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Sunday XXXIII in Ordinary Time

Sunday and Weekday Worship in Wells

Sat 14th Nov 6.00pm Vigil Mass (*Michael O'Higgins RIP*)
 Sun 15th Nov 9.00am Solemn Mass
 Mon 16th Nov St Edmund of Abingdon, Diocesan Memorial
9.00am Mass ()
 Tue 17th Nov St Hugh of Lincoln, Diocesan Memorial
9.00am Mass ()
 Wed 18th Nov Feria of Week 34
 9.30am Mass
 Thu 19th Nov St Hilda of Whitby, National Memorial
9.00am Mass ()
 Fri 20th Feria
 9.30am Mass ()
 7.00pm Mass in the Extra-ordinary Form
 Sat 21st Nov Presentation of Our Lady in the Temple
 9.30am Mass ()

Next Week: THIRTY-FOURTH & LAST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - CHRIST THE KING
 Sat 21st Nov 6.00pm Vigil Mass
 Sun 22nd Nov 9.00am Solemn Mass
4.00pm Vespers & Benediction

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

The 3 earlier Mass times this week are because pupils from the Blue School will be visiting our church as part of their religious education programme, as they do every year. Fr Philip will welcome them on Monday & Thursday, but we urgently need someone who would be willing to do this on **Tuesday 17th November**. The children have a booklet and the teachers guide them in what to look for but the welcomer will be required to explain a little about the Catholic faith. Three groups of children will visit each day. If you feel you might be able to help with this please speak to Fr Philip who will tell you more about what is involved.

This weekend there will be a collection for the Fabric Fund.

ANNIVERSARIES AT THIS TIME Hubert Pearson (1985), Leslie Calvert (1988), Alicia Pritchard (1992), Elizabeth Hodson (1996), Millicent James (2001) *Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine, et lux perpetua luceat eis.* May the Lord grant them eternal rest and light.

Worship in Shepton

Sun 15th Nov **Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 11.00am Mass ()
 6.30pm Mass at All Hallows' Prep School, ()
 Mon 16th Nov St Edmund of Abingdon, Diocesan Memorial
 9.15am Liturgy of the Word and HC
 Tue 17th Nov St Hugh of Lincoln, Diocesan Memorial
 9.15am Mass
 Wed 18th Nov Feria
 9.15 am Liturgy of the Word and HC
 Thu 19th Nov St Hilda of Whitby, National Memorial
 9.15am Mass
 Fri 20th Nov Feria
 9.15am Liturgy of the Word and HC
 Sat 21st Nov Confessions
 Sun 22nd Nov **Solemnity of Christ the King**
 11.00am Mass ()
 6.30pm Mass at All Hallows' Prep School, ()

PRACTICAL MINISTRIES - ROTAS FOR NEXT WEEK

CLEANING	COFFEE	FLOWERS	WELCOMING
Caroline Hutton & Hellen Wainwright	Anne Beechey & Heather Rossi	Peggy McDonald & Norah Belshaw	6pm Jenny O'Callaghan 9am Jean Rowland

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

9.00AM SUNDAY MASS MUSIC

Hymns	Mass setting: see separate sheet
Opening hymn 109	Organ voluntary: Prelude in B minor
Presentation 530	BWV 544 by J S Bach
Communion 632	
Recessional 571	

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION Please look in your pigeonholes for the new rota. The advice from Bishop Declan continues to be that, in order to help to prevent the spread of swine flu, Communion should be under one kind and in the hand. This means that we require the services of only one lay Minister of Communion on Sunday mornings and none on Saturday evenings.

TO PONDER OVER DURING THE WEEK – Mark 13:24-32 Jesus



said to his disciples: "But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of man coming in clouds with great power and glory. And then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. "From the fig tree learn its lesson:

as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth

its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away before all these things take place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. "But of that day or that hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.

Question of the week: Am I ready to meet any challenge to my comfort zone?

ADVENT GOSPEL ENQUIRY Over a number of years a group has met in Advent and Lent to reflect on the Gospel reading for the coming Sunday. Many people have found it a way of enriching their faith. The membership of this group is not fixed: anyone can come along and it is not necessary to come to all four sessions. Just try one and see how you like it! The emphasis is on sharing thoughts and on learning a little about the context in which the Gospel was written. A different person leads each session. We shall meet on Tuesdays at 7.30pm in the side chapel/transept: 24 November, 1, 8 and 15 December.

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.

CELEBRATION OF THE WOMEN IN OUR PARISH! This is to be held on Wednesday 9th December at 7.30pm. A short liturgy followed by a buffet supper which will be organised by the men!

JUST A SMALL WORD We are delighted to have so many families and younger members at Sunday Mass each week. It is a pleasure to see them grow up so quickly, but we would also like to see them grow in reverence. A degree of quiet and restriction of athletics makes it easier for everyone to worship!

FORTHCOMING DATES FOR THE DIARY		
Fri 20 th Nov	7pm St Mary's Glastonbury	Healing Mass in candlelight
Sat 21 st Nov	7.30pm St Cuthbert's	Beaumont Singers Concert
Sun 22nd Nov	4.00pm Church	2nd Vespers & Benediction for Christ the King
Tue 24th Nov	7.30pm Church	Advent Gospel Enquiry
Sun 29th Nov	All Day	Advent Sunday and Start of New Church Year
Wed 25 th Nov	Seager Hall 9am – noon	Ecumenical Morning of Prayer
Wed 25 th Nov	Seager Hall 7.45 for 8pm	Ecumenical Bring and share social evening
Sat 28th Nov	Town Hall 9.30am	Christmas Bazaar
Tue 1 st Dec	St Mary's, Glastonbury, 7.00pm	"Light Up A Life" Service for St Margaret's Hospice
Sat 5 th Dec	Woodchester Convent	Mary, Woman of Hope: A Day of Prayer
Wed 9 th Dec	7.30pm Church	Celebration for women of the parish
Tue 18 th May	7pm St Mary's Glastonbury	Deanery Confirmation Mass

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2010 The preparation for First Holy Communion will be starting 10.30am Saturday 21 November. Please can you complete an enrolment form if you would like your child (year 3 or above) to take part. Forms are available from Barbara Lewis at the Presbytery on Wednesdays and Fridays. **To all those budding teachers, priests, musicians, artists or people with the ability to share the wonders of God's Word would you like to help our children prepare for their First Holy Communion?** The more helpers, the better the experience for all. Anyone over the age of 15 is welcome, no experience is necessary. We have a wonderful community here in Wells and it is so important to share all that makes our parish such a good place to be with the next generation. For more information please see Fr Philip, Peggy MacDonald, Deidre MacGuire or Charlotte Lythaby.



DIOCESAN DIRECTORIES AND LITURGICAL YEARBOOKS

These are on sale in the porch: The directory at £4.50 and the liturgical yearbook £5.99

**ANNUAL PARISH BAZAAR Wells Town Hall
Saturday 28th November 9.30am – 2.30pm.**

The Bazaar draws ever closer and we would like to have the Grand Draw money and stubs in as soon as possible

100 different bottles needed for the bazaar,
100 jars of jams needed for the bazaar,
please contribute
to make the work spread far
100 bottles and jars needed for the bazaar.

ONLY NEXT WEEKEND TO GO!!!!!!!!!!!!

CHRISTMAS CARDS are available from the Doorway stall this weekend. **Please come and have a look.** This is a parish charity and funds all go to support local charities working with the homeless and addicted. We give regularly to YMCA in Wells and to three Bristol charities: Emmaus, St James Priory and Housing Justice. Please help to support them. We look forward to seeing you at our stall. Thank you! *Ruth Hudson*

CAR PARKING From time to time it becomes necessary to remind every one, (parishioner, friend, neighbour, enemy and interloper) that the car parks by the Presbytery and behind the church are a privilege, not a right. We aim to leave the car park for parents of the school and people attending daily Mass. At other times people should be on parish business or ask at the house. Some have permissions but these will soon need to be renewed.

NOVEMBER ENVELOPES If you would like the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass offered this November for departed loved ones, please fill in the usual envelope by the door and give it to the Parish Priest or to Fr McAuley.

TRAIDCRAFT REMINDER THAT WE HAVE A STALL THIS WEEK

PRISONERS' WEEK Our sister parish of Shepton has the only prison in Somerset. Fr. Philip has asked Sister Anne Martin RSCJ to speak about her chaplaincy work at all Masses this weekend.

BEAUMONT SINGERS Mendip's celebrated chamber choir – the Beaumont Singers – will honour music's heavenly patron next Saturday (21) with 2 gems of English music: Henry Purcell's Ode for St Cecilia, 1692 and Benjamin Britten's Hymn to St Cecilia. The programme in St Cuthbert's church, Wells ends with Messe Solennelle by Charles Gounod, a French homage to the musical saint. The concert begins at 7.30pm. Tickets are £10 from Wells Music Shop or on the door

PIGEONHOLES IN CHURCH PORCH Please would **EVERYONE** look in their pigeonhole and see if there is anything for them. And if you see something for someone you see regularly but who isn't at Mass please would you take it for them. We must try and clear the pigeonholes before the Christmas card rush!

COULD YOU ADOPT A CHILD?: Could you or someone you know offer a permanent adoptive home to a child or children? If you would like information or an informal discussion please contact CCS on: 08451 22 00 77 or visit their website www.ccsadoption.org. The Society will be hosting an informal Open Evening on Thursday 19th November 2009 from 4pm – 7pm for anyone who would like to come along and find out more about adoption. Catholic families are needed for Catholic children as well as families who reflect the diverse ethnic and cultural backgrounds of the 4,000 children who wait.

CALLING OUR BAND OF CHURCH CLEANERS! Please do **not** use polish on the newly renovated church pews, as they have already been treated. In case there is any confusion over dates for duty, the date given on your rota is for the Saturday starting the week, and ideally the church should be cleaned as early as possible after the Sunday services, so the church is in good order for the remainder of the week

ST GREGORY'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE, Bath wishes to appoint a number of exam invigilators. See notice board for further details or phone 01225 832873.

PARISH FINANCES, SEPTEMBER 09

	<i>Offertory</i>	<i>Fabric</i>
Plate etc	795.69	505.93
Standing orders	1577.00	901.50
Tax refund	<u>442.22</u>	<u>305.27</u>
Totals	2814.91	1712.70