	WELCOMING
Liz Owen, Vanessa Hale & Isabella Millar	Philippa Phillips & Caroline Hudson	Florinda Hansom & Nell Atkin	6pm Alan & Jean Beck 9am Jean Rowland

**9.00AM SUNDAY MASS MUSIC**

<i>Hymns</i>		<i>Mass setting:</i>
Opening hymn	22	Kyrie Said
Psalm hymn	706	Gloria 409
Presentation	478	Gospel Acclamation 412
Communion	610	Sanctus 433
Final hymn	657	Memorial Acclamation 437
		Agnus Dei 455

**CHOIR PRACTICE** We shall meet in the organ loft this **Wednesday** at 7.30pm. New choir members are very welcome. Please speak to Fr Philip or Ruth Hudson

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD** The readers' rota for August and September is ready for collection from your pigeonholes.

**NEW OR RETURNING TO THE PARISH?** You are very welcome! If you are attending the 9am Mass please do join us for coffee afterwards. And

please fill in one of the yellow registration cards which you will find in the porch.

**TO PONDER OVER DURING THE WEEK - Mark 6:30-34**



The apostles returned to Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. And he said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a lonely place, and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure, even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a lonely place by themselves. Now many saw them going, and knew them, and they ran there on foot from all the towns, and got there ahead of them. As he went ashore

he saw a great throng, and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

*Question of the week:* Am I making time and space in my life in which to encounter deep rest and refreshment? What am I doing to make such occasions more frequent?

**CATECHETICS CERTIFICATE COURSE** This innovative course gives support and training to parish catechists. Anyone who would like to learn more about their faith is most welcome. However, this course would be particularly useful to those involved with sacramental preparation such as: Children's Liturgy, First Holy Communion and Reconciliation, Confirmation and Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. The course will run from Autumn 2009 to Summer 2010 at Alexander House, 160 Pennywell Road, Bristol BS5 0TX. See noticeboard or contact [ronnie.mitchinson@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:ronnie.mitchinson@cliftondiocese.com)

**DIOCESAN SUMMER PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2009** Bishop Declan invites us to join him on pilgrimage to Lourdes from 21<sup>st</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> August. Further information from Deacon David Wakefield, 01380 720916, e-mail: [lourdes@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:lourdes@cliftondiocese.com) – or, if you have never been before and would like to know what the pilgrimage is like, speak to Nell Atkin (674915) who has taken part in the pilgrimage for many years .

**FORTHCOMING DATES FOR THE DIARY**

Sat. 1 <sup>st</sup> August	Church	Young children's Story Time and creative display making
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> August	Church – after 9am Mass	Team Scavenger Hunt
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> August	Church 11am	Children's Service & picnic
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> August	Church 10am	Flower arranging demonstration & cream teas
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> August	From Church 11am	Parish bike ride

**PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM IN THE AUTUMN 11-15 October.**

There will be Mass each day on the pilgrimage, either in the brand new Parish Church or out at the Church of Reconciliation, next to the Slipper Chapel. There will also be a strong, ecumenical aspect to the trip, with prayers at the Methodist and Orthodox churches as well as at the Anglican Shrine. Stations of the Cross and confessions will also be available. On the social side, visits to Sandringham, and other local places of interest, maybe with a day in Norwich. There is a brochure and sign-up sheet on the 'Social Events' notice board. The cost for Bed and Breakfast plus travel will be £110 per person. For further information please speak to Fr Philip. (We shall be back in time to celebrate St Teresa in Wells that evening) We need to finalise numbers, so that unused but reserved rooms can be offered to other pilgrims. PLEASE SIGN UP BY SUNDAY 26<sup>th</sup> JULY.

**IMPROVING OUR CHURCH BUILDING** Fr Philip has invited parishioners to think about various under-used areas of the church and to consider how they might be better used. Suggestions may be e-mailed to the parish office (Address on this newsletter) Copies of the minutes of the Parish Assembly are available in the vestibule/narthex.

**CATHOLIC NEWSPAPERS** A reminder that we regularly receive copies of *The Catholic Herald* and *The Tablet*. These are kept by the pigeonholes in the porch and they are a good way of keeping informed about events and issues in the wider Church. Can we also remind you that the newspapers are **for sale**, not for borrowing! Please put the money in the marked box by the church door.

**MISSING HYMN BOOKS** Has anybody borrowed hymn books from the organ loft? Several have disappeared and we need them for our growing choir!

**SOCIAL EVENTS** An exciting parish programme of summer social events in being planned. We think there is something for everyone - and especially families and children.

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> August: Story time for young children with creative display making.** Juice & biscuits provided. Parents/carers will need to supervise children at all times.

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August: Team Scavenger Hunt** starting after the 9am Mass. Teams of four are required. Please consider a team name and sign your team up on the Social Events noticeboard before the event. There must be one responsible adult per group!

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> August : at 11am a Children's Service** in the church, processing to the park afterwards for play and a picnic. Face painting and outdoor games will be included, all free. This is an opportunity for us to celebrate 'National Play Day' as a parish. Please bring a picnic with you.

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> August at 10am in church a Flower Arranging demonstration** to be followed by cream teas!

*Further details on all the above from Danielle Allen, our Social Events Co-ordinator (671259, [mysmurf@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mysmurf@hotmail.co.uk))*

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> August: Relaxing bike ride and pub lunch** leaving the church at 11am, returning 4pm. Please bring money for a pub lunch. Further details from Andy Allen (671259)

**THE BISHOP'S PASTORAL GUIDELINES - "CALLED TO BE A PEOPLE OF HOPE"** These are available for all to see on the Diocesan Website. They are given to every parish and religious community in the diocese, not to prescribe what is appropriate or possible in every situation, but guide us to consider areas of importance. Be assured that Fr. Philip and the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) will be making its ways through these recommended areas, for us to start, stop or improve what we can along the way. Your thoughts on the areas covered are most welcome, as always.



### **THIS WEEK'S SAINTS**

**Mary Magdalene** This great friend of Christ came from Magdala and had 7 demons driven out by Our Blessed Saviour. The Bible does not say she was a reformed prostitute, but she is hailed as their heavenly patroness. She was chosen to be the herald of the Resurrection to the Apostles. She is usually depicted either with an Easter egg or with a vessel of ointment to remind us that she came to anoint a dead body and discovered the Best News

the world has ever received.

**Bridget of Sweden** As Europe has 3 male patrons, it also has 3 female patrons of which this lady is the most northerly. She was a Swedish princess, who founded the Order of Our Most Holy Saviour, known after her as the Bridgettines. Originally there were both male and female branches of the order but now it is for women only. She migrated with her daughter to Rome. Many churches there have medieval crucifixes that the saint said talked to her and her visions of Christ's passion make good devotional reading for Lent. Her house can still be visited in the Piazza Farnese.



**Sharbel Makhlof** reminds the Latin Church of the West of the diversity of the Catholic Family. He was a Maronite hermit of Mt. Lebanon, an eminent example of monastic sanctity, enriching, by his example and his intercession, the entire Christian people. The Maronite Catholic Church is Eastern and its patriarch a cardinal. At his Beatification Pope Paul VI asked that he may make us understand, in a world largely fascinated by wealth and comfort, the paramount value of poverty, penance and asceticism, to liberate the soul in its ascent to God.

**James the Great** This Apostle is not actually greater than any other, but is so called to distinguish him from the other apostle of the same name, celebrated with St Philip on 3<sup>rd</sup> May. This is the saint of Compostella and patron of Spain. His shrine in the Galician region of Spain draws thousands of pilgrims every year. When his feast falls on a Sunday they declare a holy year in Compostella. His basilica boasts the largest working thurible in the world!



**ECUMENICAL EVENING WORSHIP** The current arrangement has been deliberately maintained, whereby on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month (except August and December) the Christians of the city gather in the evening to worship God together, according to the tradition of the host. This is a vital building block to closer and ever more fruitful ecumenical relations and friendships. Experiencing what is typical of the neighbours enables us to overcome misunderstandings and fears. Bishop Declan sets a high standard for us to follow. He recently attended the 1100<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebrations of Bath and Wells, in the grounds of Glastonbury Abbey. It is very understandable and easy to say that we are tired at the end of Sunday, but it is most important that we rouse ourselves and attend. Also – there is an **ecumenical morning of prayer this Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July from 9am to noon at the Seager Hall.** Please come for 10 minutes( or more as you are able)

