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**SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Sunday Worship**

Sat. 17<sup>th</sup> Jan 6.00pm 1<sup>st</sup> Mass of Sunday in **Wells** (Claire Morgan RIP)  
 Sun 18<sup>th</sup> Jan 9.00am Solemn Mass in **Wells** (Pro Popolo)  
 11.00am Sung Mass in **Shepton** ( )

**Confessions** Normally, the holy Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated on Saturdays from Noon to 12.30pm in Shepton and from 5.00pm to 5.30pm in Wells.

**Next Week – Conversion of St Paul**

Sat. 24<sup>th</sup> Jan 6.00pm 1<sup>st</sup> Mass of Sunday in **Wells** ( )  
 Sun 25<sup>th</sup> Jan 9.00am Solemn Mass in **Wells** (Pro Popolo)  
 11.00am Sung Mass in **Shepton** ( )

**18<sup>th</sup> January 2009 – Start of Unity Octave**

**Weekday Worship in Wells**

Mon 19<sup>th</sup> Jan St Wulstan of Worcester  
 9.30am Mass ( )  
 Tue 20<sup>th</sup> Jan St Sebastian  
 9.30am Mass (S Hudson RIP)  
 Wed 21<sup>st</sup> Jan St Agnes  
 9.30am Mass (Sheila Neary RIP)  
 Thu 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan Feria  
 9.30am Mass ( )  
 Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan Feria  
 9.30am Mass ( )  
 7.00pm Mass in the Extra-ordinary Form ( )  
 Sat 24<sup>th</sup> Jan St Francis de Sales  
 9.30am Mass ( )

**PARISH AGM** On **Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> January at 10.00am** we shall hold our AGM which will be our first formal parish meeting with Fr Philip. Everyone is warmly invited to attend. The Treasurer will present a financial report for the past year and there will be some other reports. Fr. Philip looks forward to re-activating the Pastoral Council at that meeting. Please see the sheet you have been given with the newsletter. Mass that day will be at 9.00am.

**WELCOMING** New rotas are in the pigeonholes. If anyone would like to join the welcoming team please contact Jan Doyle (675062).

**NOAH'S ARK PRE-SCHOOL** Urgently needs help from parishioners. Would anyone be willing to take on the role of Chairman of the Management Committee or be a member of the committee? Please contact Lindsey Stevens if you would like to know more (07766 828639; bizzers@hotmail.co.uk) If a chairman cannot be found, the pre-school will have to close which will be real loss to our Catholic community.

**SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND** for the FABRIC FUND.

**PAX CHRISTI** the parish has in the past had a second collection for the work of the Catholic Movement for Peace in England and Wales. This weekend has been designated Peace Sunday. We are not having a special collection this year but there are envelopes in the porch for anyone who would like to make a donation to Pax Christi. They may be put in the collection plate or given to a sacristan.

**Weekday Worship in Shepton**

Mon 19<sup>th</sup> Jan St Wulstan of Worcester  
 Noon Funeral Requiem for Patricia Holden  
 Tue 20<sup>th</sup> Jan St Sebastian  
 9.15am Mass ( )  
 Wed 21<sup>st</sup> Jan St Agnes  
 9.15am Liturgy of the Word and HC  
 Thu 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan Feria of Week 2  
 9.15am Mass ( )  
 Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan Feria  
 9.15am Liturgy of the Word and HC

**ANNIVERSARIES AT THIS TIME** Margaret Crestani (1987), Hilda Webb (1993), Charles Seal (1983), Nora Bull (1991), Evelyn Neary (2003), Mary Kennedy (2003), Margaret Hilliard (2005), Anna McKinley (2002), Mary Moore (2006), Canon Timothy Barry (2009). Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine, et lux perpetua luceat eis.

**9.00AM SUNDAY MASS MUSIC**

<i>Hymns</i>		<i>Mass setting:</i>
<b>Opening hymn</b>	<b>805</b>	<b>Kyrie 459</b>
<b>Presentation</b>	<b>530</b>	<b>Gloria 460</b>
<b>Communion</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>Sanctus 461</b>
<b>Final hymn</b>	<b>547</b>	<b>Memorial Acclamation 462</b>
		<b>Agnus Dei 466</b>



**TO PONDER OVER AT HOME DURING THE WEEK: John 1:35-42.**

The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples; and he looked at Jesus as he walked, and said, "Behold, the lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. Jesus turned, and saw them following, and said to them, "What do you seek?" And they said to him, "Rabbi" (which means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying; and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. One of the two who heard John speak, and followed him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon, and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means Christ). He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him, and said, "So you are Simon the son of John? You shall be called Cephas" (which means Rock).

*Question of the Week* 'Come and see,' says Jesus. How will I share this invitation with others I meet?

**LITURGY FORUM** Fr. Philip will be setting up a Liturgy Forum in the parish. The purpose of the exercise is listening. Parishioners will have the opportunity to have their questions, thoughts and feelings listened to by the Parish Priest and fellow worshippers. They will also have the chance to hear Fr. Philip's responses and any helpful or relevant teaching. When the Forum has no other business to address, Fr. Philip proposes that its discussions focus first on the seminal document to Vatican II on the sacred liturgy, "Sacrosanctum Concilium". Thereafter, the General Instruction on the third edition of the current Roman Missal, issued in 2003 will prove the basis of our learning and listening. There will be a chance to discuss and explore contemporary issues in worship via these important documents of the Church.

**SAINTS THIS WEEK** St Wulstan of Worcester is new to the English National Calendar. He was a Benedictine and one of the few Anglo-Saxon bishops left in office by the invading Normans. St Sebastian was a Roman soldier, martyred with arrows for the Faith by his fellow legionnaires. St Agnes was a Roman virgin and martyr. On her feast day the Pope blesses lambs so that their wool can be used to make the paliums for him to distribute later in the year. St Francis de Sales is the patron of journalists and of the MSFS fathers who work in our deanery and diocese.

**THE CHRISTIAN UNITY OCTAVE - COMMONLY CALLED "UNITY WEEK"**

This 8 days period of prayer for the restoration of Christian unity owes its origins to a group in the United States, who in 1908 launched an initiative seeking the reunion of Anglicans with the Apostolic See of Rome. The great French Catholic ecumenist, Abbé Paul Couturier spread the good idea on his preaching tours. Some others have observed the Novena between Ascension Thursday and Pentecost as a time of prayer for the more general intention of restored unity between Christ's followers. In many ways, the Catholic Church came late to the Ecumenical Enterprise, but, once it, joined it became a leader, since it is the biggest denomination in the world. The official teaching of the Church is to be found amongst the many wonderful products of Vatican II, a document called "Unitatis Redintegratio". We are encouraged to listen and learn, to pray and seek conversion to the Lord. We are asking not for a uniformity of worship but a unity of faith, which will one day enable us to share the Body of Christ in the Holy Eucharist with our neighbours, for by that stage, they will not be our neighbours or in any way separated, but part of one great and glorious institutional Church, united with the Vicar of Christ. Please support as generously as you can this Octave of Prayer and any activities and services in this connection.



**THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL ON A SUNDAY**

As many of you will already know the Catholic Church has been celebrating a Pauline Year since the 29<sup>th</sup> June last year, in honour of the Apostle to the Gentiles. Whilst the sites associated with St Paul are far away, the saint himself is very close to us through His letters, which are read at Sunday Mass, week by week. Because of the Pauline Year, the Holy Father asks us to mark the Conversion of St Paul (the end of the Unity Octave) on the Sunday. The first and third readings will come from the proper of saints and the middle reading

from the displaced Sunday.

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We wish you a Happy Christmas and we hope you have a prosperous New Year.

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NB **Traidcraft Stall this weekend**

**CATHOLIC** Singles is an organisation which helps single practising Catholics meet up, either one to one or through social events. For more information please tel. 0161 941 3498, visit the website [www.catholicsingles.org.uk](http://www.catholicsingles.org.uk) or email [info@catholicsingles.org.uk](mailto:info@catholicsingles.org.uk)

## FINANCES

	<i>Offering</i>	<i>Fabric Fund</i>
<b>October 08</b>		
Plate etc	965.75	179.15
Standing Orders	1574.00	783.50
Tax refunds	<u>441.36</u>	<u>220.95</u>
	281.11	1183.60
<b>November 08</b>		
Plate etc	1143.46	434.50
Standing Orders	1475.00	773.50
Tax refunds	<u>413.44</u>	<u>218.13</u>
	3031.90	1426.13

**HEALING MASS IN CANDLELIGHT** at St Mary, Glastonbury, Friday 13 February at 7pm. Everyone is welcome to this special healing Mass.

**ST MARGARET'S HOSPICE** Garden Fair at the Seager Hall, Union Street, Wells on Saturday, 14 March, 9.30-1.00pm. Kick start your spring gardening with a visit to our fair. Free entry; refreshments available.

**NEW TO THE PARISH?** You are very welcome. Please fill in one of the yellow registration cards which you will find in the porch. And if you are attending the 9am Mass do join other parishioners for coffee afterwards. After the AGM on 31 January and the re-activating of our Pastoral Council, it is hoped to produce an up-to-date list of parish contacts and a handbook with details of parish groups and activities.

**'AUTHORISED PERSON'** We are looking for one or more parishioners who would be prepared to take on this very responsible and interesting position, acting as Registrar at weddings in our church. If you would like to know what is involved please speak to Michael Dathan (677488) or Mary Cryer (677459)