



Ss Joseph & Teresa Parish, Wells,

(Also serves St Michael, Shepton Mallet)

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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Worship in Wells & Shepton

Sat 16 th Jul	6.00pm Vigil Mass ()
Sun 17 th 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)
Mon 18 ^h Jul	<u>Feria of Week XVI</u> 9.15am Liturgy of the Word and HC in Shepton 9.30pm Mass ()
Tue 19 th Jul	<u>Feria</u> 9.15am Mass in Shepton 9.30am Mass ()
Wed 20 th Jul	<u>Feria (St Appollinaris)</u> 9.10am Liturgy of the Word and HC in Shepton 9.30am Mass () 7.00pm Pontifical Mass of Confirmation in Wincanton
Thu 21 st Jul	<u>Feria (St Lawrence of Brindisi)</u> 9.30am Mass 9.15am Mass in Shepton ()
Fri 22 nd Jul	<u>St Mary Magdalene</u> 9.15am Liturgy of the Word and HC in Shepton 9.30am Mass with our Primary School No Traditional Latin Mass
Sat 23 rd Jul	<u>ST BIRGITTA OF SWEDEN, Feast & Co-Patron on Europe</u> 9.30am Mass
Next Week:	Sunday XVII "Through the Year (Year A)
Sat 23 rd Jul	6.00pm Vigil Mass ()
Sun 24 th Jul	9.00am Thanksgiving Mass for 1 st HC & Confirmation (<i>Pro Populo</i>) 11.00am Mass in Shepton () 6.00pm Mass at All Hallows School, East Cranmore (Alkington Intention) 6.30pm Ecumenical United Service at Wookey Hole Cof E

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

The 2nd collection last week for The Apostulatus Maris raised £218. Thank you for your generosity. No 2nd collection this week. Next week there will be a collection for the **Roof Fund**. Please remember to Gift Aid your donation if you are able. Questions to James Hansom 677061.

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK Norah Seigne (1991), Michael Wells (1991) Peter Hillard (1995) *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

<u>CLEANING</u> <i>Week beg 18 July</i>	<u>COFFEE</u> <i>Sun 24th July</i>	<u>FLOWERS</u> <i>Fri 22/23rd</i>	<u>WELCOMING</u>
Sophie Wells & Ella Broderick	Alice Littlewood & Caroline Hutton	Florinda Hansom & Nell Atkin	Sat 23 rd Chris Wherton Sun 24 th Fionnula & Orlaith Duddy

9.00AM SUNDAY MASS MUSIC:

Mass setting

Kyrie
Gloria 409
Gospel acclamation 412
Sanctus 433
Memorial acclamation 435
Doxology 438
Agnus Dei 455

Hymns

Opening 217
Offertory 188
Communion 773
Final 351

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 3.00-5.00pm
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 - & play doh! –Wednesday 3rd August from 10.00-11.30pm. Stay after Mass or drop in during the morning. All ages very welcome. (The cakes are always delicious!)

MISSING MISSAL A red weekday missal is missing from the cupboard in the vestibule. If you find it please return to Francesca Regan (678417)





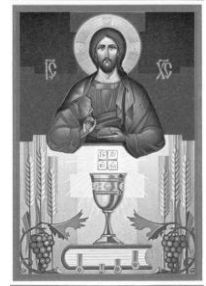
TO REFLECT ON DURING THE WEEK - MATTHEW 24-43. Another parable he put before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field; but while men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. And the servants of the householder came and said to him, 'Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then has it

weeds?' He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' The servants said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he said, 'No; lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. Let both grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'" Another parable he put before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven is like a grain of mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." He told them another parable. "The kingdom of heaven is like leaven which a woman took and hid in three measures of flour, till it was all leavened." All this Jesus said to the crowds in parables; indeed he said nothing to them without a parable. This was to fulfil what was spoken by the prophet: "I will open my mouth in parables, I will utter what has been hidden since the foundation of the world." Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "He who sows the good seed is the Son of man; the field is the world, and the good seed means the sons of the kingdom; the weeds are the sons of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the close of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the close of the age. The Son of man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and throw them into the furnace of fire; there men will weep and gnash their teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father.

Question of the Week: We think we know these parables well, but where do we place ourselves within them? Are we found amongst the weeds or the wheat, and if we're in the weed patch how can we change this?

THE NEW MASS TRANSLATION (From the Salford Diocesan Liturgy Office) "**And with your spirit**"

At three key moments in the Mass we are greeted, "The Lord be with you" (there used to be more of these greetings in times past). From September we will reply "And with your spirit." This greeting is very different from saying "Good morning." It occurs at three significant moments in the Mass – at the beginning, when we gather as the Body of Christ; at the Gospel, when Christ speaks to us; and at the Eucharistic Prayer, when bread and wine become His Body and Blood*. It is all about the presence of Jesus Christ with us! The words will feel unfamiliar, but they take us back to the world of Saint Paul and the early church and at the same time bring us closer to others in the Church today – in Italy they say, "E con il tuo spirito" or in France they say "Et avec votre esprit". Every time we use these words, we are reminding ourselves – and our priest – that it is Christ who is present for us, with us and in us, and that we welcome His presence as one family, with many languages, throughout the world.



PARISH TRIP TO WEYMOUTH Sunday 17th July Most unfortunately, this event has had to be **CANCELLED for this year**. We didn't have quite enough people to make it viable. Naturally, all payments will be refunded. The Pastoral Council will try and think of alternative events, destinations and dates. All suggestions welcome.

CHRISTIANS TOGETHER IN WELLS AREA THIS Sunday 17th 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 24th July at 6.30pm** there will be a United Service and **Patronal Festival at St Mary Maddalene, Wookey Hole.**



CHRISTIAN AID: emergency appeal for those suffering from the famine in East Africa

Christian Aid is making a special collection in Tesco next week. We have agreed to take part and need one or two volunteers for Wednesday 20th from 3.00-4.00pm. If you can help please contact Gill McGrath on 675918. You can also give through the Disasters Emergency Committee at any bank, building society or the Post Office.

