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**SUNDAY XXVI 'Through the Year' (Year B)**  
**Patronal Festival in Shepton**

**Sunday and Weekday Worship in Wells**

Sat 26<sup>th</sup> Sept 6.00pm Vigil Mass  
 Sun 27<sup>th</sup> Sept 9.00am Solemn Mass  
 Mon 28<sup>th</sup> Sept Feria of Week 26  
 9.30am Mass ( )  
 Tue 29<sup>th</sup> Sept Ss MICHAEL, GABRIEL & RAPHAEL, Feast  
 9.30am Mass ( )  
 Wed 30<sup>th</sup> Sept St Jerome of Bethlehem  
 9.30am Mass (M E Thomas' intention)  
 Thu 1<sup>st</sup> Oct St Therese of Lisieux  
 9.30am Mass ( )  
 Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct Holy Guardian Angels  
 9.30am Mass in church ( )  
 7.00pm Mass in the Extra-ordinary Form ( )  
 Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct Our Lady on Saturday  
 9.30am Mass ( )

**Next Week: 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct 6.00pm Vigil Mass  
 Sun 4<sup>th</sup> Oct 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 weekend's collection for the Fabric Fund raised £193.33. This weekend envelopes for CAFOD Harvest Fast Day will be distributed.

**ANNIVERSARIES AT THIS TIME** Joyce Wicks (2006), Mary Nurse (1990) *Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine, et lux perpetua luceat eis.* May the Lord grant them eternal rest and light.

**PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM** Please would everyone who signed up for this please speak to Fr Philip as soon as possible.

**NEW TO THE PARISH?** You are very welcome. Please make yourself known, and, if you are attending the 9am Mass, do please join us for coffee afterwards. It would be helpful to us if you would fill in one of the yellow registration forms in the porch

**Worship in Shepton**

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, ( )  
 Mon 28<sup>th</sup> Sept St Wenceslaus  
 9.15am Liturgy of the Word and HC  
 Tue 29<sup>th</sup> Sept ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL  
 9.15am Mass in the Extraordinary Form  
 Wed 30<sup>th</sup> Sept St Jerome of Bethlehem  
 9.15 am Liturgy of the Word and HC  
 Thu 1<sup>st</sup> Oct St Therese of Lisieux  
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 Confessions  
 Sun 4<sup>th</sup> Oct Sunday 27  
 11.00am Mass ( )  
 6.30pm Mass at All Hallows' Prep School, ( )

**PRACTICAL MINISTRIES - ROTAS FOR NEXT WEEK**

CLEANING	COFFEE	FLOWERS	WELCOMING
Hiscox family	Jean Rowland & Peggy McDonald	Brenda Titchen & Heather Rossi	See noticeboard

**9.00AM SUNDAY MASS MUSIC**

<i>Hymns</i>		<i>Mass setting: See separate sheet</i>
<b>Opening hymn</b>	<b>161</b>	
<b>Presentation</b>	<b>732</b>	<b>Gospel Acclamation 410</b>
<b>Communion</b>	<b>233</b>	
<b>Recessional</b>	<b>605</b>	

**CHOIR PRACTICE** We shall meet in the organ loft this Thursday at 7pm. **New choir members are very welcome.** Please speak to Fr Philip or Ruth Hudson.

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

**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.

**TO PONDER OVER DURING THE WEEK – Mark 9 38-43;45;47-48**



John said to him, "Teacher, we saw a man casting out demons in your name, and we forbade him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not forbid him; for no one who does a mighty work in my name will be able soon after to speak evil of me. For he that is not against us is for us. For truly, I say to you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ, will by no means lose his reward. "Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in

me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were hung round his neck and he were thrown into the sea. And if your hand causes you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than with two hands to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than with two feet to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into hell, where their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched.

**Question of the week:** Do I fully respect people of other faiths who manifest the spirit of God in their lives?

**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. A volunteer is urgently sought!

**CLEANING ROTAS** **Bored** of reading this plea?????

You don't want to join the cleaning gang!! But you have a tidy mind and could handle a rota of cleaners, standing on your head, with your eyes shut, or with just a little effort? Your Church needs **you!** Be brave, be generous and offer your services as the rota-keeper, please.

Barbara Lewis (Parish Office 673183 or 676963) or Jan Doyle (675062) hope to hear from you.

FORTHCOMING DATES FOR THE DIARY		
Wed 30 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Midsomer Norton Parish 7 -9pm	'The Diary of God'. First of 8 sessions
<b>Fri 2nd Oct</b>		<b>CAFOD Harvest Fast Day</b>
<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>
<b>Thu 8<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>Church 10am</b>	<b>Talk and stall with goods made at Orthodox Convent of St Elisabeth, Belarus</b>
Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Priddy Church 7.30pm	Ecumenical Society Of Mary Compline & Rosary
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)
Sat 24 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Wincanton Catholic Church & School	Day of Reflection on Carmelite Spirituality
Tue 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Church	Requiem for the clergy, religious and laity of the Deanery

**"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.

**PARISH DISCUSSION GROUPS** In case there was any misunderstanding arising from previous notices, the expectation is that everyone taking part will buy and read the book (*Why Go To Church?* by Timothy Radcliffe). Everyone is encouraged to express individual views. Questions are provided to stimulate and focus discussion. The three existing groups are now full, so if anyone would like to start a fourth please contact Barbara Lewis.

**ST GREGORY'S TRANSPORT LIAISON GROUP** The **AGM** will be held on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October in the church at 8.00pm. All parents with children on the St Gregory's School bus are invited to attend.

**SS JOSEPH & TERESA PRIMARY SCHOOL** Many of you will have already heard that Mrs Penny Stedman, the Head Teacher, will be leaving at Christmas. Please pray for all involved in the process of appointing a successor.

The Board of Governors also need to recruit a new **Clerk to the Governing Body**. The Clerk works with the Head Teacher, Chair and other governors, to deal with administrative matters and advising on legal issues of governance. Central to the role is preparing for, taking notes at and producing minutes for meetings. The post involves some evening work and the successful candidate may be required to be available at times during the day, specified in advance. Previous experience in the role or experience of working in Education is ideal but full training will be given. New clerks receive support and training from the Somerset Governor Services Team, in addition to training and support from the Diocese. All clerks are encouraged to attend termly briefings in their locality to update themselves on the latest developments in governance. The post will initially involve about 10-12 hours work for each meeting and, typically, there will be two meetings in the evening each term which means a total of six meetings a year. The post of Clerk to the Governing Body has been evaluated using Somerset's Job Evaluation Scheme at Grade 13 which starts at £8.64 per hour which is £16,663 full time equivalent salary. Fuller details are on the notice board. For application forms and further information contact the School on 01749 678791 or visit the Schools website <http://www.st-joseph-st-teresa.ik.org/>. If you would like an informal discussion about the role please contact Arlene Stone on 07899 661559 or Charlotte Lythaby on 01749 689086. The closing date for applications is 09/10/2009.

**ORTHODOX CONVENT OF ST ELISABETH** On Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October after morning mass there will be an opportunity to hear a talk by the Sisters and to buy goods made in their convent in Minsk, Belarus. Coffee will be served. The Sisters have also asked for donations of any old but working computer equipment.

**CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October.** CAFOD is making an urgent appeal. The global financial crisis has intensified the problems for those living in poverty. CAFOD is responding by helping to ensure that the poorest and the most vulnerable are reached with life saving food. This year the campaign focuses on the plight of people like Margaret Mueni, a mother of 7 living in a slum in Nairobi. In his recent Encyclical – *Caritas in Veritate* – Pope Benedict said that it is an ethical imperative to 'feed the hungry.' Envelopes will be collected next weekend. **Please give generously.**

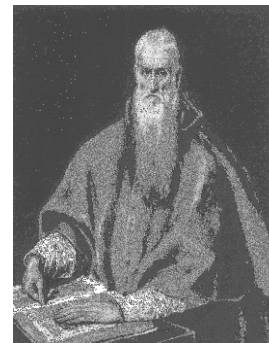


**DAY OF REFLECTION ON CARMELITE SPIRITUALITY** This will take place on Saturday 24 October 10am -3pm at Our Lady of Carmel School, Wincanton and will be led by Sr Elizabeth Rees. See Spiritual Development notice board for further details or phone Wincanton parish: 01963 34408.

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

**THIS WEEK'S FEASTS & SAINTS SS Michael, Gabriel and Raphael and the Holy Guardian Angels**

The Church celebrates the bodiless powers of heaven in two related feast days. She does not celebrate the fact of their existence, nor that of a world unseen [as we say in the first part of the Creed]. She celebrates them according to their work. First we keep the Archangels. All angels are messengers from God; the more important the messenger, the more important the messenger. We celebrate first then, the archangels, the announcer of God's victories and Captain of the hosts of heaven, the announcer of the Incarnation and the announcer of healing. Thereafter, we celebrate the lesser angels, who announce and demonstrate God's love for us, in taking care of us. The guardian angels perhaps work hardest for those who drive!!



**St Jerome of Bethlehem** He came from Dalmatia and worked as secretary to Pope St Damasus I in Rome. It was this post that gave him the task of translating the Bible in the hieratic Latin used for worship. It is known as the Vulgate. The job gave him a profound love of the Sacred Scriptures. Although a priest, he never said Mass, but in this Year of the Priest, he serves as a reminder of the stewardship of God's Word that is entrusted to the clergy for the benefit of all. He is often shown in art with a lion and dressed as a cardinal. He retired from Rome to live out his days in Bethlehem, where the Word Made Flesh was actually born.

**St Therese of Lisieux** Of this saint much has already been said and written because of the visit of her relics to England at the moment. The Little Flower promised at her death to send down roses from heaven. This has always been taken to mean a shower of blessings from God at her intercession. The continuing visit of her relics seems to be doing just that for thousands of pilgrims, hence the visit has been called, "A Time of Grace."