



Ss Joseph & Teresa Parish, Wells,

(Also serves St Michael, Shepton Mallet)

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ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Sunday and Weekday Worship in Wells

Sat 15th August 6.00pm First Mass of Sunday ()
Sun 16th August 9.00am Solemn Mass (*Pro Populo*)

Mon 17th Aug Feria
9.30am Mass ()

Tue 18th Aug Feria
9.30am Mass ()

Wed 19th Aug St John Eudes
9.30am Mass ()

Thu 20th Aug St Bernard
9.30am Mass ()

Fri 21st Aug St Pius X
9.30am Mass ()

Sat 22nd Aug 7.00pm Mass in the Extra-ordinary Form ()
Our Lady on Saturday
9.30am Mass ()

Next Sunday: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.00am Mass
12.30pm Mass in Italian

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

Worship in Shepton

Sun 9th Aug 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
11.00am Mass ()
Mon 17th Aug Feria
9.15am Liturgy of the Word and HC
Tue 18th Aug Feria
9.15am Mass ()
Wed 19th Aug St John Eudes
9.15 am Liturgy of the Word and HC
Thu 20th Aug St Bernard
9.15am Mass ()
Fri 21st Aug St Pius X
9.15am Liturgy of the Word and HC
Sat 22nd Aug Noon Confessions
Sun 23rd Aug 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time 11.00am Mass ()

9.00AM SUNDAY MASS MUSIC

Hymns

Opening hymn	See below	<i>Mass setting:</i>
Presentation	300, 1 st 6 verses	Kyrie 459
Communion	383	Gloria 460
Recessional	659	Sanctus 461
		Memorial Acclamation 462
		Agnus Dei 466

OPENING HYMN (TUNE HANOVER 559)

In splendour arrayed, in vesture of gold,
The Mother of God in glory behold!
O Daughter of David, thou dwellest on high,
Excelling in brightness the hosts of the sky.

O Maiden, thou art a mother renowned;
A mother who yet as virgin art crowned;
The Lord of the angels, God High and Supreme,
Took flesh of thy substance, the world to redeem.

All kindreds and tongues thine Offspring adore.
Creation must bow His footstool before;
At thy gentle pleadings may He from His height
Disperse all our shadows and fill us with light.

The Father we praise, Who chose for His Son
A mother all-pure, th'Immaculate One.
All praise to her Offspring, Who saveth our race;

This weekend there will be a collection for the Fabric Fund.

ANNIVERSARIES AT THIS TIME Ronald Dicken (1993) Kenneth Apperley (1997) *Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine, et lux perpetua luceat eis.* May the Lord grant them eternal rest and light.

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. Several parishioners have commented on the choir's progress and thanks are due to Ruth and Alberic Elsom, as well as to choir members

Like praise to the Spirit, Who filled her with grace.

TO PONDER OVER DURING THE WEEK – Luke 1:39-56 In those



days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a city of Judah, and she entered the house of Zechari'ah and greeted Elizabeth.

And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and she exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! And why is this granted me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For behold, when the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her from

the Lord." And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has regarded the low estate of his handmaiden. For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed; for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. And his mercy is on those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm, he has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts, he has put down the mighty from their thrones, and exalted those of low degree; he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent empty away. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his posterity for ever." And Mary remained with her about three months, and returned to her home.

Question of the week: Am I, like Mary, filled with wonder and joy that God came to share our humanity and to live among the 'poor and lowly'?

'THE DIARY OF GOD' A course by John Huntriss (who came and spoke to us about St Paul earlier this year). It is aimed at the ordinary Mass-goer who would like to know a bit more about the background to the readings we hear at Mass. 8 sessions to be held in the parish of Midsomer Norton starting at the end of September. More details next week

FORTHCOMING DATES FOR THE DIARY

Tuesday 18 th August	St Mary's Parish Hall, Glastonbury 7.30pm	Glastonbury Deanery CAFOD celebration
Sunday 23 rd August	Church 12.30pm	Mass in Italian
Friday 4 September	St Mary's, Glastonbury 7pm	Healing Mass
Thursday 10 Sept	St Bede Centre, Downside Abbey 10am	Day of Recollection led by Fr Nicholas King SJ
Sat/Sun 12/13 Sept	Church - after both Masses	Traidcraft Stall
Wednesday 23 rd Sept	Church 6.30pm for 7pm	Training for Ministers of Communion
Wednesday 30 Sept	Midsomer Norton Parish 7 -9pm	'The Diary of God'. First of 8 sessions
Saturday 3 rd October	Church 10.15am	Parish Assembly
Saturday 10 th October	St Bede's College, Lawrence Weston 10am	Day for Pastoral Councils
Thursday 15th Oct	Church 7.30pm	Mass of St Teresa of Avila, our patroness & GTKY Party after.
Sat/Sun 17/18 Oct.	Church - after both Masses	Traidcraft Stall

A DAY WITH MARY Glastonbury Abbey, Saturday 29 August 10am to 5.30pm: a day of instruction, devotion and intercession. See Spiritual Development notice board for further details.

ST CUTHBERT'S FESTIVAL This annual event runs from the 30th August to 6th September. A sparkling series of musical events is planned! Brochures are available in the porch. Do honour St Cecelia and join our ecumenical neighbours for one or more events in this series.

A TIME OF GRACE As many of you will know, the relics of St Thérèse of Lisieux come to our diocese next month. The relics will be at the church of St Teresa of Lisieux, Eastwick Road, Taunton TA2 7HF from 3.30pm Friday 18th September to 10.30am Saturday 19th September. If anyone would be interested in going as part of a parish group please speak to Fr Philip. There are posters on the Spiritual Development Notice board and information on the diocesan website. We could organise a mini-pilgrimage, if people wanted.

PRAYING WITH OUR EYES Sometimes, instead of praying with head down and eyes shut, it is good to lift our view up. The joyful solemnity of Our Lady's Assumption is just such an occasion. Our forebears kindly gave us marvellous window above the High Altar to help us. The First Reading at Sunday Morning Mass from the Apocalypse, the Revelation of St John, gives us a picture of a woman clothed with the sun, standing on the moon, with a crown of stars around her head. This is what our ancestors depicted in the window, surrounded by St Joseph and Carmelite saints.

DAY OF RECOLLECTION, DOWNSIDE ABBEY Thursday 10 September from 10am. This is a kind of mini retreat. There will be two talks by Fr Nicholas King (who gave such an inspiring talk to the parish last year) with time for Confessions and silent reflection. Lunch is eaten in silence. Further details from Mrs P Found 01761 414458 or from parishioner Peggy Vickers 01749 671826.

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION We assume that the current arrangements will continue for some time. The new rota – to the end of October – is therefore much simplified: just one Minister to distribute Hosts is required for the 9am Mass and none for 6pm. Please look in pigeonholes to see if there is a rota for you to collect. As soon as we are able to have Communion under both forms once more, a full rota will be prepared.

A training evening for Ministers of Communion is planned for Wednesday 24 September at 6.30pm for 7pm. Fr Philip will be giving guidance on taking Communion to the sick.

CAFOD CAFOD is celebrating 20 years of working with the Diocese of Clifton. You are warmly invited to the Glastonbury Deanery celebration featuring a presentation by Tony & Gill Vassallo from CAFOD Clifton, on Tuesday 18th August in St Mary's Parish Hall, Magdalene Street, Glastonbury, starting at 7.30pm

DAY FOR PASTORAL COUNCILS Bishop Declan invites everyone to a day at St Bede's College on Saturday 10th October from 10am to 3pm. The day is especially intended for members of Pastoral Councils. The new Implementation Guide for *Called to be a People of Hope* will be launched and there will be an opportunity to hear Dr Kevin Treston, a well-known international speaker and theologian, talk on the subject of pastoral councils and good leadership.

'FUTURE DREAMS – PRESENT REALITY' DIOCESAN YOUTH DAY **Calling our young people!** Saturday 3rd October at St Bede's College,

Lawrence Weston, Bristol from 11am to 5pm. The diocese is holding a day exploring how young people can make their own contribution to the pastoral guidelines, *Called to be a People of Hope*. They will be asked to consider the role they play and will have the opportunity to share their ideas and hopes with the Bishop. Each parish is asked to send two representatives aged 16-21 and two aged 13-16. For more information: contact Anne Fowler or Ronnie Mitchinson at the diocese 0117 902 5595. If you think you would like to go please speak to Fr Philip.

SUMMER SOCIAL EVENTS

On behalf of the parish, a big 'thank you' to Danielle and her family for their time and enthusiasm in organizing the recent Scavenger hunt and the Children's Mass & Picnic for National Play Day.

FROM PADDINGTON BEAR!!

Unfortunately, I have been called back to darkest Peru, and have to pack my marmalade sandwiches for the journey, so I am unable to invite you all to picnic with me as originally announced. I hope to be able to do things properly next year.



PLANNED BIKE RIDE & PUB LUNCH Our plan has developed a puncture i.e. we have had no takers for the proposed ride. Accordingly, the plan has to go back in the bike shed for another year.

PRACTICAL MINISTRIES - ROTAS FOR NEXT WEEK

CLEANING	COFFEE	FLOWERS	WELCOMING
Liz & Francis Floyd	Barbara Duncan & Bernadette Green	Chris Bird & Gill Baxter	6pm Alan & Jean Beck 9am The Johns family

CHURCH CLEANING Would all those who kindly lend a hand cleaning our church please collect an important letter from their pigeonholes.

TEA & COFFEE ROTA An updated contact list of people on the rota is now in pigeonholes..

ENTRY SWIPE CARDS 'AMNESTY' We are running very low on swipe cards for entry to the church. As new ones are difficult to obtain, it would be very much appreciated if any which are not being used could be returned to Barbara Lewis in the parish office or via the 'L' pigeonhole.

