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## SUNDAY XXIII 'Through the Year' (Year B)

### Sunday and Weekday Worship in Wells

Sat 5 <sup>th</sup> Sept	6.00pm Vigil Mass ( )
Sun 6 <sup>th</sup> Sept	9.00am Solemn Mass (Pro Populo)
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Feria of Week 23 9.30am Mass ( )
Tue 8 <sup>th</sup> Sept	NATIVITY OF OUR LADY, Feast 9.30am Mass ( )
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Feria 9.30am Mass (Adelina Rogerson RIP)
Thu 10 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Feast 9.30am Mass ( )
Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Feria 9.30am Mass in church ( ) <b>9.30am Mass in School</b>
Sat 12 <sup>th</sup> Sept	7.00pm Mass in the Extra-ordinary Form ( ) Holy Name of Mary 9.30am Mass ( )

### Next Week: 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 5 <sup>th</sup> Sept	6.00pm Vigil Mass
Sun 6 <sup>th</sup> 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

The second collection last weekend for *Reaching the Unreached* raised £170.94. There is no second collection this weekend. Next weekend there will be a collection for the Bishop's Charitable Fund. This fund helps the Bishop to respond to the many charitable causes who appeal to him personally. It enables him to be charitable on behalf of the Diocese and to respond both immediately and at his discretion to those who seek his help.

**ANNIVERSARIES AT THIS TIME** Constance Elliott (1993), Joseph Little (1990), Lena Rogerson (1999), Geoffrey Mears (2006) *Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine, et lux perpetua luceat eis.* May the Lord grant them eternal rest and light.

### Worship in Shepton

Sat 5 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Our Lady on Saturday <b>No Confessions</b>
Sun 6 <sup>th</sup> Sept	23 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time 11.00am Mass ( ) <b>6.30pm Mass at All Hallows' Prep School, East Cranmore</b>
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Feria 9.15am Liturgy of the Word and HC
Tue 8 <sup>th</sup> Sept	NATIVITY OF OUR LADY 9.15am Mass
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup> Sept	St Peter Claver 9.15 am Liturgy of the Word and HC
Thu 10 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Feria 9.15am Mass
Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Feria 9.15am Liturgy of the Word and HC
Sat 12 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Holy Name of Mary Noon Confessions
Sun 13 <sup>th</sup> Sept	23 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time 11.00am Mass ( ) <b>6.30pm Mass at All Hallows' Prep School, East Cranmore</b>

### PRACTICAL MINISTRIES - ROTAS FOR NEXT WEEK

CLEANING	COFFEE	FLOWERS	WELCOMING
Les & Margaret Dobinson	Charlotte Lythaby & Maria Mena	Molly & Loma Kelly	6pm Jenny O'Callaghan 9am The Mulvey family

**CWL** The CWL will be meeting at the Church at 2.00 p.m. this Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September. All ladies of the Parish are welcome to join us.

**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 notice board

**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: See separate sheet</i>
<b>Opening hymn</b>	<b>269</b>	
<b>Presentation</b>	<b>678</b>	<b>Gospel Acclamation 410</b>
<b>Communion</b>	<b>807</b>	
<b>Recessional</b>	<b>602</b>	

**TO PONDER OVER DURING THE WEEK – Mark 7: 31-37.** Then he



returned from the region of Tyre, and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, through the region of the Decap'olis. And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had an impediment in his speech; and they besought him to lay his hand upon him. And taking him aside from the multitude privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue; and looking up to heaven, he sighed, and said to him, "Eph'phatha," that is, "Be opened." And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. And he charged them to tell no

one; but the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well; he even makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak."

**Question of the week:** Do I remember to credit Jesus with the good things that happen in my life? Not by my will but by His.

**'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. Parishioners Michael and Helen Dathan (who attended it a couple of years ago) recommend it. **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

**CALLING ALL YOUNG PEOPLE (13 -21 YEARS) SHARE YOUR VIEWS ON FAITH AND LIFE WITH BISHOP DECALN** at St Bede's College, Lawrence Weston BS11 00SU, on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October (please note change of date) from 11.00am- 4.30pm. If you would like to represent our parish at this gathering, please speak to Fr Philip.

**SUNDAY MASS AT ALL HALLOWS SCHOOL** Please note that there will be a public Mass in the school chapel at 6.30pm each Sunday. Although this is in Shepton parish, it may be of use as a family friendly alternative to Wells, when necessary.

FORTHCOMING DATES FOR THE DIARY		
Mon 7 Sept	Church	CWL meeting
Thur 10 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Seager Hall 9am - noon	Morning of Prayer
Sun 20 <sup>th</sup> Sept	United Church 6.30pm	United Service: Harvest Songs of Praise
Thur 24 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Church 6.30pm for 7pm	Training for Ministers of Communion
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> Sept	8.00pm in Transept	PPC Meeting
Wed 30 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Seager Hall 7.45pm	Christians Working Together: Bring & Share Social Evening
Wed 30 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Midsomer Norton Parish 7 -9pm	'The Diary of God'. First of 8 sessions
Thu 8 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Church 10am	Talk and stall with goods made at Orthodox Convent of St Elisabeth, Belarus
Sat 10 <sup>th</sup> Oct	St Bede's College, Lawrence Weston 10am	Diocesan Day for Pastoral Councils
Sun 11 <sup>th</sup> Oct	St Bede's College, Lawrence Weston 11am	Day for Young People with Bishop Declan
<b>Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>Church 7.30pm</b>	<b>Mass of St Teresa of Avila, our patroness, followed by Bring &amp; Share 'Getting To Know You' Party.</b>
Sat/Sun 17/18 Oct.	Church - after both Masses	Traidcraft Stall
Sun 18 <sup>th</sup> Oct	St Cuthbert's 6.30pm	United Service: One World Week (Tearfund)

**DAY OF RECOLLECTION, DOWNSIDE ABBEY** This will take place on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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 18<sup>th</sup> September to 10.30am Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> 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 and thus, this can be a time of grace!

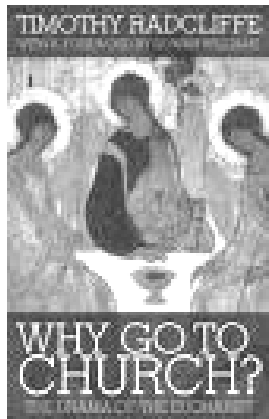
**WELCOMERS WANTED** Jan Doyle is currently updating the welcoming rota and would very much like to hear from anyone who could welcome on Saturday evenings. At present only four people are sharing this task between them. If you can help with this very important ministry please contact Jan on 675062 or Barbara Lewis at the parish email address.

**ROTAS** An updated contact list of people on the Tea & Coffee rota is now in pigeonholes. Thanks to Bernadette Green for compiling the rota. Jan Doyle has organised the cleaning and welcoming rotas for 3 years and would like to hand over to someone else. It is very straightforward and she will show you what to do!

**CHRISTIANS WORKING TOGETHER** There will be a Bring & Share social evening on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September at the Seager Hall, 7.45pm for 8pm. Everyone is most welcome. There will be an ecumenical Morning of Prayer on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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!

**BBC RADIO 4 ANY QUESTIONS?** As part of the 1100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations of the Bath & Wells Diocese, the BBC is hosting “*Any Questions?*” at the Town Hall on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September. A few tickets are available free of charge from Barbara Lewis in the presbytery office.

**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 Christmass 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 it .....bish bash bosh

*Thanks! The bazaar team*



**THIS WEEK'S SAINTS Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary** Our Lady shares a special distinction with St John the Baptist. The two of them join Christ in having the day of their birth remembered in the calendar. The birth of Mary, like that of the Baptist, heralds the birth of the Saviour. As the planet Venus appears above the horizon before the rising sun and is known as the Morning Star (Stella Matutina), so Mary's appears in history before her Divine Son. We don't really have to be reminded of how important birthdays are, when we look at what they mean

to the people around us.

**The Holy Name of Mary** This feast day was restored to the calendar by Pope John Paul II shortly before his death. As the sea battle at Lepanto gave us the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, this day commemorates the Battle of the White Mountain, when the forces of the Turkish Empire (an Islamic state) were turned away from the gates of Vienna, capital of the Catholic Austro-Hungarian Empire. It also refers us to the Divine Praises at Benediction, where we all say “Blessed be the great mother of God, Mary most holy, blessed be her holy name....” In Biblical theology, a name represents the whole person to whom it belongs. “Mary” is said to mean “Star of the Sea” and is the Greek equivalent of the Hebrew “Miriam”.