



Ss Joseph & Teresa Parish, Wells,

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FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Worship in Wells & Shepton

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| Sat 13 th Aug | 6.00pm Vigil Mass |
| Sun 14 th Aug | 9.00am Solemn Mass (<i>Pro Populo</i>) 11.00am Mass in Shepton NO 6.00PM MASS AT ALL HALLOWS SCHOOL THROUGHOUT AUGUST |
| Mon 15 th Aug | <u>Feria</u> 9.15am Liturgy of the Word and HC in Shepton 9.30pm Mass |
| Tue 16 th Aug | <u>Feria</u> 9.15am Liturgy of the Word and HC in Shepton in Shepton 9.30am Mass |
| Wed 17 th Aug | <u>Feria</u> 9.10am Liturgy of the Word and HC in Shepton 9.30am Mass |
| Thu 18 th Aug | <u>Feria</u> 9.30am Mass 9.15am Liturgy of the Word and HC in Shepton Mass |
| Fri 19 th Aug | <u>Feria</u> 9.15am Liturgy of the Word and HC in Shepton 9.30am Mass |
| Sat 20 th Aug | No Traditional Latin Mass <u>Our Lady's Saturday</u> 9.30am Mass |
| Next Week: | TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME |
| Sat 20 th Aug | 6.00pm Vigil Mass |
| Sun 21 st Aug | 9.00am Solemn Mass (<i>Pro Populo</i>) 11.00am Mass in Shepton NO 6.00PM MASS AT ALL HALLOWS SCHOOL THROUGHOUT AUGUST |

Confessions These are normally heard on Saturdays, From Noon to 12.30pm in Shepton & from 5.00pm to 5.30pm in Wells.

Last week's collection for *Reaching the Unreached* raised £175. There is no second collection this week.

Next weekend there will be a second collection for the **Roof Fund**

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK August Ralph (1997), Ronald Dicken (1993), Kenneth Apperley (1997) *Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine, et lux perpetua luceat eis. O Lord, grant them eternal rest and may perpetual light shine upon them*

PRACTICAL MINISTRIES – ROTAS FOR NEXT WEEK

| <u>CLEANING</u> | <u>COFFEE</u> | <u>FLOWERS</u> | <u>WELCOMING</u> |
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| <i>Week beg 15th Aug</i> | <i>Sun 21st August</i> | <i>Fri 19th /Sat 20th</i> | |

Angelina Raso,
Helen Phillips,
Katri Healy

Frankie Lambert &
Andy Boothroyd

Barbara Duncan
& Rosie Gripper

Sat 20th Margaret
Graham
Sun 21st Mary
Cryer

There will be no music at the 9.00am Mass this Sunday

CHURCH WATCH In addition to the published hours of church opening for public worship, the church will now be open for visiting the Blessed Sacrament in the Tabernacle, private prayer, meditation, spiritual reading etc at the following times:-

First Tuesday of every month from 3.00-5.00pm

First Wednesday of every month from 3.30 – 4.30pm

First Friday of every month from 5.00-6.00pm

Second Wednesday of every month from 3.00-4.00pm

If you have any questions about this please speak to Fr Philip or Jim McDonald (675098)



PLEASE REMEMBER THAT WHEN FR. PHILIP IS AWAY OR UNAVAILABLE, PARISHIONERS SHOULD RING THE DEAN, FR. KEVIN KNOX-LECKIE, IN GLASTONBURY: 01458 832203

FOR THE REST OF THE MONTH OF AUGUST THERE WILL BE NO SUNDAY EVENING MASS IN ALL HALLOWS SCHOOL AT 6.00PM AND NO CELEBRATION OF MASS IN THE EXTRAORDINARY FORM (1962) ON FRIDAY EVENINGS AT 6.00PM. FR. PHILIP APOLOGISES FOR ANY INCONVENIENCE.

TO REFLECT ON THIS WEEK - LUKE 11: 27-28

In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a city of Judah, and she entered the house of Zechariah 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: Two mothers come together to praise God for all His blessings. How often do I praise God for all *my* blessings?

PARISH DIARY

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| Sat 3 rd Sept | 4.15pm Church | Praying into Silence |
| Mon 5 th Sept | 2.30pm Church | Talk on St Margaret's Hospice |
| Sat 10 th Sept | 10.00am to 10.30am | Sing-a-long for the Parish to learn one of the new mass settings |
| Fri 16 th Sept | 7.00pm Cheddar parish | Benediction; Bring & share supper |

We welcome this weekend Fr Peter Clarke

Please note there will be no music at the 9.00am Mass this Sunday.

NEW TO THE PARISH? If you are a newcomer to the parish or are just visiting us this Sunday do please join us for coffee in the transept/side chapel after the 9.00am Mass.

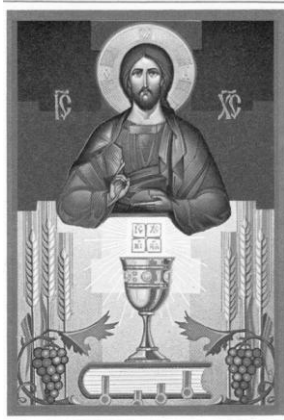
PARISH DATABASE **Have you filled in a registration card?** We are creating a new database (register) and we are asking EVERYONE to fill in one of the mauve cards you will find on pews or in the porch. So even if you have been in the parish for years please take part in this exercise. The cards should be handed to Barbara Lewis, the parish administrator, or put in the parish priest's pigeonhole in the porch or in the postbox outside the presbytery. Please be assured that the information will be treated as confidential and contact details will not be given to others without permission. ***And if you know of anyone who is housebound please would you take them a card. We are particularly anxious that the elderly and housebound should continue to feel part of our parish community.***

Please pray for Simon Beck who is very seriously ill in St Margaret's Hospice and for his mother, Jean, and all the family

THE NEW MASS TRANSLATION (From the Salford Diocesan Liturgy Office)

"I believe" - The Creed Part 1

After the homily we will all notice some big changes in the Creed. This will, in fact, be one of the hardest things to get used to – not because of any particularly difficult phrases, but simply because this is a long text that most of us recite by memory. For a while we are all going to have to say the Creed with our eyes on the words! And for quite a while we may find ourselves slipping back into the words we know! It is good to know the Creed by heart, since this is a summary of our faith: perhaps the change in words will invite all of us to think again about what we are saying in this profession of faith.



And those words will be a bit different: for a start, we begin with "I believe" as opposed to "We believe"; this is a translation of the Latin "Credo", but it may feel a little uncomfortable to some people, who have become used to saying "we", and seeing in that a sign of our togetherness and community, and may now feel that it is somehow being undone. This is not the case. We are still a community, but each of us can only speak about our own belief – I can only say what "I" believe. It is the sum of our personal confessions of faith that make us a community! Many "I believes" make up the "We believe" that is the Church. (More on the Creed next week)

WELCOMING There is still a vacancy on our welcoming team. A friendly face at the door is so important for making visitors and newcomers to the parish feel welcome. If you feel you could take this on – or if you would like to know more about what is involved – please speak to Barbara Lewis in the Parish Office (Wednesdays and Fridays 10.00am -4.00pm) or email to ssjosephteresa@cliftondiocese.com

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE We have invited Sue Medlicott to give us a talk **on St Margaret's Hospice**. This will take place in the Church on Monday, 5th September at 2.30 p.m. *All members of the Parish are invited to join us on this occasion.*

CHEDDAR NEWSLETTER A reminder that copies of Cheddar parish's newsletter are available in the porch. Wells parishioners are always welcome to attend any of their events or services

AN INVITATION FROM CHEDDAR Fr Tibor and Cheddar P.P.C. invite us individually and as a parish to Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament in church and 'Bring & Share' supper in their church-hall on Friday 16th September at 7.00pm. We hope as many parishioners as possible will attend. More details of what to bring and share to follow!

MUSGROVE PARK HOSPITAL Due to a computer problem, the Catholic chaplains in Taunton are not able to find out whether any Catholic patients are in the hospital. If you – or your next of kin - are going in and would like to be visited by a chaplain please ring 01823 272700 or 01823 333810.

ATTENTION READERS The next rota will be prepared shortly. Please would you indicate on the sheet on the noticeboard any dates in September, October, November when you will not be available to read. Alternatively you can email the dates to the parish email address.

**DOWNSIDE ABBEY PASTORAL CENTRE:
opportunities for faith sharing and spiritual development**

The following events and activities are open to everyone:

Bookshop Book Club, Thursday 18th August at 2.00pm. A discussion of *Three Cups of Tea* by Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin

Bookshop Film Club, Thursday 25th August at 7.30pm: *Bella*: A heart-warming, award-winning film celebrating life, love, family and relationships

Quiet Garden Day, Wednesday 14th September. A day of retreat and reflection with talks, led by Dom Michael Clothier and time for silence and prayer in the Monastery Quiet Garden. 10.30am – 4.30pm.

'Jesus in the Early Church': a series of ten two-hourly sessions led by the Rev Roly Simms of Wesley College, starting Tuesday 20th September.

For further details see posters on our Spiritual Development noticeboard. To book any of these events phone 01761 235174 or email: books@downside.co.uk