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SUNDAY XXI 'PER ANNUM' (Year B)
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday and Weekday Worship in Wells

Sat 22nd August 6.00pm First Mass of Sunday ()
 Sun 23rd August 9.00am Solemn Mass (*Pro Populo*)
12.30pm Mass in Italian - Messa di Domenica in Italiano

Mon 24th Aug ST BARTHOLOMEW, Apostle, Feast
 9.30am Mass ()

Tue 25th Aug Feria
 9.30am Mass ()

Wed 26th Aug Feria
 9.30am Mass ()

Thu 27th Aug St Monica
 9.30am Mass ()

Fri 28th Aug St Augustine of Hippo
 9.30am Mass ()

Sat 29th Aug Decollation of St John the Baptist
 9.30am Mass ()
Noon Holy Matrimony

Next Sunday: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 9.00am Solemn Mass

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 Fabric Fund raised £166.62.
 There is no second collection this weekend.

ANNIVERSARIES AT THIS TIME Ruby Herdon (1997), Kathleen Marsh (1988), Eileen Buckle (2003), Mary MacHinney (1989), Chris Stedman (2008)
Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine, et lux perpetua luceat eis. May the Lord grant them eternal rest and light.

CHOIR PRACTICE We shall meet in the organ loft this Thursday at 7.00pm. New choir members are very welcome. Please speak to Fr Philip or Ruth Hudson.

Worship in Shepton

Sat 22nd Aug Noon Confessions
Matrimony at All Saints Chapel, All Hallows School

Sun 23rd Aug 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
 11.00am Mass ()

Mon 24th Aug Feria
 9.15am Liturgy of the Word and HC

Tue 25th Aug St Louis of France
 9.15am Liturgy of the Word and HC

Wed 26th Aug Blessed Dominic Barberi
 9.15 am Liturgy of the Word and HC

Thu 27th Aug St Monica
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 Noon Confessions

Sun 30th Aug 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 11.00am Mass ()

PRACTICAL MINISTRIES - ROTAS FOR NEXT WEEK

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| CLEANING Sandra Jameson, Beatriz Wade, Jo Sheldrake | COFFEE Veronika Borzymowski & Bernadette Green | FLOWERS Gael Adang & Barbara Duncan | WELCOMING 6pm Chris Wherton 9am The Doy boys |
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CHURCH CLEANING Would all those who kindly lend a hand cleaning our church please collect an important letter from their pigeonholes.

TEA & COFFEE ROTA An updated contact list of people on the rota is now in pigeonholes..

9.00AM SUNDAY MASS MUSIC

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| <i>Hymns</i> | <i>Mass setting:</i> |
| Opening hymn 560 | Kyrie 459 |
| Presentation 756 | Gloria 460 |
| Communion 173 | Sanctus 461 |
| Recessional 701 | Memorial Acclamation 462 |
| | Agnus Dei 466 |

A DAY WITH MARY Glastonbury Abbey, Saturday 29 August 10am to 5.30pm: a day of instruction, devotion and intercession. See Spiritual Development notice board for further details.

TO PONDER OVER DURING THE WEEK – John 6:60-69 . Many



of his disciples, when they heard Jesus' teaching, said, "This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?" But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples murmured at it, said to them, "Do you take offence at this? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh is of no avail; the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But there are some of you that do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who those were

that did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. And he said, "This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father." After this many of his disciples drew back and no longer went about with him. Jesus said to the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life; and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God."

Question of the week: Do I sometimes turn away from Christ's words? How can I make sure that I hear the message of eternal life?

'THE DIARY OF GOD' "Sacred Scripture is a real Diary of God in his relationship with his people." Pope John Paul II. This is a diocesan course run by John Huntriss (who came and spoke to us about St Paul earlier this year). In recent decades Catholics have been urged to discover more fully the Word of God in the Scriptures. This course is aimed at the ordinary Mass-goer who would like to know a bit more about the background to the readings we hear at Mass. The course is highly recommended by parishioners Michael and Helen Dathan who attended it a couple of years ago. **8 sessions to be held in the parish of Midsomer Norton on Wednesday evenings 7.00-9.00pm, starting on 30 September. Fee £24.** Leaflets with further information and application forms may be found on the Spiritual Development noticeboard or phone Ronnie Mitchinson on 0117 9025595.

ST CUTHBERT'S FESTIVAL 30th August to 6th September. A sparkling series of musical events! Brochures are available in the porch. Do honour St

Cecelia and join our ecumenical neighbours for one or more events in this series.

FORTHCOMING DATES FOR THE DIARY

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| Sunday 23 rd August | Church 12.30pm | Mass in Italian |
| Friday 4 September | St Mary's, Glastonbury 7pm | Healing Mass |
| Saturday 5 th September | Glastonbury | Traditional Latin Pilgrimage to Our Lady |
| Thursday 10 Sept | St Bede Centre, Downside Abbey 10am | Day of Recollection led by Fr Nicholas King SJ |
| Sat/Sun 12/13 Sept | Church - after both Masses | Traidcraft Stall |
| Wednesday 16 th Sept | Seager Hall 9am - noon | Morning of Prayer |
| Sunday 20 th Sept | United Church 6.30pm | United Service: Harvest Songs of Praise |
| Wednesday 23 rd Sept | Church 6.30pm for 7pm | Training for Ministers of Communion |
| Wednesday 30 th Sept | Seager Hall 7.45pm | Christians Working Together: Bring & Share Social Evening |
| Wednesday 30 Sept | Midsomer Norton Parish 7 -9pm | 'The Diary of God'. First of 8 sessions |
| Saturday 3 rd October | Church 10.15am | Parish Assembly |
| Thursday 8 th October | Church 10am | Talk and stall with goods made at Orthodox Convent of St Elisabeth, Belarus |
| Saturday 10 th October | St Bede's College, Lawrence Weston 10am | Day for Pastoral Councils |
| Thursday 15th Oct | Church 7.30pm | Mass of St Teresa of Avila, our patroness & GTKY Party after. |
| Sat/Sun 17/18 Oct. | Church - after both Masses | Traidcraft Stall |
| Sunday 18 th October | St Cuthbert's 6.30pm | United Service: One World Week (Tearfund) |

A TIME OF GRACE As many of you will know, the relics of St Thérèse of Lisieux come to our diocese next month. The relics will be at the church of St Teresa of Lisieux, Eastwick Road, Taunton TA2 7HF from 3.30pm Friday 18th September to 10.30am Saturday 19th September. If anyone would be interested in going as part of a parish group please speak to Fr Philip. There are posters on the Spiritual Development Notice board and information on the diocesan website. We could organise a mini-pilgrimage, if people wanted.

DAY OF RECOLLECTION, DOWNSIDE ABBEY Thursday 10 September from 10am. This is a kind of mini retreat. There will be two talks by Fr Nicholas King (who gave such an inspiring talk to the parish last year) with time for Confessions and silent reflection. Lunch is eaten in silence. Further details can be gained from parishioner Peggy Vickers 671826.

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION We assume that the current arrangements will continue for some time. The new rota (to the end of October) is therefore much simplified: just one Extra-ordinary Minister to distribute Hosts is required for the 9.00am Mass and none for 6.00pm, as we have enough Ordinary Ministers. Please look in pigeonholes to see if there is a rota for you to collect. As soon as we are able to have Communion under both forms once more, a full rota will be prepared. A training evening for Ministers of Communion is planned for **Thursday 24th September at 6.30pm for 7.00pm.** Fr Philip will be giving guidance on taking Communion to the sick.

DAY FOR PASTORAL COUNCILS Bishop Declan invites everyone to a day at St Bede's College on Saturday 10th October from 10am to 3pm. The day is especially intended for members of Pastoral Councils. The new Implementation Guide for *Called to be a People of Hope* will be launched and there will be an opportunity to hear Dr Kevin Treston, a well-known international speaker and theologian, talk on the subject of pastoral councils and good leadership.

SUMMER SOCIAL EVENTS *A big thank you to Gill Baxter for the wonderful flower arranging demonstration last Saturday - if there is anyone interested in joining the church flowers rota please speak with Gill as we are always looking for new volunteers. 🌸 * On Monday 31st August at approx 3pm by the bandstand in the Wells recreation ground the 'Wells in Bloom' Formation dance will take place. This year's dance has a 'Bill and Ben' flowerpot men theme. Please come along and support one of our parishioners, Andy Allen as he joins the group this year for his first dancing role! 😊.

CHRISTIANS WORKING TOGETHER There will be a Bring & Share social evening on Wednesday 30th September at the Seager Hall, 7.45pm for 8pm. Everyone is most welcome. There will be an ecumenical Morning of Prayer on Wednesday 16th September, also at Seager Hall from 9am to noon. Please join in, if only for 10 minutes

ENTRY SWIPE CARDS 'AMNESTY' We are running low on swipe cards for entry to the church. It would be very much appreciated if any which are not being used could be returned to Barbara Lewis in the parish office.

PEWS IN THE SIDE CHAPEL We wish to replace the four long pews in the side-chapel with chairs, similar to those already there, to make the area more easily adaptable for the various meetings and functions held there. These four pews are therefore for sale. Should any parishioner wish to buy them, or know anyone who would wish to buy them, no reasonable offer would be refused. Speak to Fr Philip, the Chairman, Secretary or Treasurer.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD The next rota – to run from mid September – will be prepared shortly. If there are any dates in September, October, November when you will not be available to read please would you indicate these on the sheet on the Liturgy noticeboard. Please note that Fr Philip would like there to be a third reader at the 9am Mass to read the Bidding Prayers. We are blessed with so many readers for Sunday mornings and this will allow everyone to read more frequently.

THIS WEEK'S SAINTS The Apostle Bartholomew, or Nathaniel the son of Ptolomei, is believed to have been martyred for the faith by being flayed alive. Sadly, his feast day is remembered for a sad episode in French church history. The massacre of the Huegenots took place on St Bartholomew's day. He is also linked to the famous hospital in London.



St Monica is the mother of Augustine of Hippo. She is often used as a patroness for mothers, as well as Our Lady. She prayed for years that her son would turn out ok. She is remembered as crying as well as praying. Many parents have done the same over the years.

St Augustine of Hippo was Bishop of Thegaste in North Africa and a great doctor of the Church. He wrote a letter to friends about how to live in community and it has been used as a rule by many religious orders in the Church. The Austin Friars are one such. The several orders of Canons

Regular also follow this rule. His writings have been hugely influential as well as hugely misunderstood.