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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday and Weekday Worship in Wells & Shepton	
Sat 29 th Jan	Vigil Mass ()
Sun 30 th Jan	9.00am Solemn Mass (<i>Pro Populo</i>) 11.00am Mass in Shepton 6.00pm Mass at All Hallows School, East Cranmore (Alkington Intention)
Mon 24 th Jan	<u>St Francis de Sales</u> 9.30am Mass ()
Tue 25 th Jan	<u>CONVERSION OF ST PAUL. Feast – End of Unity Octave</u> 9.15am Mass in Shepton 9.30am Mass
Wed 26 th Jan	<u>Ss Timothy and Titus</u> 9.15am Liturgy of the Word and HC in Shepton 11.30am Funeral Requiem Mass for Frank Woods
Thu 27 th Jan	<u>Feria of Week 3</u> 9.15am Mass in Shepton (S. Hudson RIP) 9.30am Mass ()
Fri 28 th Jan	<u>St Thomas Aquinas</u> 9.30am Mass () 6.00pm Traditional Latin Mass
Sat 29 th Jan	<u>Our Lady on Saturday</u> 9.30am Mass Confessions in Shepton
Next Week: Ordinary Sunday IV (Year A)	
Sat 29 th Jan	Vigil Mass ()
Sun 30 th Jan	9.00am Solemn Mass (<i>Pro Populo</i>) 11.00am Mass in Shepton 6.00pm Mass at All Hallows School, East Cranmore (Alkington 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 Pax Christi raised £279.
There is no collection this weekend
Next weekend there will be a 'White Flower Appeal' for SPUC (Society for the Protection of Unborn Children)

ANNIVERSARIES AT THIS WEEK Evelyn Neary (2003), Mary Kennedy (2003), Margaret Hillard (2005), Anna McKinley (2002), Mary Moore (2006), Sonia Thorogood (2010) *Requiam dona eis, Domine, et lux perpetua luceat eis.* O Lord, grant them eternal rest and may perpetual light shine upon them

PRACTICAL MINISTRIES - ROTAS

CLEANING	COFFEE	FLOWERS	WELCOMING
Week beg 31 st	Sun 30 th	Fri/Sat 28 st /29	Sat 29 th /Sun 30 th
Natalie Lovell, Alison Marsh	Anne Beechey & Heather Rossi	Charlotte Lythaby & Pam Mapstone	6pm Margaret Graham 9am Richard Elsom

PARISH POCKET DIARIES We have been assured by the printers that our parish diaries are in the pipeline so don't give up hope of getting one! This unsatisfactory situation is due to circumstances entirely beyond our control. We shall consider using another firm next year.

9.00AM SUNDAY MASS MUSIC:	
Hymns-	Mass Setting:
<i>Opening 253</i>	<i>Kyrie None</i>
<i>Offertory 39</i>	<i>Gloria 409</i>
<i>Communion 379</i>	<i>Gospel acclamation 412</i>
<i>Final 591</i>	<i>Sanctus 433</i>
	<i>Mem Acclam 435</i>
	<i>Agnus Dei 455</i>

A REMINDER! Please remember to put your hymn books and music sheets back and please don't leave newsletters lying on the pews (**you should of course be taking them home to read!**) It isn't really the sacristans' job to tidy up the whole church after Mass: it's something we all take responsibility for.

CATHOLIC YOUTH MINTRY This is a formation day for those working with young Catholics will be held in London on Saturday 12th March. For more information and subsidised tickets please email Dave Wheat, our diocesan youth co-ordinator: youth@cliftondiocese.com

HEALING MASS BY CANDLELIGHT with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Individual Benediction, Friday 11th March at 7.00pm at St Mary's, Glastonbury.



TO REFLECT ON DURING THE WEEK – MATTHEW 4:12-23

Now when he heard that John had been arrested, Jesus withdrew into Galilee; and leaving Nazareth he went and dwelt in Caper'na-um by the sea, in the territory of Zeb'ulun and Naph'tali, that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah

might be fulfilled: "The land of Zeb'ulun and the land of Naph'tali, toward the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles - the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zeb'edee and John his brother, in the boat with Zeb'edee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. And he went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.

Question of the week: In today's Gospel Jesus is calling his first disciples to help him preach the Good News. How can we become as effective as the first disciples in spreading the Word of God?

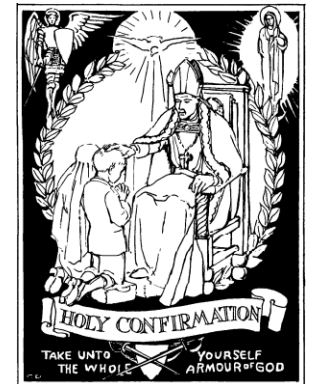
NEW TRANSLATION OF THE MASS This exciting re-translation of the 2003 edition of the Roman Missal will come into force this year. Join other local Catholics as we explore the revised translation and deepen our understanding of the Mass: **Saturday 29th January at St George, Taunton, 10.30am- 3.30pm.** Please bring a packed lunch. The day will be organised by the Clifton Diocese's Department of Liturgy. There will also be catechesis in the parish after Easter Day.

PARISH AGM This will be **on Saturday, 5th February at 10.15am.** There will be reports from Fr Philip, the Pastoral Council and the Finance & Fabric Committee on the past year and an outline of plans for 2011. All parishioners are welcome and it is an opportunity to ask questions and express views.

FORTHCOMING DATES FOR THE DIARY

Mon 24 th Jan	6.00pm Church	RCIA meeting
Wed 26 th Jan	6.00pm Church	Meeting for parents of First Holy Communion candidates
Sat 29 th Jan	4.15pm Church	Praying into Silence
Sat 5th Feb.	10.15am Church	Parish Assembly and AGM
Fri 4 th March	10.30am Wells Methodist Church	Annual Women's World Day of Prayer Service
Fri 11 th March	7.00pm St Mary's Glastonbury	Healing Mass by Candlelight
Tue 15 th March	7.30pm Church	Talk on Christian Meditation
Sat 19th March Solemnity of St Joseph	11.00am onwards	Mass in church followed by lunch and barn dance at Croscombe Village Hall

CONFIRMATION 2011 The Bishop will be joining us for Pontifical Mass and Confirmation at St Michael's, Shepton on Wednesday 18th May. The joint preparation course for Shepton and Wells will run in Wells this year. Candidates are supposed to have passed their 14th birthday by the date of the Confirmation (Some latitude is allowed on this). Candidates do not have to be teenagers – apart from age, the only qualification is that a person has not received the Sacrament validly before. Candidates should write a letter or e-mail to Fr. Philip indicating the wish to be confirmed. **The cut-off date will be Sunday 6th February^t, as we need to begin the catechesis in time 18th May.**



ECUMENICAL LENT COURSE: *Rich Inheritance: Jesus' Legacy of Love* A five-session course will be held at various venues in the Wells area in the week beginning 14 March. The course includes material by Archbishop Vincent Nichols. The cost will be £5 each which includes the booklet. Forms will be available soon or contact Ian Mills: 677773, lmills@aol.com.

SCHOOL QUIZ This exciting annual event will be held on Friday 11th February in the school hall. As usual the questions will be set by Liz Walker and family. Parishioners are warmly invited to take part. Further details can be obtained from Lucy Boulton Smith (676153). Another event to look forward to is a musical extravaganza on 31st March involving past and present pupils of the school.

CELEBRATING MARRIAGE Bishop Declan invites the people of our diocese to join him for a Mass on Saturday 19th February at 12 noon in celebration of marriage. This celebration is for the whole diocesan community and especially for our married couples. If you are celebrating a 'significant' anniversary this year, please contact the Marriage and Family Life Co-ordinator, Anne-Marie Sparrow: annemarie.sparrow@cliftondiocese.com, 0117 902 5593. Just to remind you, significant anniversaries are: silver (25), pearl (30), golden (50) and diamond (60).



CELEBRATING ST JOSEPH The school PTFA has taken responsibility for organising an afternoon barn dance on **Saturday 19th March** at Croscombe Village Hall. This is a joint school/parish event and EVERYONE is invited. There will be a bring-and-share lunch and a non- alcoholic bar. Our celebrations will begin with Mass at 11.00am in church. More details to follow so put the date in your diary now!

THE BERNADINE CISTERCIAN SISTERS IN STROUD The Bernadine Community in Stroud invites people to join them for the Easter Triduum. A time of prayer and silence with an opportunity to share the Monastic Liturgy. Wednesday 20th to Easter Sunday 24th April. Suggested offering £160. The community is also offering Lenten Retreat weekends , 11th – 13th March and 18th – 20th March For further details please phone 01453 883084 or email brownhillbookings@yahoo.co.uk.

A FEW THOUGHTS ON THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL We use the word "conversion" in two distinct but related ways. The first is shown by this week's feast day. In this context it means truly joining the Christian faith from somewhere else completely and turning to the Lord. In this sense, we apply the word convert to those who come from nothing or from another religion to

Catholicism.

However, the word is wrongly applied to those who turn to Catholicism from another kind of Christianity. Since other Christian ecclesial communities are not members of another religion and are certainly not people of no faith, the words conversion and convert are not accurately applied to this circumstance. Interestingly, those who talk about converts like this also claim to have been born Catholic, when in fact they were reborn as Catholic Christians at the font, the same way as everyone else.



Because St Paul turned to the Lord Jesus from Judaism, the word "Conversion" has come to be used of other kinds of turning to the Lord, even if they happen many times over and not as spectacularly as on the Damascus road. In the coming season of Lent, we are all asked to turn or turn back to the Lord wholeheartedly. It is a call to arrest the drift in our lives that makes us lukewarm in faith or weak in practice of it. We must resist the forces that drag or drift us away from a fervent love of the Lord.

On this Sunday in Unity Week (The Church Unity Octave), it is very important to remember that only those of no faith or other faiths need to convert. Our Christian neighbours do not need to convert to Catholicism. We all need to turn to the Lord in the second sense of the word. It will include for all of us a sense of sorrow for our own and our community's contribution to the alienation of Christians from each other.

Remembering that we do not live out our faith in the church building, we might like to think about the prayerful practice of conversion in daily living. At the end of every day, it is a good thing to do to review the day's events from the point of view of faith. We do well to ask ourselves questions: Did I fail to do the right thing (sin)? Did I miss an opportunity?. Having posed the questions, the individual Christian can then turn to the Lord (repent or convert). This also, then becomes a dedication of the following day to Christ and a renewal of our discipleship.

Father Philip

'CHILDREN OF CHERNOBYL' Children from Belarus will be visiting the Wells area next summer. They will be staying with local families for a month in order for them to enjoy clean air and food, and build up their immune system, damaged by the nuclear accident 25 years ago. Host families and volunteers to help with the visit are needed for 2011. If you would like to know please contact Rosie Price on 01458 446294 or email jrandrp@aol.com