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ADVENT II

Sunday Worship

Sat. 6th Dec 6.00pm 1st Mass of Sunday in Wells (John Parkes – Anni)
 Sun 7th Dec 9.00am Solemn Mass in Wells()
 11.00am Sung Mass in Shepton (Pro Populo)

Confessions *The holy Sacrament of Reconciliation is normally celebrated on*

Saturdays from Noon to 12.30pm in Shepton and from 5.00pm to 5.30pm in Wells.

Next Week – Advent III – Gaudete Sunday (Year B)

Sat. 13th Dec 6.00pm 1st Mass of Sunday in Wells (Colin Stoupe RIP)
 Sun 14th Dec 9.00am Solemn Mass in Wells()
 11.00am Sung Mass in Shepton (Pro Populo)

7th December 2008

Weekday Worship in Wells

Mon 8th Dec IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF OUR LADY, Solemnity
 9.30am Mass ()
 7.30pm Messa Italiana

Tue 9th Dec Advent Feria
 9.30am Mass
 8.00pm Advent Sequence of Music and Readings

Wed 10th Dec Advent Feria
 9.30am Mass (In honour of St Sharbel and the Maronite Church)
 7.00pm “Light Up A Life” Service for St Margaret’s Hospice

Thu 11th Dec Advent Feria
 9.30am Mass

Fri 12th Dec Our Lady of Guadalupe
 9.30am Mass ()
 7.00pm Mass in the Extra-ordinary Form ()

Sat 13th Dec St Lucy of Syracuse
 9.30am Mass ()

NEWSLETTER Please e-mail items to the Office or drop it in or

newsletter pigeonhole by midday WEDNESDAY. Please include a contact name and number with the item. Thank you.

LITURGICAL DIARIES FOR 2009 are on sale in the porch, priced at £5.99. Please put payment in the marked box. Parish pocket diaries have been ordered and we hope they will arrive soon.

Last week’s 2nd collection for **THE POOR MISSIONS OF THE DIOCESE** raised £98.30. This week there is a voluntary collection for **CHRISTMAS FLOWERS**

9.00AM SUNDAY MASS MUSIC

Hymns

Opening hymn 133

Presentation 10

Communion 663

Final hymn 255

Mass setting: Missa Emmanuel

See separate sheet

REST IN PEACE Des Costello who died on Friday, Jean White who died recently, Rosa D’Agostino (2004) Janet Eggar (1995), Anastasia Ridewood (2000), Bridget Little (1993), David Lancashire (1997) Henry Vicary (2006), Giovanni Pofirio (1991) *Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine, et lux perpetua luceat eis. Requiescant in pace.*

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 10.00am till 4 .00pm

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Weekday Worship in Shepton

Mon 8th Dec IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF OUR LADY, Solemnity
 9.15am Liturgy of the Word and HC

Tue 9th Dec Advent Feria
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ADVENT GOSPEL ENQUIRY: Everyone is invited to come along to the Upper Room **this Thursday 11 December** at 7.30pm to share thoughts on the Gospel for the coming Sunday in an informal yet structured way.. We shall be using the lively translation and commentary by Fr Nicholas King who gave such an inspiring lecture here in September. Photocopies will be provided. This week we look at the ministry of John the Baptist as recounted in John's Gospel. Charlotte Lythaby will lead our discussion. Do come along.

IGNATIAN PRAYER FOR ADVENT: At St Mary's, Glastonbury in the Lower Hall. Thursdays at 2.30pm. 'Each week we meet for silent prayer on the next Sunday's Gospel, entering into the Gospel scene to listen to what God has to say to us in our lives now.'



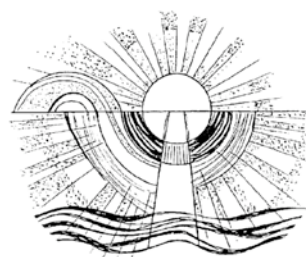
'PAINT IT PINK' At Shepton on Gaudete Sunday, 14th December, Mass (as here) will be in joyful pink – not only the vestments. **The congregation in both churches is invited to wear at least one item of pink, rose, salmon or coral colour.** Afterwards, everyone is invited to a Get Together with a pink theme in the Parish Room. A Bring and Buy will include gifts for Christmas plus jams and chutneys, light refreshments and a raffle. There is a **Pink Quiz** on sale now for just £1. A 2Gb MP3 player (pink of course) is the prize for the winner on the day. Fr Philip encourages Wells parishioners to support this rosy event just as he encourages Shepton parishioners to support the Wells bazaar

FROM DOROTHY JAMAL Who wishes to thank the many people from our parish, who came to her coffee morning in aid of Palestinian humanitarian causes. The morning raised £310 which will be divided between a hospital in Gaza, a school in Ramallah and a rehabilitation centre in Bethlehem.

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION AND THE WORD: New rotas will be prepared shortly. Please indicate on the sheets on notice-board any dates which you know you will not be able to manage. It would also be helpful to indicate if you would like to minister at Christmas and , if so, at which Mass.

MESSA IN LINGUA ITALIANA Il parroco celebrerà la Santa Messa nella lingua Italiana alle 7.30pm, la solennità dell'Immacolata Concezione di Maria santissima, questa settimana.

ADVENT SERVICE: You are all cordially invited to a Service of Advent music and readings at 8.00pm on Tuesday December 9 in the church. Music provided by the Beaumont Singers - Not a concert, but an opportunity to ponder in words and music some of the themes of Advent



TO PONDER OVER AT HOME DURING THE WEEK: Mark 1: 1-8

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, "Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, who shall prepare thy way; the voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the

Lord, make his paths straight. "John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And there went out to him all the country of Judea, and all the people of Jerusalem; and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, and had a leather girdle around his waist, and ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the thong of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

- *Question of the week:* In what ways will I prepare, personally and with others, to celebrate the arrival of the Son of God among us?

SATURDAY HELP IN THE SACRISTY We are urgently seeking someone or a group of people willing to assist with sacristy duties in connection with our Saturday morning Mass. The necessary training will be

given. If you would like to know more or to volunteer please speak to Fr Philip or Ruth Hudson.



PRAYERS FOR RENEWAL AND HEALING

THROUGH THE ROSARY *NOTHING IS*

IMPOSSIBLE TO GOD' From the Gospel of St.

Luke for the solemnity of the Immaculate

Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 8th

December. On Sunday 7th December at 4.00 p.m., we will

be holding a Liturgy of the Rosary of Light with particular emphasis on healing and renewal in our own and others' lives. If you would like to come and pray for healing for yourself or for others, you will be more than welcome. For those of our parishioners who are not familiar with praying the rosary, guidelines will be available for use. Rosaries are available for sale in the vestibule, but 10 fingers are just as good! Connie Lane can be contacted by phone: Wells 677328 or E-mail: connielane@tiscali.co.uk

THE ADVENT PRESERVATION

SOCIETY

As yet, this society is a piece of fiction generated via e-mail by a group of priests over the Internet. It has a Chaplain General from Salford diocese. Perhaps we could have a Wells parish branch? It has nothing to do with what we are against but is about what we are in favour of! We do not seek to stop anyone having a good time. We do not want to curtail the buying and wrapping of presents, the writing of Christmas cards or the holding of parties. We are, however, in favour of preserving the Church's season of Advent in purple (with a touch of rose pink) without the anticipation of the season of the Incarnation. We don't sing "Hail the day that sees Him rise" or "Thine be the Glory, Risen, Conquering Son" in the middle of Lent, and we don't want to sing Christmas carols until the Christmas season arrives. We don't want to let go of preparation for Christmas but we all need to be prepared for the Second Coming, to say nothing of our readiness for the many comings of the Lord to us in everyday life. If we notice them in Advent, then we will notice them the whole Liturgical Year round.



ALTAR SERVERS AND PARENTS Please would you make sure that albs are cleaned and in good order for Christmas .

FROM THE CHILDREN'S LITURGY TEAM As part of the Children's Liturgy through Advent we will be telling the children about the Nativity, which will include journeys , homelessness, new babies, parties and how lucky we are to be a part of God's family. This year like some that have gone before we would like to support a charity by doing something small that means so much more to the recipient "Oh no I hear you say not more I've just given to the bazaar or filled my Christmas Child Shoebox and still have my Christmas shopping to do" Do not fear we never ask for more that you can bear so this year we decided it would be great to support something local and that ties in with our themes of the Nativity and so we have spoken to people who help support our local homeless young people. They have asked for CHOCOLATE!!!! Lots and lots of chocolate to give to these youngsters to just enjoy! If you would like to help us there is a lovely christmas box in the vestibule waiting to be filled with lots of yummy scrummy chocolatey things what ever you can afford to give you can be sure will be gratefully received! (Our box will be out there begging until Christmas Eve.) Thank you so much.

FROM THE PARISH PRIEST As the "New Bay", I was delighted to see all the hard work and fellowship generated by our Bazaar, to say nothing of the splendid working total raised. It is still too soon to give final amount raised but things are looking good and our treasurer is smiling. To Andy Phillips and all the team of organisers, to stall holders and customers alike, a huge thank you!

1ST CONFESSION & HOLY COMMUNION 2009 Parents of children in Year 3: if you would like your child to prepare to receive Holy Communion for the first time, please remember to apply using a form available from the Parish Office. The course will start in January and there will be sessions for parents as well as for children.

CHRISTIANS TOGETHER IN WELLS will be anticipating the Christmas story in the Market Place, Saturday 20th 10am to 12 noon – with a real donkey! Starting at the Ancient Gatehouse. Mince pies & non-alcoholic mulled wine will be served to the public in the Market Place. Hundreds of mince pies needed – please contact Sue Peel on 677502.