



**Ss Joseph & Teresa Parish,
Wells,
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**THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

Sunday and Weekday Worship in Wells & Shepton	
Sat 23 RD Oct	6.00pm Vigil Mass (<i>Charles Kelly RIP</i>)
Sun 24 th Oct	9.00am Solemn Mass (<i>Pro Populo</i>) 11.00am Mass at St Michael's, Shepton Mallet 6.30pm Mass at All Hallows School, East Cranmore (Alkrington Intention)
Mon 25 th Oct	<u>Feria of Week XXX</u> 9.30 Mass
Tue 26 th Oct	<u>Feria</u> 9.15am Mass in Shepton 9.30am Mass
Wed 27 th Oct	<u>Feria</u> 9.15am Liturgy of the Word and Communion in Shepton 9.30am Mass 10.15am Ecumenical Prayer 2.00pm Funeral Requiem Mass for Elsie Speed Ss SIMON & JUDE, Apostles, Feast
Thu 28 th Oct	9.15am Mass n Shepton 9.30am Mass
Fri 29 th Oct	<u>Feria</u> 9.15am Liturgy of the Word and Communion in Shepton 9.30am Mass 6.00pm Traditional Latin Mass because of the Advent/Christmass liturgy talk
Sat 30 th Oct	<u>Our Lady on Saturday</u> 9.30am Mass
Next Week: Solemnity of ALL SAINTS/ALL HALLOWS	
Sat 30 th Oct	6.00pm Vigil Mass (<i>Private Intention</i>)
Sun 31 st Oct	9.00am Solemn Mass (<i>Elizabeth Anne Haydon RIP</i>) 11.00am Sung Mass in Shepton (<i>Pro Populo</i>) 6.30pm Mass at All Hallows School, East Cranmore (Alkrington Intention)
Confessions Normally, the holy Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated on Saturdays, Noon to 12.30pm in Shepton & from 5.00pm to 5.30pm in Wells.	

The collection last weekend for the Fabric Fund raised £97.94 The second collection this weekend is for **Missio (World Mission Sunday)**

ANNIVERSARIES AT THIS WEEK Charles Kelly (2006), Kathleen Tizzard (1996) Margaret Wheadon (1999), Cecilia Baker (2000), Teresa Calver (2002), Gabriele Hudson (2009), Gareth Boothroyd, Flora Slater (2006), Lettie Gough (2007), Elizabeth Hayden (2009) *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 MON. 25TH – SUN. 31ST OCT.

CLEANING	COFFEE	FLOWERS	WELCOMING
Zoe Hayes, Kym Newstaed, Dawn Holmes	Jean Rowland & Peggy McDonald	Charlotte Lythaby & Pam Mapstone	6pm The Wade ladies 9am Jim & Peggy McDonald

**CALLING ALL SERVERS, PAST AND PRESENT
AND TO COME**

Next Saturday 30th October at 10.15am in church, there will be a meeting for all our servers, current (parents welcome where necessary) and retired and would be servers of the future. We seek to organize a proper rota and to continue developing this vital ministry. A reminder that church law permits girls and women as well as boys and men to serve at the Ordinary Form of the Roman Rite.



9.00AM SUNDAY MASS MUSIC:	
Hymns-	Mass Setting
<i>Opening</i>	Kyrie Said
<i>Offertory</i>	Gloria Hebridean [Words below]
<i>Communion</i>	Psalm 555
<i>Final</i>	Gospel acclamation 410
	Sanctus 422
	Memorial acclamation 423
	Doxology 424
	Agnus Dei 456

*Peace on earth to all your people, Lord God, heavenly King. We worship you, almighty Father, let our voices ring! Sing...
Jesus. Blessed Lamb of God to you our voice we raise. You take away our Sins, O Lord receive our song of praise! Sing...
Holy Lord in highest heaven, how our hearts rejoice in God the Father, Son and Spirit, so with loudest voice sing...



TO REFLECT ON DURING THE WEEK - LUKE 18: 9-14 Jesus also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and despised others: "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee

stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank thee that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, I give tithes of all that I get.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted."

Question of the week: Is my spiritual life like the Pharisee's or the Tax Collector's?

Our dear Saviour presents us this Sunday with a parable, which would have been profoundly shocking to His original hearers; the Pharisee was the very model of respectability, of moral rectitude, whilst the Tax Collector was a collaborator with the hated Roman occupation of the Holy Land, the man everyone loathed as a traitor. It would not have been a surprise to anyone that the Pharisee thanked God for not making him like that man over there! However, the Lord is making a point about looking sideways in church. He does not want us to do compare ourselves with other people like that. The standard is God Himself. "Be holy as the Lord Your God is holy!" The Pharisee fails to see what progress he still has to make because he looks sideways at worship. He sees only what he has done, not what he still has to do. This leads to his arrogance and distancing of himself from God.

MASS COUNT It is a requirement of the Diocese that the number of people attending Sunday Mass (including Saturday evening) is counted during October. The total last weekend was 184.

APF/MISSIO Please arrange for APF red boxes to be emptied and given to James Hansom for banking before 31st October.

MISSIO is the new name for the Pontifical Mission Societies – the APF. This weekend 23/24 October is **World Mission Sunday**. Our prayers and donations will help to support mission projects and Catholic communities across the world to grow towards self-sufficiency, often in difficult and dangerous circumstances. If you are a tax payer please use the Gift Aid envelopes provided.

PREPARING FOR ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS: Fr Michael Fountaine, Director of the Diocesan Department of Liturgy, will be coming to speak to the parish this Friday 29th October at 7.30pm. The occasion will be of interest primarily to those involved with liturgy (musicians, readers, Ministers of Communion, Children's Liturgy, etc) but will be open to all.

FORTHCOMING DATES FOR THE DIARY		
Mon 25 th Oct	6.00pm Church	RCIA meeting
Tue 26 th Oct	7.30pm Church	Talk on Judaism
Wed 27 th Oct	10.15am - noon Church	Ecumenical Morning of Prayer
Fri 29 th Oct	7.30pm Church	Preparing for Advent and Christmas: talk on liturgy
Sat 30 th Oct	10.15am Church	Meeting for altar servers
Sat 27 th Nov	Town Hall	PARISH BAZAAR
Sat 5 th Feb. 2011	10.15am Church	Parish Assembly and AGM

CHRISTIANS WORKING TOGETHER THIS Wednesday 27th October, we are hosting an Ecumenical Prayer Meeting, from 10.15am to Noon. Do consider taking part, if only for a few minutes. More details from Julie Skrine (670339)



PARISH BAZAAR - SATURDAY 27TH NOVEMBER IN THE TOWN HALL

The boxes are in place and thank you for the goods, which have already come in, but we need LOTS more of everything. And please remember to fill in and bring back your forms with offers of cakes, jams and preserves. It is an enormous help to know in advance what we shall have coming in on the day.



OTHER FAITHS The next talk by Connie Lane on world religions will be this **Tuesday 26th October** at 7.30pm and will be on **Judaism**. This series of talks is our response to Bishop Declan's challenge to us to learn more about other faiths.

ENTRY SWIPE CARDS NEEDED: Thank you to the two people who have handed in spare swipe cards but more are still needed. If you have an entry swipe card for the church and find that you don't use it very much, please would you give it back to us. We are trying to obtain some new cards but this is difficult as the system is now 'obsolete'. It may be that we shall have to install a new system and the Finance & Fabric Committee will consider this at its next meeting. Please give cards to Barbara Lewis or place in an envelope in the 'L' pigeonhole

HELP! - MISSING PARISH PROJECTOR SCREEN

If anyone has borrowed the parish projector screen and has either forgotten to return it or put it in that place where we cannot find it, could you please let Connie or Barbara know of its whereabouts! Many thanks. Also, many thanks to Sharon Haigh for very kindly lending us her screen in an emergency.

A REMINDER On Sunday 14th November (Remembrance Sunday) Mass in Wells will be at 11.00am. Although the First Mass of Sunday will observe the Green Sunday, the 11.00am will begin with the Two Minute Silence [COME EARLY] and Requiem Mass for the War Dead.

FAITH SHARING GROUPS There has been a very good response to Fr Philip's launch of our new series of faith sharing groups. Some forty people have signed up and we are in the process of trying to form two or three new groups and recruiting new leaders. This may take a little time but please be patient! We hope to have the groups in place by next month. The groups will be discussing the Gospel of Matthew and meetings will be structured around questions posed by Fr Nicholas King in his recent translation and interactive study guide to the New Testament. Any questions to Gill Baxter (674234) or Barbara Lewis (676963)



PLURALIST CHURCH It is often said with good reason that we live in a multicultural or pluralist society. For centuries these islands have welcomed people from abroad. The emergence of the Commonwealth from the British

Empire and the European Union has simple quickened this process. However, it often forgotten that the Catholic Church herself is pluralist in several senses. She is a communion of Ritual Churches with the Successor of St Peter, the Pope. By ritual we mean traditions of worship, spirituality and canon law. The Ritual Church to which we belong is the Roman one, hence we are properly called Roman Catholics. In the West there is also the Ambrosian Catholic Church, centered on Milan. Braga and Hispano-Mozarabic forms of Mass and Office add to this rich inheritance in the West. In the East, we have the Byzantine Catholic churches, Russian, Greek, Ukrainian, Roumanian, Ruthenian, Melkite. Then there are the Syrian Catholics, the Chaldean Catholics, Coptic Catholics from Egypt and from Ethiopia, Syro-Malabar and Syro-Malankara. The latter two come from India and are represented in Clifton diocese and Shepton parish. The Catholic Family is also pluralist in the cultural sense as well. If we look just at the Roman Catholic corner of the Lord's Vineyard, we see that the Church roots itself in each country and region. An example of this is the keeping of saints in national and regional calendars. The Welsh do not have exactly the same calendar as the English. Language, geography and history play a large part in this rich diversity. The Crib has always been more important in Germany than in England. Christmass trees only arrived with Prince Albert's marriage to Queen Victoria. The French and Italians make more Epiphany than we do. In Poland the blessing of Easter food in baskets on Holy Saturday is a custom of which we know very little. We have to keep our eyes open to the people around us in the Parish Community so that we can learn from them, just as much as they learn from us. All of this is inherent in our belief in the Universal Church.



SPONSORSHIP MONEY. On his visit in May the Bishop said he hoped he would see less of Fr Philip in September!! If he was here now he would note that there is less of Fr Philip 12lbs less in fact. For those of you who sponsored Fr Philip I am now after your money. For those who have already paid up thank you, and for those whose mind it has slipped I am reminding you that I would be delighted to receive your money as soon as possible. I am in church on Saturday evenings or please put it in parish post box under P for Parkes and I will call in on Sunday to collect. Cheques made payable to Ss Joseph & Teresa Catholic Parish Church. Thank you all very much. *Marie Parkes* 01749 673119