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**TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN
 ORDINARY TIME**



Worship in Wells & Shepton

Sat 1 st Oct	6.00pm Vigil Mass <i>followed by Welcomers' Get-Together</i>
Sun 2 nd Oct	9.00am Solemn Mass (<i>Pro Populo</i>) 11.00am Mass in Shepton 6.00 Mass in All Hallows School
Mon 3 rd Oct	<u>Feria of Week 27</u> 9.15am Liturgy of the Word and HC in Shepton 9.30pm Mass (Joe Neary RIP)
Tue 4 th Oct	<u>St Francis of Assisi</u> 9.15am Mass in Shepton in Shepton 9.30am Mass 10.10am Mass in All Hallows School
Wed 5 th Oct	<u>Feria</u> 9.15am Liturgy of the Word and HC in Shepton 11.00am Funeral Requiem for Filomena Gianetti
Thu 6 th Oct	<u>Feria – St Bruno of the Grande Chartreuse</u> 9.15am Mass in Shepton Mass 9.30am Mass (Sheila Neary RIP)
Fri 7 th Oct	<u>Our Lady of the Rosary or of Victories</u> 9.15am Liturgy of the Word and HC in Shepton 9.30am Mass () 12.45 Cremation of Jim Wiggins 6.00pm Traditional Latin Mass
Sat 8 th Oct	<u>Our Lady on Saturday</u> 9.30am Mass
Next Week:	SUNDAY XXVIII IN ORDINARY TIME
Sat 8 th Oct	6.00pm Vigil Mass
Sun 9 th Oct	9.00am Solemn Mass (<i>Pro Populo</i>) 11.00am Mass in Shepton 6.00 Mass in All Hallows School

Confessions These are normally heard on Saturdays, From Noon to 12.30pm in Shepton & from 5.00pm to 5.30pm in Wells.

The retiring collection last weekend for Clifton Cathedral raised £47 CAFOD envelopes will be distributed this week for for collection next week.

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK Mary Nurse (1990), John O'Neill (1993), Patrick Neary (2010), Joyce Zettel (2005), Mary Wood (2004)
Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine, et lux perpetua luceat eis. O Lord, grant them eternal rest and may perpetual light shine upon them

PRACTICAL MINISTRIES – ROTAS FOR NEXT WEEK

CLEANING <i>Week beg 3rd Oct</i>	COFFEE <i>Sun9th Oct</i>	FLOWERS <i>Fri 7th /Sat 8th</i>	WELCOMING
Gill DiClaudio, Jo Robinson, Philippa Phillips	Frankie Lambert & Andy Boothroyd	Louise Wynne & Elvira Raso	Sat 8 th Bea May Sun 9 th Any Philips

9.00AM SUNDAY MASS MUSIC

Mass setting – “Mass of St Paul the Apostle” by Chris Walker
Kyrie Sheet
Gloria Sheet
Gospel Accl. Sheet
Sanctus Sheet
Mem. Accl. 1 Sheet
Agnus Dei Sheet

Hymns
Entrance 109
Offertory 503
Communion 807
Recessional 512

CHURCH WATCH In addition to the published hours of church opening for public worship, the church will now be open for visiting the Blessed Sacrament in the Tabernacle, private prayer, meditation, spiritual reading etc at the following times:-
First Tuesday of every month from 3.00-5.00pm
First Wednesday of every month from 3.30 – 4.30pm
First Friday of every month from 5.00-6.00pm
Second Wednesday of every month from 3.00-4.00pm

If you have a swipe card and are in the habit of making a visit to the Blessed Sacrament at a particular time, you may not be averse to other parishioners, who have no swipe card, paying a visit at the same time. Such an arrangement can be made with no names published, as is shown by the Church Watch notice above (which is also pinned up on the noticeboard next to the outer church door.) The more our church is attended, the more secure it will be. For information see Fr Philip or Jim Mc Donald (01749 675098)



FAITH TODAY The October issue is now available in the porch, price £2.90. Please put payment in the box marked 'Newspapers'. Payment for The Tablet and the Catholic Herald should also go in this box.



TO REFLECT ON THIS WEEK -

MATTHEW 21: 33-43 Jesus said: "Hear another parable. There was a householder who planted a vineyard, and set a hedge around it, and dug a wine press in it, and built a tower, and let it out to tenants, and went into another country. When the season of fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants, to get his fruit; and the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and

stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than the first; and they did the same to them. Afterward he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.' And they took him and cast him out of the vineyard, and killed him. When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The very stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes'? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a nation producing the fruits of it."

Question of the Week: How do we endeavour to 'produce the fruits of the Kingdom of God' in our own lives?

PARISH DATABASE Thank you to everyone who has filled in a registration card. We have had a very good response but are sure that not everyone has done this yet.

HELP NEEDED TO CLEAN THE CHURCH We are urgently looking for 2 new teams (each of 2 or 3 people) to join the parish cleaning rota. This involves being responsible for the weekly clean of the church two – or at most three – times a year. Full instructions will be given. If you would like to know more about what is involved please speak to Francis Floyd (672737)

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION Please note that as an experiment there will be just two chalices at the 6pm Mass and three on Sunday morning.

APF Would box holders and collectors please arrange for collection by 31st October. James Hansom (677061)

PARISH DIARY

Fri 7 th Oct	7.00pm	St Mary's,	Healing Service by candlelight
		Glastonbury	
Sat 8th Oct	Noon - 2.00pm	Seager Hall	Soup & Pud lunch in aid of Church Roof
Sat 15 th Oct	6.00pm	Church	Main Mass for the patronal solemnity of St Teresa of Avila, followed by Bring & Share supper
31st Oct - 1st Nov		Universal Church	Solemnity of All Saints, Holy Day of Obligation
2 nd Nov		All Souls	7.00pm Requiem for all the Dead, to which all who have lost loved ones in the last year are invited.
Sun. 13th Nov	11.00am	Church	The Silence & Requiem Mass for Remembrance Sunday
26 th /27 th Nov.		Church	Advent Sunday, New Church Year
Sat 3rd Dec		Wells Town Hall	Parish Christmas Bazaar

PARISH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR Saturday 3rd December. Please put this date in your diaries now and think how you can contribute to this Parish event whether it is by baking cakes or making jam; donating toys, books or a bottle for the tombola; giving some time to help run a stall, set up or clear away; buying raffle tickets for the Grand Draw. We need everyone to contribute as well as turn up on the day. In particular, we are looking for people to run the jewellery, book and Christmas Goodie Stalls, we need that to be one of you! Lists will be appearing in the Narthex shortly for you to sign up. Everyone needs to be involved to make this a successful event! (Don't leave it to the person sitting next to you)

CWL EVENTS The CWL will be meeting on Monday 3rd October. At 2.30 p.m. Mr Ray Bennett will be giving us a talk on the **Poppy Appeal**. This talk should prove very interesting and we invite **ALL** members of the Parish to join us. Tea and cake will be provided.

In aid of the Church Roof Fund, the CWL will be holding a Soup & Pud event at the Seager Hall on Saturday, 8th October, 2011 between 12.00 - 2 p.m. The charge for this will be £5 per person (children £2) to include soup, bread & butter and pudding followed by tea or coffee. All are welcome including non-parishioners and the event will be advertised locally.'



SOME THOUGHTS ON THE MASS in the Mass, we live in a special way and only for a short time, the heavenly Liturgy, in which the myriads of angels, ascribe glory and praise to the Divine Trinity, one in essence, saying, "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth. Heaven and earth are full of thy glory." (cf. Isaiah 6: 3). We do this whilst still on earth. This same heavenly song rings out on our own lips in the heart of the church., We have added to those heavenly words the earthly hymn, with which Jerusalem welcomes the King coming to save, "Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest." (Matthew 21: 9b). In a unique way, the Mass translates us to heaven, for it opens up to us an aspect of the end of time and "we take part in a foretaste of that heavenly liturgy which is celebrated in the holy city of Jerusalem toward which we journey as pilgrims."(Vatican II Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, no. 8)

It is not just a movement up to heaven, for the Mass also brings heaven down to us and allows it to enter our everyday life. The Church or Eucharistic Community is the place of new birth through the Holy Spirit, the birth that our Lord Jesus Christ gave us in the mystery of his death and resurrection. It is a community of the Gospel and Eucharist. As the Mystical Body of Christ, it receives the Spirit of Pentecost, as when Christ Himself received the Spirit in the form of a dove at His Baptism. We see the Church as the place of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit comes down and changes the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ, just as He changes the faithful to become other Christs, and transforms the whole of creation into the living temple of God, in which is repeated in its vaults, songs and hymns of thanksgiving and praise, for the whole of creation "groaneth ...waiting for the ...redemption..." (Romans 8: 22-23) So the earth becomes heaven and life becomes in the Christian vision a universal, cosmic Divine Liturgy. That is why it is said that the Mass is heaven on earth.

CHEDDAR PARISH CHRISTMAS DINNER & DANCE We have been invited to this special event at Wedmore Golf Club on Friday 9th December, tickets £28 each. See noticeboard for menu. If anyone would be interested in making up a Wells table please contact Barbara Lewis in our parish office

PARISH DISCUSSION GROUPS The parish has a number of small groups, who meet regularly to explore their Faith. One of these groups, St. Bernard's, meets in the church after the Mass and coffee, monthly, on Sundays. There are places for one or two more members; so if you want to know more, contact any of the following members:- Anne Hoare, Jim Mc Donald, Bernard Dromgoole, Barbara Duncan, Kim Newstead or Chris Wherton

COFFEE ON SUNDAY MORNINGS The rotas are now in pigeonholes.

PATRONAL SOLEMNITY OF ST TERESA This year the Feast of St Teresa, 15th October, falls on a Saturday.. To mark the occasion, we have a musical celebration of Mass at the 6.00pm as the principal celebration of the Sunday, as this allows us to follow Mass with a 'bring and share' supper. To enhance the musical celebration, we would like to invite those in the parish who play an instrument to take part. If you would like to take part please contact Lucy on 01749 676153 or at boultonroberts@tiscali.co.uk . ***Please bring 'finger' food to the Bring & Share supper ie food which can be eaten without knife, fork or spoon! It would be most helpful if, for example, quiches could be pre-cut into small slices. Any questions to Beatriz Wade (673107) or Anne Hoare (671208) who are co-ordinating the supper.***



CALLING PARENTS & GUARDIANS! Would parents and guardians of children who will be 7 or more on or by Easter Sunday (8th April) next year, please consider whether your child/children will be sufficiently mature to make First Holy Communion next year 2012. You will need to apply to the parish on a form available from the Parish Office. This will need to be returned to us with a copy of the relevant baptismal certificate before half term this Autumn, as we intend to begin the course after half term. Please do not delay, as there will be no late admissions to the preparation course. It is important for parents and guardians to be aware that the preparation course will involve them too, both as supporters and encouragers of the candidates at home and also by attending session specially for adults. The course this time through will be modular in blocks of 4 or 5 Saturdays continuously. We are aware that children have clubs and other activities but for Catholics receiving their Lord and Saviour in Holy Communion is one of the most important things in their lives and as such is a priority!!

AUTUMN IN ASSISI 2012 Parishioners, Franco and Heather Rossi, are organising a guided tour to Italy from 12th -18th September with an itinerary specifically chosen by Franco to show you the delights of his home-town and the surrounding country of Umbria. Flight from Bristol and connecting transport and daytrips included. Stay in family run hotel with excellent food. Total cost approximately £750. For further details see poster or contact Franco on 678004.

CHRISTIANS TOGETHER PRAYER MEETINGS 3RD Wednesday of the month. These used to be held in the United Church, who can no longer host them, so we have offered to do so. First meeting **Wednesday 19th October** at 10.15 am (after Mass) till 12.30. Quiet, informal prayer, readings, conversations, silences. Come and go as you please, for as little or long as you please.