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SUNDAY XXIV 'Through the Year' (Year B)

Sunday and Weekday Worship in Wells

Sat 12th Sept 6.00pm Vigil Mass ()

Sun 13th Sept 9.00am Solemn Mass (Pro Populo)

Mon 14th Sept TRIUMPH OF THE HOLY CROSS

9.30am Mass ()

7.30pm High Mass in the E.F. in St George, Warminster, Fr. Philip will be celebrant.

Tue 15th Sept St Mary at the Foot of the Cross – Our Lady of Sorrows

9.30am Mass ()

Wed 16th Sept Ss. Cyprian and Cornelius

9.30am Mass ()

Thu 17th Sept St Edith of Wilton, Diocesan Memorial

9.30am Mass ()

Fri 18th Sept Feria of Week 24

9.30am Mass in church ()

7.30pm Mass in the Extra-ordinary Form ()

Sat 19th Sept Our Lady on Saturday

9.30am Mass ()

Next Week: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 19th Sept 6.00pm Vigil Mass

Sun 20th 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

This weekend there will be a collection for the **Bishop's Charitable Fund**. This fund helps the Bishop to respond to the many charitable causes which 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.

Next weekend there will be a collection for the parish's Fabric Fund.

ANNIVERSARIES AT THIS TIME Lilian Adams (1994), Muriel Widdop (2004), 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 12th Sept Holy Name of Mary

Noon Confessions

Sun 13th Sept 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

11.00am Mass ()

6.30pm Mass at All Hallows' Prep School, ()

Mon 14th Sept TRIUMPH OF THE HOLY CROSS, Feast

9.15am Liturgy of the Word and HC

Tue 15th Sept Our Lady of Sorrows

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Wed 16th Sept Ss. Cyprian and Cornelius

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Thu 17th Sept St Edith of Wilton, Diocesan Memorial

9.15am Mass

Fri 18th Sept Feria

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Sat 19th Sept St Januarius of Benevento

No Confessions

Sun 20th Sept 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

11.00am Mass ()

6.30pm Mass at All Hallows' Prep School, ()

PRACTICAL MINISTRIES - ROTAS FOR NEXT WEEK

CLEANING

Nicky & Hilary
Ambrosini

COFFEE

Philippa Phillips &
Caroline Hudson

FLOWERS

Nell Atkin &
Florinda
Hansom

WELCOMING

6pm Helen Cox
9am Sylvia Hopton

CHURCH CLEANING Please would everyone who helps to clean the church please look in their pigeonholes for an important letter (on blue paper!)

MINISTERS OF THE WORD The next rota will be prepared shortly. If there are any dates from late September to November when you will not be able 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

Hymns

Opening hymn 59 vv 1-4

Presentation 503

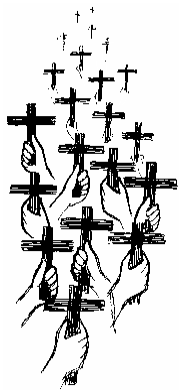
Communion 525

Recessional 59 vv 5-7

Mass setting: See separate sheet

Gospel Acclamation 410

TO PONDER OVER DURING THE WEEK – Mark 8 27-35. Jesus



went on with his disciples, to the villages of Caesare'a Philip'pi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do men say that I am?" And they told him, "John the Baptist; and others say, Eli'jah; and others one of the prophets." And he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Christ." And he charged them to tell no one about him. And he began to teach them that the Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. And he said this plainly. And Peter took him, and began to rebuke him. But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter, and said, "Get behind me,

Satan! For you are not on the side of God, but of men." And he called to him the multitude with his disciples, and said to them, "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it.

Question of the week: As a follower of Christ, am I patient and cheerful in suffering?

'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

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 We are organising a mini pilgrimage, sharing cars and leaving the church car park at 3.30pm. If you want a prayer intention taken, but cannot come in person, ask Fr. Philip.

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 11th 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.

FORTHCOMING DATES FOR THE DIARY		
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 25 th 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
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)

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 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! Contact Jan on 675062.

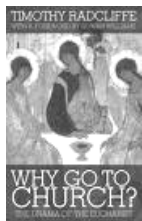
CHRISTIANS WORKING TOGETHER There will be a Bring & Share social evening on Wednesday 30th September at the Seager Hall, 7.45pm for 8pm. Everyone is most welcome. There will be an ecumenical Morning of Prayer on Wednesday 16th September, also at Seager Hall from 9am to noon. Please join in, if only for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

PEWS 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, Peter Greenrod or Barbara Lewis. All the remaining pews in the church will be refurbished (one has been done already) and new carpet laid later this year.

DISABLED ACCESS Work on this important new project is scheduled to begin on the feast of St Matthew, Monday 21st September, all things being well. We apologise for inconvenience during the work and ask all our member and friends to bear with us during the upheaval. Your prayers for speedy completion would also be most welcome.

"PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE" – A QUESTIONNAIRE In conjunction with the Dean, the Parish Priest and Pastoral Council have formulated a series of questions to help us take our part in the "We Are A People of Hope" initiative of Bishop Declan. It is really important that as many parishioners as possible give this matter some thought and respond via the questionnaire.



PARISH DISCUSSION GROUPS Starting in the autumn, groups of parishioners will be meeting regularly to discuss the book ***Why Go to Church?*** 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 1100th anniversary celebrations of the Bath & Wells Diocese, the BBC is hosting "Any Questions?" at the Town Hall on Friday 25th September. A few tickets are available free of charge from Barbara Lewis in the presbytery office.

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.

ST GREGORY'S COLLEGE, BATH The School stands in Combe Hay Lane, Odd Down, Bath BA2 8PA. Bishop Declan will celebrate a 30th anniversary Mass on Saturday 26 September at 11am. All welcome. Mass will be followed by refreshments and tours of the school.

THIS WEEK'S FEASTS & SAINTS **Triumph of the Holy Cross** Originally a dedication festival of a church in Jerusalem at which a relic of the True Cross was exposed for the veneration of the faithful, this day came to be used as a way of commemorating the more glorious aspects of the Cross (which had been found by the Christian empress, St Helena, mother of Constantine). The Holy Father is anxious that priests and people should fix their gaze on the Cross at Mass, for its triumph is celebrated in every celebration of the Holy Sacrifice. Eastward or westward facing is not as important as facing the Cross, he says.

Our Lady of Sorrows The memorial of Our Lady standing at the foot of the Cross, falls on the octave day of Mary's birthday. It is not just about a historical fact, but about a psychological and emotional reality, undergone every day by those who love but can do nothing physical to aid a person in pain. Parents bury their children too often in this world, even now, and Mary at the cross represents them all before God.

St Edith of Wilton Wilton, outside Salisbury, is a sleepy little place today, but before even Old Sarum was built by the Normans, it was a major town for the Anglo-Saxons. The English Princess, Edith, renounced the throne to live as a Benedictine Abbess in the monastery there. Clifton diocese remembers her and we could all call to mind the many female religious of our diocese and the vital contribution they make, often unsung.

St Januarius of Benevento This martyred bishop is more remembered in Naples than in Benevento. A file of his congealed blood is kept in the cathedral there. Twice a year it liquefies. Failure to do so has always heralded disaster. TV, radio and even football stadiums all give the news of the miracle, so important is this saint to Naples and its people.