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FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Sunday Worship

Sat. 7th Feb 6.00pm 1st Mass of Sunday in **Wells** ()
 Sun 8th Feb 9.00am Solemn Mass in **Wells** (Pro Popolo)
 11.00am Sung Mass in **Shepton** ()

Confessions Normally, the holy Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated on Saturdays from Noon to 12.30pm in Shepton and from 5.00pm to 5.30pm in Wells.

Next Week – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat. 14th Feb 6.00pm 1st Mass of Sunday in **Wells** ()
 Sun 15th Feb 9.00am Solemn Mass in **Wells** (Pro Popolo)
 11.00am Sung Mass in **Shepton** ()

Weekday Worship in Wells

Mon 9th Feb Feria
 9.30am Mass ()
 Tue 10th Feb St Scholastica
 9.30am Mass ()
 Wed 11th Feb Our Lady of Lourdes
 9.30am Mass ()
 Thu 12th Feb Feria
 9.30am Mass ()
 Fri 13th Feb Feria
 9.30am Mass (May Smitheringale - Anni)
 7.00pm Mass in the Extra-ordinary Form ()
 Sat 14th Feb SS CYRIL & METHODIUS, Feast, Co- Patrons of Europe
 9.30am Mass ()

CLIFTON DIOCESE NEWSLETTER Do look up this useful round-up of news, views, events and other information from around our diocese. It is easy to do, just go to our website www.cliftondiocese.com and register your e-mail address. The newsletter links readers to our website which publishes news about life in our diocese. Please also contribute your news of local Catholic life to our award-winning website

HEALING MASS IN CANDLELIGHT at St Mary, Glastonbury, Friday 13th February at 7pm. Everyone is welcome to this special healing

Mass.

This weekend there is a second collection for the CATHOLIC EDUCATION SERVICE
 Last weekend's collection for Reaching the Unreached raised £179.96

Weekday Worship in Shepton

Mon 9th Feb Feria
 9.15am Liturgy of the Word and HC
 Tue 10th Feb St Scholastica
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 Fri 13th Feb SS Cyril & Methodius, Co-Patrons of Europe
 9.15am Liturgy of the Word and HC

ANNIVERSARIES AT THIS TIME Milicent Rowlands (1996), Sylvia Cloutman (2006), Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine, et lux perpetua luceat eis.

9.00AM SUNDAY MASS MUSIC

<i>Hymns</i>		<i>Mass setting:</i>
Opening hymn	559	Kyrie 459
Presentation	253	Gloria 460
Communion	531	Sanctus 461
Final hymn	248	Memorial Acclamation 462
		Agnus Dei 466

ST MARGARET'S HOSPICE Garden Fair at the Seager Hall, Union Street, Wells on Saturday, 14th March, 9.30-1.00pm. Kick start your spring gardening with a visit to the fair. Free entry; refreshments available.

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION: The new rotas are ready for collection in your pigeonholes. If you need to swap please remember to mark this on the copy on the notice board as it is helpful for the sacristans to know who is ministering. If the swap is a 'last minute' one please would you tell the sacristan or celebrant when you arrive in church. Thank you!

TO PONDER OVER AT HOME DURING THE WEEK Mark

1:29-39. And immediately Jesus left the synagogue, and entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law lay sick with a fever, and immediately they told him of her. And he came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and the fever left her; and she served them. That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed



with demons. And the whole city was gathered together about the door. And he healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. And in the morning, a great while before day, he rose and went out to a lonely place, and there he prayed. And Simon and those who were with him pursued him, and they found him and said to him, "Every one is searching for you." And he said to them, "Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also; for that is why I came out." And he went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons.

- *Question of the Week:* Jesus leaves the security of his home town to take his message further afield. What risks do I take to make his message and compassion more widely known?

CHRISTIANS TOGETHER IN WELLS: Building a Community

of Hope There will be a United Service on Sunday 22 February at 6.30pm at the United Church. This will mark the launch of the CTW Lent course. If you would like to join one of the ecumenical groups which will be meeting for five weekly sessions in Lent please fill in one of the forms which you find on the Community Outreach noticeboard. Further information from Robin White (673550) or our parish representative on CTW, Pat Gray (676656)

CATHOLIC SINGLES is an organisation which helps single practicing Catholics meet up, either one to one or through social events. For more information please tel. 0161 941 3498, visit www.catholicsingles.org.uk or email info@catholicsingles.org.uk

LITURGY FORUM The purpose of the exercise is listening. Parishioners will have the opportunity to have their questions, thoughts and feelings listened to by the Parish Priest and fellow worshippers. This session will be the opportunity for a questions and answers from the floor. No subject will be out of bounds. Later sessions will focus on the seminal document to Vatican II on the sacred liturgy, "Sacrosanctum Concilium". Thereafter, the General Instruction on the third edition of the current Roman Missal, issued in 2003 will prove the basis of our learning and listening. There will be a chance to discuss and explore contemporary issues in worship via these important documents of the Church. ***Our first session will be Wednesday 11th February in church at 7.30pm***

ARE YOU NEW TO THE PARISH? You are very welcome. Please complete one of the yellow registration cards you will find in the porch. And if you are attending the 9am Mass do join other parishioners for coffee afterwards. It is hoped to produce an up-to-date list of parish contacts and a handbook with details of parish groups and activities.

'AUTHORISED PERSON' Fr. Philip seeks one or more parishioners who would be willing to take on this position, acting as Registrar at weddings in our church. If you would like to know what is involved please speak to Michael Dathan (677488) or Mary Cryer (677459).

CWL The next meeting will be this Monday 9th February at 2pm. Please bring your Annual Subscription of £12. New Members are welcome.

SCHOOL QUIZ NIGHT This will take place on Friday 13th February at 7.30pm in the School Hall. The cost will be £5 per person (£30 for a team of six). Bar available, fish'n chips supper. Please contact Marion Jarrett on 07919832275 if you wish to enter a team as the number of teams is limited to fourteen.

'LIVING YOUR FAITH' SUMMER CAMPS These weeks of fun, games and faith for the young people of our diocese are held at Our Lady's Homestead, Nympsfield, Gloucestershire. Monday 10th – Friday 14th August for ages 7-11, Monday 17th – Friday 21st August for ages 12-15. For further information contact Siobhan Allinson 078419 915433, Siobhan.allinson@durham.ac.uk Application forms are on the 'Young People' noticeboard.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE who bought cards from Doorway in the past year. As a result of your purchases we have been able to send £400 to local charities that are guiding the addicted back to fruitful, settled lives. The card rack is in full swing again – so please continue to look at it FIRST when you need a card. Thank you again. *Ruth Hudson*

ORANGES AND LEMONS,

make marmalade from heaven.
If you'd be willing
spare jars please be filling.
The fete team will be grateful
for every jar and plateful.
For our visitors to buy
at the fete in July.
We aim to raise cash
at our annual summer bash
And just so you know
to the parish and school it will go
THANK YOU! THANK YOU!



MINISTRY OF THE WORD A new readers' rota is being prepared and will run until the end of March. Please indicate any dates you know you would not be able to read on the sheet on the Liturgy notice board or phone Barbara Lewis (Presbytery office 673183 Wednesdays and Fridays or 676963 at other times). We are always on the look out for new readers to add to our rotas. The necessary formation will be given, so do not worry about not knowing how to do it exactly at the moment. Equally, under the heading of Liturgy of the Word, come the bidding prayers. Volunteers for this are also sought. Guidelines for this will be issued to bidding prayer composers old and new.

LENT GOSPEL ENQUIRY Our sessions will begin on Thursday 5th March at 7.30pm and will run for five weeks. We shall meet in the Upper Room and shall be discussing the Year B gospel readings for Lent. Once again we shall use Nicholas King's recent translation of the New Testament.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL At our AGM last Saturday Fr Philip re-activated the Pastoral Council and the following parishioners were elected for a period of three years: Nell Atkin, Roger Bird, Lucy Boulton-Smith, Francis Floyd, Ruth Hudson, Connie Lane, John Mulvey. Danielle Allen and Richard Elsom were elected last year and will continue to serve (until 2011) The Pastoral Council will normally be chaired by Peter Baxter who has been appointed Lay Vice-Chairman by Fr Philip. Barbara Lewis will act as secretary. The first meeting of the new Pastoral Council will be on Thursday, 26th February. Copies of the minutes of the AGM are available on the 'Parish Notices' notice board.

FEASTS THIS WEEK On Tuesday we shall celebrate a lady whose name most of us would not dream of giving to our daughters, but there are many nuns and sisters who take that name in religion. Scholastica was the sister of St Benedict himself and is venerated as the patroness of the female part of the Benedictine family. Her story is related to us by Pope St Gregory the Great in his book the Dialogues. Whilst the secular world mentions the 14th February in memory of St Valentine (A martyr whose relics rest in a church in Dublin), they will actually be more concerned with sweethearts than with the saint. We hope that, married or not, Valentine's Day will be a most romantic and pleasant. However, the Church throughout Europe will not be keeping the martyr Valentine. Instead, she will be celebrating the sainted Greek brothers Cyril and Methodius, who evangelised the Slavonic peoples of this continent. They are remembered in Rome in the celebrated church of San Clemente, by the Coliseum. They invented Glagolitic script to write down Church Slavonic, and Cyril's name is indelibly linked to the script with which most Slavonic languages are written.

