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FOURTH 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 31 st Jan	St John Bosco 9.30am Mass ()
Tue 1 st Feb	Feria of Week 4 9.15am Mass in Shepton 9.30am Mass
Wed 2 nd Feb	<u>PRESENTATION OF THE LORD IN THE TEMPLE – Feast</u> 9.15am Liturgy of the Word and HC in Shepton 9.30am Candlemass Ceremonies and Mass
Thu 3 rd Feb	<u>St Blaise</u> 9.15am Mass in Shepton (S. Hudson RIP) 9.30am Mass ()
Fri 4 th Feb	Feria 9.30am Mass () 6.00pm Traditional Latin Mass
Sat 5 th Feb	<u>St Agatha</u> 9.30am Mass Confessions in Shepton
Next Week: Ordinary Sunday V (Year A)	
Sat 5 th Feb	Vigil Mass ()
Sun 6 th Feb	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 ABOVE TIMETABLE PRESUMES THAT FR. MCAULEY IS WELL ENOUGH TO SAY MASS ON MONDAY, TUESDAY AND FRIDAY. IF HE IS NOT AND NO OTHER PRIEST JOINS US, ON TUESDAY AND THURSDAY, THERE WILL BE AN EVENING MASS AT 6.00PM AS WELL AS A SERVICE OF WORD AND COMMUNION IN THE MORNING

A 'White Flower Appeal' for SPUC this weekend at the end of Mass (Society for the Protection of Unborn Children)

There will be a collection next weekend for "Reaching the Unreached", a charity in Southern India, which we have supported for a number of years. It cares for abandoned children and women.

ANNIVERSARIES AT THIS WEEK Christine Kelly (2010), Vera Bittle (1999) *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 <i>Week beg 7th</i> Suzanne Martin, Helen Pearce	COFFEE <i>Sun 6th</i> Jean Rowland, Peggy McDonald	FLOWERS <i>Fri/Sat 4th/5th</i> Liz Beasley, Gill McGrath, Gill Baxter	WELCOMING <i>Sat 5th /Sun 6th</i> 6pm Bea May 9am Maureen Milsom
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9.00AM SUNDAY MASS MUSIC:

Hymns- Opening 527 Offertory 89 Communion 228 Final 488	Mass Setting: Kyrie Said Gloria 409 Gospel acclamation 412 Sanctus 433 Mem Acclam 435 Agnus Dei 455
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HEALING MASS BY CANDLELIGHT We are invited to join our close neighbours at the Shrine of Our Lady St Mary of Glastonbury for a Mass of Healing celebrated by candlelight. It will conclude with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Individual Benediction, Friday 11th March at 7.00pm



CATHOLIC NEWSPAPERS Copies of *The Catholic Herald* and *The Tablet* are ordered and paid for by the parish each week. These are available in the porch for purchase by parishioners. Recently, some copies appear to have been borrowed and later returned. Money should be put in the box in the porch. As a reminder: the cost of *The Catholic Herald* is now £1.20 and *The Tablet* £2.50. If problems continue, we will stop the papers and encourage parishioners to order their own copies



TO REFLECT ON DURING THE WEEK - MATTHEW 5:1-12

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up on the mountain, and when he sat down his disciples came to him. And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when men revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so men persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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Question of the week:

Where and in whom do we recognise those whom Jesus speaks of in this Gospel? Can we be counted amongst them?

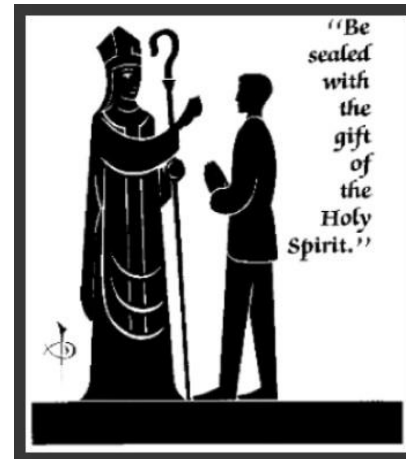
ECUMENICAL LENT COURSE: Rich Inheritance: Jesus' Legacy of Love A five-session course will be held at various venues in the Wells area in the week beginning 14 March. The course includes material by Archbishop Vincent Nichols. The cost will be £5 each which includes the booklet. Forms will be available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



TALK ON CHRISTIAN MEDITATION: The Prayer of the Heart

We are very fortunate that the Revd. Graeme Watson, a retired Anglican priest and experienced teacher of Christian meditation, has agreed to come from London to talk to us on **Tuesday 15th March at 7.30pm**. His talk will be on: "The Prayer of the Heart: an introduction to *The Cloud of Unknowing* as a resource for Christian Meditation." This ecumenical talk will be for those who don't practise meditation but are interested, as well as those who are already engaged in it.

FORTHCOMING DATES FOR THE DIARY		
Mon 31st	6.00pm Church	RCIA meeting
Sat 5 th Feb.	10.15am Church	Parish Assembly and AGM
Tue 8 th Feb	4.30pm Church	'YOOFF'
Fri 11 th Feb	Ss. J & T Primary School, Wells	Quiz Evening
Fri 11 th Feb	St Gregory's High School, Bath	Quiz Evening
Sat 12 th Feb	4.15pm Church	Praying into Silence
Fri 4 th March	10.30am Wells Methodist Church	Annual Women's World Day of Prayer Service
Fri 11 th Mar	7.00pm St Mary's Glastonbury	Healing Mass by Candlelight
Tue 15 th Mar	7.30pm Church	Talk on Christian Meditation
Sat 19 th Mar, Solemnity of St Joseph	11.00am onwards	Mass in church followed by lunch and barn dance at Croscombe Village Hall
Thu 31 st Mar	School Hall	Musical Extravaganza



TO MEET.

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. **The cut-off date will be Sunday 6th February, as we need to begin the catechesis in time 18th May. THERE WILL BE A SHORT MEETING IN CHURCH AT 5.00PM THIS FRIDAY 4TH FEB, TO DETERMINE WHEN AND WHERE**

PARISH AGM This will be **next 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. We hope to be electing a new Lay Vice Chairman and some new members of the Pastoral Council. **All parishioners are welcome** and it is an opportunity to ask questions and express views.

CELEBRATING ST JOSEPH 2011

- Our Celebration Mass will be in church, at 11.00am on Saturday 19th March. The family of the school is invited to join us for this.
- Bring and Share Lunch at Croscombe Village Hall.
- The school PTFA has taken responsibility for organising **the Afternoon Barn Dance** in the same venue to follow lunch. There will be a non- alcoholic bar.



CELEBRATING MARRIAGE Bishop Declan invites the people of our diocese to join him for a Mass on Saturday 19th February at Noon in celebration of marriage. This 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).

THE BERNADINE CISTERCIAN SISTERS IN STROUD The Bernadine Community in Stroud invites people to join them for the Easter Triduum. This will be 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.

'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

PRIMARY 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.

QUIZ NIGHT AT ST GREGORY'S This will ALSO take place on Friday 11th February, being organised by the PTFA in order to boost funds for the school's on-going projects. Teams can be registered now – or just turn up on the night. Further details from nancy.davey@tiscali.co.uk (as this clashes with our Primary School's Quiz Night supporters of both schools will have to make a difficult choice!)

CANDLEMASS

Candlemass is an affectionate nickname for the 2nd February. In Germany, they call it or Light Mass. The Roman Rite has used two proper names for the feast, the Presentation of Christ in the Temple and the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Both of these titles come directly from the Gospel of the day.



In recent decades, it is also the Day of Prayer for the Consecrated Life, those thousands of men and women around the world, who profess the Evangelical Counsels of poverty, chastity and obedience. This too arises directly from Sacred Scripture, for the story of the Lord and His parents in the Temple is also the story of Simeon and Anna, people of prayer who waited to meet the Lord.

Eastern Christians, both Catholic and Orthodox, refer to the 2nd February at the Feast of Meeting, 'Hypapante' in Greek. This is a rich and meaningful description, as well as a title. There are a number of meetings in this reference.

- *Christ with His ancient people, the Jews.*
- *The Living Temple with the stone temple.*
- *The New Testament with the Old*
- *The Christmass cycle with the Paschal cycle in the Church's Year, because of Simeon's prophecy of a sword of pain, piercing the Virgin's heart, fulfilled as she stood beneath the Cross, as well as being 40 days after the Nativity.*
- *The Sacramental meeting of Christ in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and Communion now with the faithful gathered in the temple of the church building today.*