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

### Sunday and Weekday Worship in Wells

Sat 19<sup>th</sup> Sept 6.00pm Vigil Mass ( )  
 Sun 20<sup>th</sup> Sept 9.00am Solemn Mass (Pro Populo)  
**6.30pm Harvest Songs of Praise at Wells United Chapel in Union Street.**

Mon 21<sup>st</sup> Sept ST MATTHEW, Feast  
 9.30am Mass (*Catholic Women's League*).

Tue 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept Feria of Week 25  
 9.30am Mass ( )

Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept St Pius of Pietralcina [Padre Pio]  
 9.30am Mass ( )

Thu 24<sup>th</sup> Sept Our Lady of Walsingham, National Calendar  
 9.30am Mass ( )

Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Sept Feria  
 9.30am Mass in church ( )  
 7.00pm Mass in the Extra-ordinary Form ( )

Sat 26<sup>th</sup> Sept Ss Cosmas and Damian  
 9.30am Mass ( )

### Next Week: 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 26<sup>th</sup> Sept 6.00pm Vigil Mass  
 Sun 27<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

Last week's collection for the Bishop's Charitable Fund raised 106.21  
 This weekend there will be a collection for the parish's **Fabric Fund**.  
 We have been informed (at very short notice!) that this is 'Home Mission Sunday'. Leaflets about the work of the Catholic Agency to Support Evangelisation (CASE) will be found on the pews. And if you wish to make a donation to CASE there are special envelopes in the porch.

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD** The new rota is waiting to be collected from pigeonholes. From next Sunday we shall be having three readers – i.e. a separate reader for the Prayers of the Faithful at the 9am Mass. This will increase the sense of lay participation and will allow each reader to read more often.

**ANNIVERSARIES AT THIS TIME** Rosa Diclaudio (1986), Doris Motture (1993), Michael Stewart (1998), Francis Lee (1998), Edith Lewis (2000), Nellie Earley (2001), Eileen Buckle (2003), Adrian Tew (2005) *Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine, et lux perpetua luceat eis.* May the Lord grant them eternal rest and light.

### Worship in Shepton

Sat 19<sup>th</sup> Sept St Januarius of Benevento  
**No Confessions**

Sun 20<sup>th</sup> Sept 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 11.00am Mass ( )  
**6.30pm Mass at All Hallows' Prep School, ( )**

Mon 21<sup>st</sup> Sept ST MATTHEW, Feast  
 9.15am Liturgy of the Word and HC

Tue 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept Feria  
 9.15am Mass

Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept St Pius of Pietralcina  
 9.15 am Liturgy of the Word and HC

Thu 24<sup>th</sup> Sept Our Lady of Walsingham, National Memorial  
 9.15am Mass (R.S. Thomas' birthday intention)

Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Sept Feria  
 9.15am Liturgy of the Word and HC

Sat 26<sup>th</sup> Sept Ss Cosmas and Damian  
 Confessions

Sun 27<sup>th</sup> Sept PATRONAL CELEBRATION OF ST MICHAEL  
 11.00am Mass ( )  
**6.30pm Mass at All Hallows' Prep School, ( )**

### PRACTICAL MINISTRIES - ROTAS FOR NEXT WEEK

CLEANING	COFFEE	FLOWERS	WELCOMING
Anne Beechey & Pat Gray	Anne Beechey & Heather Rossi	Peggy McDonald & Norah Belshaw	6pm Alan & Jean Beck 9am Claire Mitchell

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

**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>624</b>	
<b>Presentation</b>	<b>739</b>	<b>Gospel Acclamation 410</b>
<b>Communion</b>	<b>228</b>	
<b>Recessional</b>	<b>187</b>	

**TO PONDER OVER DURING THE WEEK – Mark 9 30-37.** They



went on from there and passed through Galilee. And he would not have any one know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of man will be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him; and when he is killed, after three days he will rise." But they did not understand the saying, and they were afraid to ask him. And they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you discussing on the way?" But they were silent; for on the way they had discussed with one another who was the greatest.

And he sat down and called the twelve; and he said to them, "If any one would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all."

And he took a child, and put him in the midst of them; and taking him in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me."

**Question of the week:** How important is status and the high opinion of others in my 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. 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 notice board 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.

**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.

**FORTHCOMING DATES FOR THE DIARY**

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
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
<b>Wed 7<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>Upper Room</b>	<b>AGM for the St Gregory's Transport Committee and all interested</b>
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)
Tue 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Church	Requiem for the clergy, religious and laity of the Deanery

**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.

**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.

**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 and some spiritual input.

**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.

**DISABLED ACCESS RAMP** Parishioners may recall that 10,300 was raised towards the cost of this in the 2006 Appeal. As mentioned in last week's newsletter, work is scheduled to begin on Monday 21st September; it will entail complete demolition and reconstruction of the courtyard, and will take 3 - 4 weeks. To ensure access to the church at all times, the work will be done in two phases. Phase 1 will entail all work planned to the LEFT of the centre railing on the steps, leaving the steps and old ramp available for use. When phase 1 is complete, there will be access to the left of the centre railing, and phase 2 will commence to the RIGHT of the centre railing. We are confident the finished product will be aesthetically pleasing. It will fulfill our moral obligation to disabled parishioners, and our legal obligation in terms of the Disability Discrimination Act.

**"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 "Called to be a People of Hope" initiative of Bishop Declan and to think about the future of our parish. It is really important that as many parishioners as possible give this matter some thought and respond via the questionnaire. Replies may be put in the box in the vestibule/narthex.

**SUNDAY MASS AT ALL HALLOWS SCHOOL, EAST CRANMORE** 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 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary Mass on Saturday 26 September at 11am. All welcome. Mass will be followed by refreshments and tours of the school.

**ST GREGORY'S TRANSPORT LIAISON GROUP** The **AGM** will be held on Wednesday 7 October in the church at 8pm. All parents with children on the St Gregory's School bus are invited to attend.

**CWL** The 9.30am Mass this Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September, Feast of St Matthew the Evangelist, will be offered in thanksgiving for the centenary of the Catholic Women's League.

**APF** Would all box holders and promoters please let James Hansom have the contents by 31 October, the APF year end. (Tel 01749 677061)

**PARISH FINANCES**

<u>May 09</u>	<u>Offertory</u>	<u>Fabric Fund</u>
Plate etc	1,150.04	119.66
Standing Orders	1,471.00	779.50
Tax refunds	<u>327.68</u>	<u>135.20</u>
	2,948.72	1,034.36
 <u>June 09</u>		
Plate etc	903.36	626.19
Standing orders	1,491.00	809.50
Tax refunds	<u>417.95</u>	<u>214.18</u>
	2,812.31	1,649.87



**"A PLUM PARISH"** Fr. Philip knew he had come to a great part of the world when he arrived in Somerset a year ago. Now he knows that this is indeed a plum parish. A parishioner has kindly brought in a load of plums for jam making and any other use to which you might want to put them. They are in the Narthex to take away. Perhaps we shall see them again at the Bazaar.

**THIS WEEK'S FEASTS & SAINTS St Matthew the Evangelist** Also known as Levi, this former tax farmer became an apostle and writer of the gospel called after him. Tax farmers were little better than thieves, and not like the Inland Revenue today. They were also considered traitors for their collaboration with the occupying Romans. This makes Matthew's conversion to the faith all the more remarkable and gives encouragement to many today.

**St Pius of Pietralcina [Padre Pio]** A twentieth century Italian saint and Franciscan friar, this priest had remarkable gifts of discernment in the confessional, akin to the Curé d'Arns. He is may well have been a stigmatic like the founder of his order. We celebrate the stigmata of St Francis on the 17<sup>th</sup> September.

**Our Lady of Walsingham** The apparitions to the lady Richeldis de Faverches occurred in 1061, before the Norman invasion of 1066. Our Lady asked in a vision for a copy of the house of the Annunciation in Nazareth to be built at Little Walsingham in England. It has been England's Nazareth ever since. Despite destruction at the Dissolution of the Monasteries, much survives and a quiet trickle of pilgrims never ceased. Please pray for our parish pilgrimage there in October. This is the only feast of the BVM unique to England.

**Ss Cosmas and Damian** The basilica in Rome to these Eastern martyred brothers stands in some old baths, near the Colosseum and houses not only wonderful mosaics but a monumental crib! They were Syrian doctors who charged nothing for their services. They are mentioned in the Roman Canon, Eucharistic Prayer 1. Please pray for our local doctors.