



**Ss Joseph & Teresa Parish, Wells,**  
*(Also serves St Michael, Shepton Mallet)*  
 16 Chamberlain Street, Wells BA5 2PF Tel. 01749  
 673183

[ssjosephteresa@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:ssjosephteresa@cliftondiocese.com)

Parish Priest: Fr Philip Thomas

**ADVENT IV**  
**21st December 2008**

**Sunday Worship**

Sat. 20<sup>th</sup> Dec 6.00pm 1<sup>st</sup> Mass of Sunday in Wells (Lloyd Maylan RIP)  
 Sun 21<sup>st</sup> Dec 9.00am Solemn Mass in Wells(Pro Popolo)  
 11.00am Sung Mass in Shepton (Those whom we miss at this season RIP)

**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. NO CONFESSIONS ON THE FIRST SATURDAY OF CHRISTMASSTIDE*

**Next Week – Christmass I The Holy Family – (Year B)**

Sat. 27<sup>th</sup> Dec 6.00pm 1<sup>st</sup> Mass of Sunday in Wells (Jack Rogerson RIP)  
 Sun 28<sup>th</sup> Dec 9.00am Solemn Mass in Wells(Pro Popolo)  
 11.00am Sung Mass in Shepton (Those whom we miss at this season RIP)

**Weekday Worship in Wells**

Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec Late Advent Feria – O Rex Gentium  
 9.30am Mass ( )  
**6.00pm Mass** (Sheila Neary RIP)  
 Tue 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec Late Advent Feria – O Emmanuel  
 9.30am Mass  
 Wed 24<sup>th</sup> Dec Late Advent Feria – Christmass Eve  
 9.30am Mass (Anna Buggy RIP)

Thu 24<sup>th</sup>/ 25<sup>th</sup> Dec NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST – START OF THE CHRISTMASS SEASON  
**6.00pm Family Mass at the Crib** (Armstrong & Clark family)  
**00.00am Midnight Mass** (Des Costello RIP)  
**8.00am Dawn Mass in the Extra-ordinary Form**  
**10.30am Family Mass of Christmass Day** (Betty Foley RIP)

Fri 26<sup>th</sup> Dec ST STEPHEN – In the Octave  
**Noon Mass** (Hordern family )  
 Sat 27<sup>th</sup> Dec ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST – In The Octave  
**Noon 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.

Last week's 2<sup>nd</sup> collection for REACHING THE UNREACHED raised £156.08. Thank you. This week there is a collection for the FABRIC FUND.

**9.00AM SUNDAY MASS MUSIC**

*Hymns*

Opening hymn 522

Presentation 686

Communion 689

Final hymn See p4 of newsletter

*Mass setting: Missa Emmanuel*  
 See separate sheet

**REST IN PEACE** Lloyd Moylan (2003), Claire Reville (1996), Lilian Macklin (1985), Teresa Fear (1985), Betty Foley (2006), John Rogerson (1999) *Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine, et lux perpetua luceat eis. Requiescant in pace.*

Parish Phone / Fax  
 01749 673183

Parish Child Protection Officer  
 Nicole Craven  
 01749 672337

Parish Website

[www.ssjosephandteresawells.co.uk](http://www.ssjosephandteresawells.co.uk)

Diocesan Confidential Child Care  
 Helpline: 0117 935 1555

Parish Administrator

Barbara Lewis – Parish Office open  
 Wednesday s & Fridays  
 10.00am till 4 .00pm

Diocese of Clifton  
[www.cliftondiocese.com](http://www.cliftondiocese.com)

**Weekday Worship in Shepton**

Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec Late Advent Feria – O Rex Gentium  
 9.15am Liturgy of the Word and HC  
 Tue 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec Late Advent Feria – O Emmanuel  
 9.15am Mass  
 Wed 24<sup>th</sup> Dec Late Advent Feria – Chrsymass Eve  
 9.15am Liturgy of the Word and HC

Thu 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> Dec NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST – START OF THE CHRISTMASS SEASON  
**9.00pm Carols**  
**9.30pm Mass of Christmass Night**  
**10.00am Family Mass of Christmass Day**

Fri 26<sup>th</sup> Dec ST STEPHEN – In the Octave  
 9.15am Liturgy of the Word and HC  
 Sat 27<sup>th</sup> Dec ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST – In The Octave  
 9.15am Liturgy of the Word and HC

**MINISTRY OF THE WORD** Readers' rotas for the next two months are

now available in the pigeon holes.



**TO PONDER OVER AT HOME DURING THE WEEK: Luke 1:26-38**

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Hail, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and considered in her mind what sort of greeting this might be. And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you

have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there will be no end." And Mary said to the angel, "How shall this be, since I have no husband?" And the angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God. And behold, your kinswoman Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. For with God nothing will be impossible." And Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

- *Question of the week:* What does this familiar greeting hold for me today and particularly during this week?

**SATURDAY HELP IN THE SACRISTY CAN YOU HELP?** 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.

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

**PARISH AGM** On **Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> January at 10.00am** we shall hold our AGM. The Treasurer will present a financial report for the past year along with some reports. Fr. Philip looks forward to re-activating the Pastoral Council at that meeting. Mass that day will be at 9.00am.

**PARISH POCKET DIARIES** have finally arrived! Please take one in exchange for a 50p donation to the Fabric Fund.

**FLOWER ARRANGERS** We will be arranging the flowers for Christmas at **10.00am** on Christmas Eve. All flower arrangers are very welcome: there will be mince pies and coffee as an incentive to be there! Please come along to help make our church beautiful for the Christmas season. Next year's rotas are in the pigeon holes.

**PARISH CAR PARK** Please do not take offence if you have parked in the parish car park and find a notice on your windscreen explaining our car parking policy. This is part of a campaign by the Finance and Fabric Committee to make people more aware of what that policy is and to try and prevent use by non-parishioners without permission or unauthorised long term use by parishioners. The primary purpose of the car park is for parishioners to attend services at the church. The secondary purpose is to allow parents to drop off and collect children from the school. At other times parishioners have the right to occasional use of the car park but never for long term parking.

**C. T. IN W.** Our share of the **Christmas leaflets** are waiting to be distributed. Please have a look at the table in the vestibule and take any which are for a street near you or which you are able to deliver. The leaflets have details of Christmas services in all the churches of Wells and the surrounding area. Helping with their distribution is an important ecumenical gesture. Unfortunately the time of our Christmas Day Mass is given incorrectly (our fault not the CTW's!) so it would be very helpful if everyone would tell any visitors and family, friends or neighbours who do not attend Mass regularly that the correct time is 10.30am.

**DOORWAY** A few Christmas gifts are still available under the 'Doorway' rack in the narthex/vestibule. Please have a look.

donations are welcome right up to Christmas Eve!! Thank you

**THYSPACE: DAY RETREAT** This group of 20-35 year-olds are meeting on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> January for a post-Christmas refresher at the Monastery of Our Lady and St Bernard at Brownhill, Gloucs. and would like to invite other young Catholics in the age group to join them. It will be a day of peace, quiet, catechesis and confession, as well as a chance to pray and reflect on scripture. It will also be a good opportunity to meet and chat with other Catholics of a similar age. We hope that you can join us. For further details about this event or future events, please contact Nicola Harris (nharris@nailsea.n-somerset.sch.uk) or phone 01275 342828.

**FROM FR McAULEY** Fr McAuley, after 4 months out of action and 3 stays in hospital, is now on the mend and able to say Mass regularly again, Thank God. He wishes to express his gratitude to all who prayed and offered masses for him during his illness and is convinced that the power of prayer has put him on the road to recovery. He especially thanks those families who ensured that he was so well fed when he was at home. Your many 'Get Well' and Christmas cards are much appreciated but, because he has difficulty in writing, he regrets he cannot return them. Sincere thanks and God's blessings on you all! A very happy and blessed Christmas and all the best in the New Year.

**LOUISE WYNN** would like to thank the C.W.L. members and friends for their cards and prayers during her time in hospital. She is home now and would like to pass on her fondest wishes and love.

**FROM MATTHEW & PAULINE DUFFIN** A seasonal message from the seaside to the parish, one and all, wishing you a very happy Christmas and every blessing in the coming year.

**FROM CHILDREN'S LITURGY: CHRISTMAS EVE** Angels and shepherds required. Must be able to sing, listen and bring their families to join our celebrations. *Wings and tea towels are the requested clothing!!!* No interview necessary just turn up on the night. Thank you to all those who have very generously given to our chocolate box - the children will be carrying them up to the altar at the end of the Christmas Vigil Mass ready to be collected by the wonderful team who help support our local homeless youngsters. We are expecting lots and lots of children and it would be wonderful if each one could carry up some of the donations. Please keep giving. If you would like to donate anything from a mars bar to a tin of celebrations please do! REMEMBER

**THE DELICATE QUESTION "HOW IS FATHER PAID?"** The annual salary is £1715. He receives the offerings made by the Faithful for Mass, Baptisms, Funerals and Weddings. He also receives the collections on Christmas and Easter Day. Your financial support is not about liking him personally but about maintaining the office of the Priesthood in the life of the parish

**TRAIDCRAFT** we have had a wonderful year and been able to help many people around the world to support themselves with dignity and provide for their families. Through your generosity you have bought over £4,000 worth of goods. What a difference you have made! Your purchases help families like Jayaraman and his wife Jaya who work as potters at SIPA in India. Thanks to fair trade they have been able to send their 5 year old daughter to school and to save for her future. None of this would be possible without you. Thank you again for your support. *Sharon and the team- Bernadette, Frankie & Ellie & Bob.*

**CHURCH CLEANING** We have a vacancy on the rota for two cleans a year. Please contact Jan Doyle (675062). New rotas are in the pigeonholes

**MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:** Please remember to collect the new rotas – *which start this week* –from your pigeon holes

### **FINAL HYMN FOR SUNDAY 9.00AM**

**1. Long ago, prophets knew  
Christ would come, born a Jew,  
come to make all things new;  
bear his people's burden,  
freely love and pardon.**

*Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!  
Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!  
When he comes,  
when he comes,  
who will make him welcome?*

**2. God in time, God in man,  
this is God's timeless plan:  
He will come, as a man,  
born himself of woman,  
God divinely human: Refrain**

**3. Mary hail! Though afraid,  
she believed, she obeyed.  
In her womb, God is laid:  
till the time expected,  
nurtured and protected, Refrain**

**4. Journey ends! Where afar  
Bethlehem shines, like a star,  
stable door stands ajar.  
unborn Son of Mary,  
Savior, do not tarry!  
Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!  
Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!  
Jesus comes!  
Jesus comes!  
We will make him welcome**

