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SUNDAY XXII 'Through the Year' (Year B)

Sunday and Weekday Worship in Wells

Sat 29 th Aug	6.00pm First Mass of Sunday ()
Sun 30 th Aug	9.00am Solemn Mass (<i>Pro Populo</i>)
Mon 31 st Aug	Feria 9.30am Mass ()
Tue 1 st Sept	Feria 9.30am Mass ()
Wed 2 nd Sept	Feria 9.30am Mass ()
Thu 3 rd Sept	<u>St Gregory the Great</u> 9.30am Mass ()
Fri 4 th Sept	<u>St Cuthbert, National Calendar</u> 9.30am Mass ()
Sat 5 th Sept	7.00pm Mass in the Extra-ordinary Form () <u>Our Lady on Saturday</u> 9.30am Mass ()

Next Week: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 5 th Sept	6.00pm Vigil Mass
Sun 6 th Sept	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

There will be a second collection this weekend for *Reaching the Unreached*. Recently we received a personal message of thanks from Brother James Kimpton, the founder of the charity, for our generous and regular support of the work being done in southern India for abandoned children and women.

ANNIVERSARIES AT THIS TIME Edward Lynch (2003), Mary McDonagh (2006), Thomas Fox (1990), Alanna Woods (2001), Constance Elliott (1993) *Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine, et lux perpetua luceat eis.* May the Lord grant them eternal rest and light.

Worship in Shepton

Sat 29 th Aug	<u>Beheading of St. John the Baptist</u> Noon Confessions
Sun 30 th Aug	<u>22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</u> 11.00am Mass ()
Mon 31 st Aug	<u>St Aidan of Lindisfarne</u> 9.15am Liturgy of the Word and HC
Tue 1 st Sept	Feria 9.15am Mass
Wed 2 nd Sept	Feria 9.15 am Liturgy of the Word and HC
Thu 3 rd Sept	<u>St Gregory the Great</u> 9.15am Mass
Fri 4 th Sept	<u>ST Cuthbert</u> 9.15am Liturgy of the Word and HC
Sat 5 th Sept	<u>Our Lady's Saturday</u> Noon Confessions
Sun 5 th Sept	<u>23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</u> 11.00am Mass ()

PRACTICAL MINISTRIES - ROTAS FOR NEXT WEEK

CLEANING	COFFEE	FLOWERS	WELCOMING
Jean Rowland & Bianca Bennett	Jan Doyle & Liz Walker	Charlotte Lythaby, Pam Mapstone, Nicki Hall	6pm The Wade ladies 9am Andy & Miss Madeleine Phillips

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..

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.

9.00AM SUNDAY MASS MUSIC

<i>Hymns</i>		<i>Mass setting:</i>
Opening hymn	88	Kyrie 459
Presentation	543	Gloria 460
Communion	537	Sanctus 461
Recessional	679	Memorial Acclamation 537
		Agnus Dei 466

Spiritual Development noticeboard or phone Ronnie Mitchinson on 0117 9025595.

TO PONDER OVER DURING THE WEEK –

Mark 7: 1-8, 13-15, 21-23.



Now when the Pharisees gathered together around Jesus, with some of the scribes, who had come from Jerusalem, they saw that some of his disciples ate with hands defiled, that is, unwashed. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they wash their hands, observing the tradition of the

elders; and when they come from the market place, they do not eat unless they purify themselves; and there are many other traditions which they observe, the washing of cups and pots and vessels of bronze.) And the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with hands defiled?" And he said to them, "Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This people honours me with their lips, but their heart is far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the precepts of men.' You leave the commandment of God, and hold fast the tradition of men."

And he called the people to him again, and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a man which by going into him can defile him; but the things which come out of a man are what defile him." For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, fornication, theft, murder, adultery, coveting, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a man."

Question of the week: Jesus warns us that religious observances can be no more than lip-service; it is what is in our hearts that matters. How can I keep my heart open to God?

'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 those who would like to know a bit more about the background to the readings we hear at Mass. The course is 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

FORTHCOMING DATES FOR THE DIARY

Fri 4 th Sept	Glastonbury St Mary 7.00pm	Healing Mass
Sat 5 th Sept	Glastonbury	Traditional Latin Pilgrimage to Our Lady. Noon Mass in church + Rosary in Abbey Grounds
Thur 10 th Sept	St Bede Centre, Downside 10am	Day of Recollection led by Fr Nicholas King SJ
Sat/Sun 12/13 Sept	Church - after both Masses	Traidcraft Stall
Wed 16 th Sept	Seager Hall 9am - noon	Morning of Prayer
Sun 20 th Sept	United Church 6.30pm	United Service: Harvest Songs of Praise
Thur 24 th Sept	Church 6.30pm for 7pm	Training for Ministers of Communion
Fri 25th Sept	8.00pm in Transept	PPC Meeting
Wed 30 th Sept	Seager Hall 7.45pm	Christians Working Together: Bring & Share Social Evening
Wed 30 th Sept	Midsomer Norton Parish 7 - 9pm	'The Diary of God'. First of 8 sessions
Sat 3 rd Oct	Church 10.15am	Parish Assembly
Thu 8 th Oct	Church 10am	Talk and stall with goods made at Orthodox Convent of St Elisabeth, Belarus
Sat 10 th Oct	St Bede's College, Lawrence Weston 10am	Diocesan Day for Pastoral Councils
Sun 11 th Oct	St Bede's College, Lawrence Weston 11am	Day for Young People with Bishop Declan
Thurs 15th Oct	Church 7.30pm	Mass of St Teresa of Avila, our patroness, followed by Bring & Share 'Getting To Know You' Party.
Sat/Sun 17/18 Oct.	Church - after both Masses	Traidcraft Stall
Sun 18 th Oct	St Cuthbert's 6.30pm	United Service: One World Week (Tearfund)

BAZAAR TIME!

For all those gardeners who have fruit and veg gluts, for the jams and preserve makers filling up their jars we don't want to hear any whats whys or buts the end of November brings on the christmas bazaar.

So get yourselves busy and make loads of stuff we would love to sell it and make oodles of dosh one or two jars will probably be enough if loads of us make itbish bash bosh

Thanks! The bazaar team

ST CUTHBERT'S FESTIVAL This Sunday, 30th August to 6th September,

our friends and neighbours present a sparkling series of musical events!

DAY OF RECOLLECTION, DOWNSIDE ABBEY This will take place on Thursday 10th September from 10.00am and 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. Silence is kept except during lunch. Further details can be gained from parishioner Peggy Vickers 671826.

A TIME OF GRACE - THE VISIT OF THE RELICS OF ST THÉRÈSE OF LISIEUX 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. Closeness to a saint, even in death, can bring closeness to the God, Who made him or her holy!

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.

CALLING ALL YOUNG PEOPLE (13 -21 YEARS) Bishop Declan invites all young people to come and share their views on faith and life with him at St Bede's College, Lawrence Weston BS11 00SU, on Sunday 11th October (please note change of date) from 11am to 4.30pm. There will be an opportunity to explore your dreams and hopes for the future through a variety of workshops, including drums, dance, art and drama. And, for those over 16, there will be a chance to share their views in greater depth. If you would like to represent our parish at this gathering, please speak to Fr Philip

BBC RADIO 4 ANY QUESTIONS? As part of the 1100th anniversary celebrations of the Bath & Wells Diocese, the BBC is hosting "Any Questions?" at the Town Hall on Friday 25th September. Tickets are available free of charge from the Diocesan Secretary 01749 685109

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

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION 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.

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 Lay Vice-Chairman, Secretary or Treasurer.

PARISH DISCUSSION GROUPS Starting in the autumn, three groups of



parishioners will be meeting regularly to discuss the book ***Why Go to Church?*** Its author, Fr Timothy Radcliffe OP has been described as 'one of the most lively and creative preachers of the gospel in the Roman Catholic Church today'. There will be a structured format to each session with questions prepared by Roger Bird. The groups will be led by Gill Baxter, Bernadette Green and Barbara Lewis. If anyone would be interested in joining a group or in starting one of their own, (perhaps with a group of friends) using the prepared material, please contact

Barbara Lewis (on 676963 or in the Presbytery Office on Wednesdays and Fridays 673183). Numbers per group have to be limited as we meet in people's homes, but there is not limit on the number of groups!

THIS WEEK'S SAINTS

St Cuthbert (c 634-87), the North of England's most popular saint, was finally buried in Durham Cathedral after years of wandering. A Celtic monk who adopted Roman customs, he lived as a hermit for many years, eventually becoming Bishop of Lindisfarne. His zeal was expressed in teaching and preaching and he had the reputation of being a man of exceptional charm and ability.

St Gregory the Great Pope (c.540-604). One of the most notable initiatives of his pontificate was the conversion of the Anglo Saxons. Having been impressed by some Anglo Saxon slaves in the Roman market, he sent St Augustine and his monks to Kent on what would have been a hazardous mission. He was very much a man of the Liturgy and made important contributions to the development of the Missal and of Plainchant, such that the latter is often called Gregorian Chant, after him. He died on the 12th March but was elected Pope on the 3rd September.