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Third Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year C)

Sunday and Weekday Worship in Wells & Shepton

Sat 23 rd Jan	Noon Confessions in Shepton 6.00pm First Mass of Sunday (<i>Sharon & Bob Haigh</i>)
Sun 24 th Jan	9.00am Solemn Mass (<i>Pro Populo</i>) 11.00am Mass () in Shepton 6.45pm Wells Cathedral School Service in Wells Cathedral, Fr. Philip to preach
Mon 25 ^h Jan	<u>CONVERSION OF ST PAUL</u> 9.15am Liturgy of the Word and HC in Shepton
Tue 26 th Jan	9.30am Mass () <u>Ss Timothy & Titus</u> 9.15am Mass () in Shepton
Wed 27 th Jan	9.30am Mass () <u>St Angela Merici</u> 9.30am Mass () 11.30 am Funeral Requiem for Dorothy van Eyken at Shepton
Thu 28 th Jan	<u>St Thomas Aquinas</u> 9.15am Mass () in Shepton 9.30am Mass () 12 noon Funeral Requiem for Ron Duncan
Fri 29 th Jan	Feria 9.30am Mass ()
Sat 30 th Jan	7.00pm Mass in the Extra-ordinary Form <u>Our Lady on Saturday</u> 9.30am Mass () Noon Confessions in Shepton

Next Week: 4th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sat 30 th Jan	6.00pm Vigil Mass
Sun 31 st Jan	9.00am Solemn Mass 11.00am Mass () in Shepton 6.30pm Mass at All Hallows School, East Cranmore

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

ANNIVERSARIES AT THIS TIME Anna McKinley (2002), Mary Moore (2006), *Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine, et lux perpetua luceat eis.* May the Lord grant them eternal rest and light.

PRACTICAL MINISTRIES - ROTAS FOR NEXT WEEK

CLEANING	COFFEE	FLOWERS	WELCOMING
Gael & Herman Adang, Mary Weston	Veronika Borzymowski	Charlotte Lythaby & Pam Mapstone	6pm Chris Wherton 9am Fionnuala & Orlaith Duddy

FLOWER ARRANGERS Would our valiant band of flower arrangers please collect your new rotas from the pigeon holes.

CHURCH CLEANING Please collect updated rotas from the pigeon holes. These run to July 2010.

CHOIR PRACTICE We shall meet in the organ loft this Thursday at 7.00pm. New choir members are very welcome. Please speak to Fr Philip or Ruth Hudson.

9.00AM SUNDAY MASS MUSIC:

<i>Mass setting</i>	<i>Hymns</i>
Kyrie Said	Opening 362
Gloria 409	Offertory 16
Sanctus 433	Communion 730
Memorial Acclamation 435	Final 227
Agnus Dei 452	

PARISH EMAIL ADDRESS This is now operational again, as is the parish computer. Special thanks to Chris Hall for his expert help.



SACRISTANS There is a letter to all sacristans in their pigeonholes.

A MESSAGE FROM JEAN BECK Jean and family (Jacinta, Chris and Simon) would like to thank the parish for attending Alan's Requiem Mass and for their prayers, cards and letters which have been a comfort at this sad time.

TO PONDER OVER DURING THE WEEK – Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21



Seeing that many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the things which have been accomplished among us, just as they were delivered to us by those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, it seemed good to me also, having followed all things closely for some time past, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, that you may know the truth concerning the things of which you have been informed. And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee, and a report concerning him went out through all the surrounding country. And he taught in their synagogues, being glorified by all. And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up; and he went to the synagogue, as his custom was, on the Sabbath day. And he stood up to read; and there was given to him the book of the prophet Isaiah. He opened the book and found the place where it was written, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord." And he closed the book, and gave it back to the attendant, and sat down; and the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. And he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

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Question of the week: In what ways do I feel liberated by my faith?

JOURNEY OF FAITH Three, possibly five, adults have so far expressed interest in starting this process towards becoming members of the Catholic Church. We ask for your prayers as we now take the next step on the journey.

An information evening for all those who are interested will be held in the church at 7.30pm on Monday 15th February when we will outline what we are offering as a parish community to those who wish to follow this Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. This is an open meeting, so if you are interested in finding out more about the Catholic Church or wish to help in any way, please make an effort to attend. You will be most welcome



FORTHCOMING DATES FOR THE DIARY

Thursday 21 Jan	Church 8pm	Pastoral Council meeting
Thursday 28 Jan	Presbytery 4pm	Finance & Fabric Committee
Thursday 28 Jan	Burnham parish 7.30pm	Talk on Being A Christian in the Armed Services
Sat 6 February	Church 10.15am	Parish AGM
Sun 21 February	Church 6.30pm	United Service
Tuesday 18 May	St Mary's Glastonbury	Deanery Confirmation

Last week's second collection for the Fabric Fund raised £184.31.

There will be a special CAFOD collection this weekend for aid to Haiti

Next weekend there will be a collection for the Catholic Education Service.

PARISH LAY VICE-CHAIRMAN Nominations are invited for the position of Lay Vice-Chairman. Peter Baxter has been formally nominated and has expressed his willingness to stand for a further period of three years but other nominations are welcome. The Lay Vice-Chairman assists the Chairman (Fr Philip) in working with members of the Pastoral Council and Finance & Fabric Committee in guiding the life of the parish. Duties involve chairing meetings of the Parish Assembly, the Pastoral Council and the Finance & Fabric Committee. Nominations in writing should be received by Barbara Lewis by 31 January.

PARISH AGM Everyone is invited to the next parish Annual General Meeting, which will be held on Saturday 6th February at 10.15am. This will be preceded by Holy Mass. Fr Philip, members of the Pastoral Council and the Treasurer will be reporting on the past year and on ideas for the future, especially in relation to the diocesan pastoral guidelines "Called To Be a People of Hope" and to the planned re-structuring of the diocese.

HEALING MASS A Mass in thanksgiving for 10 years of Healing Ministry in Glastonbury will be celebrated on Friday 12 February at 7pm at St Mary's

"BEING A CHRISTIAN IN THE ARMED FORCES". Canon Alan Finley, Dean of Clifton Cathedral and former army chaplain and Pat McKay, will talk about their work in the army, home and abroad, including the 1991 Gulf war, on 28th January 7.30 pm at **Our Lady & English Martyrs, Burnham**.

A POSSIBLE PILGRIMATE TO MEDJUGORJE Damian Clark, parishioner of Our Lady Queen of Apostles, Cheddar is organising a pilgrimage to Medjugorje which is in its final stages of preparation. The party is departing from Bristol on Tuesday 25 May and returning on Tuesday 1 June. The cost is £485 per person which includes flights, transfers from Split and half board. There is a £98 single supplement. Damian may be contacted on 01934 824329

"A DAY WITH MARY" This event will be held on Saturday 6th February at St Mary -on -the-Quay, Bristol. See poster for further details.

PRIMARY SCHOOL PTF:A:CHILLI & QUIZ NIGHT Friday 5th February, 7.00 for 7.30 start. Calling all quiz teams: sign up now! £45 per table to include chilli & rice. Email joskyblue@googlemail.com to register your team.

"LOVE FOR THE FUTURE": ECUMENICAL LENT STUDY COURSE A number of ecumenical groups will be meeting at different times and venues in Wells and the surrounding villages . There will be 6 weekly sessions, starting in the week beginning 15 February. Application forms may be found on the Community Outreach noticeboard or contact Robin White on 673550; robin.white@talktalk.net

WORLD YOUTH DAY: MADRID 2011
JOURNÉE MONDIALE DE LA JEUNESSE This is not a day but a fortnight – the largest youth event in the world, started by Pope John Paul II as a way of gathering young people from all over the world and building bridges of faith and hope between continents, people and cultures. If you would like to be part of this adventure and will be aged between 16 and 30 in August 2011 then come along and find out more. There will be an information session on Thursday 28 January from 6.30pm to 8.30pm at Alexander House, Bristol or on Sunday 31 January from 12 noon to 2pm at St Mary's Parish, Churchdown. If you want more information, please contact:- ronnie.mitchinson@cliftondiocese.com



CHRISTIAN AID WEEK Florinda Hansom seeks someone to help her with organizing the door- to -door collection in May. Florinda has been our Christian Aid representative for some years and would very much value some assistance. She will continue to organize the Lent lunches. If you feel you could help or would like to know more about what is involved please speak to Florinda (677061)

A CATHOLIC REFLECTION ON THE UNITY OCTAVE The



Family of God in communion with the Bishop of Rome, our Holy Father the Pope, is not alone in holding the view outlined here. Our definition of ecumenism is one of the re-union of fractured Christendom. Such a view has long been misrepresented as "you-come-in-ism" (Misrepresented because this does not allow for the conversion of heart that the Popes of the 20th century have required of us). We have to change as part of all this, and not simply absorb and subjugate. Those joined as well as those joining need to grow and develop in this.

The model has long been set by the Catholic Church which preserves within her bosom many different traditions and liturgical families. The Latin West does not consist solely of the Roman Rite, but includes the Ambrosian and the Mozarabic



Rites as well. Soon, it will embrace an Anglican variation as well. The East has a number of Byzantine Rite churches in communion with the Holy See, of which the best known is the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church. Besides that there are the Chaldean, Maronite, Syro Malabar, Syro Malankara, Armenian and Coptic. United but not absorbed is already our watchword.

The basis for all this cultural, liturgical and canonical diversity is a union of faith. Its expression may take many forms but behind them lies a shared and treasured common faith.

It is this agreement on faith that is sort by the Catholic Church in all her many dialogues. Friendly relations and a willingness to listen to each other are prerequisites for this search, but they are far from being the goal of the Ecumenical Endeavour.

For some of our beloved sisters and brothers in Christ, the aim is only to achieve this climate of friendship and co-operation. Being good neighbours is all they wish to bring about. We should all recognize the importance of making this happen and no one should be blind to the difficulties, but that does not meet the prayer of Our Saviour on the night of His arrest, that we should be one and not many.

One Church, made of many particular churches, with One Faith and One Sacred Ministry, guided on earth by Peter's Successor that is the aim.

