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ASCENSION OF THE LORD – Easter VII

Sunday and Weekday Worship in Wells

Sat 23rd May 6.00pm First Mass of Sunday
(George Handy RIP)
 Sun 24th May 9.00am Solemn Mass in Wells *(Pro Populo)*

Mon 25th May St Bede the Venerable
 9.30am Mass (The Pontifical Bede College)
 Tue 26th May St Philip Neri, Founder of the Oratory
 9.30am Mass ()
 Wed 27th May St Augustine of Canterbury
 9.30am Mass ()
 Thu 28th May Late Easter Feria
 9.30am Mass ()
 Fri 29th May Late Easter Feria
 9.30am Mass ()
 Sat 30th May 7.00pm Mass in the Extra-ordinary Form ()
Easter Feria
 9.30am Mass ()



Next Sunday Pentecost – 8th and Last Sunday of Eastertide

Sat 30th May 6.00pm The Proper Vigil Mass of Pentecost ()
 Sun 31st May 9.00am Solemn Mass in Wells *(Pro Populo)*

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. Do ring and check

The collection last weekend for The Fabric Fund raised?

Second collection this weekend for the Catholic Communications Network.

GOSPEL ENQUIRY: Thursday evenings in church to discuss the gospels for the following Sundays: the feasts of Pentecost, Most Holy Trinity and Corpus Christi. The emphasis is on sharing thoughts and insights. Photocopied sheets will be provided.

Worship in Shepton

Sun 24th May Ascension
 11.00am Mass in Shepton ()
2.30pm Holy Baptism.
 Mon 25th May St Bede the Venerable
 9.15am Liturgy of the Word and HC
 Tue 26th May St Philip Neri
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 Noon Confessions
 Sun 31st May Pentecost
11.00am First Communion Mass ()

CLEANING AND WELCOMING ROTAS Jan Doyle now feels it is time to hand over to someone else. Thanks to Jan's tireless efforts the rotas are in very good order and the Welcoming rota has been compiled until September and the Cleaning until March 2010! If this is a job you think you could take over please speak to Jan (675062) who will tell you what is involved. This is a vital role as far as the life of the parish is concerned.

READERS: new rotas are about to be prepared. If there are any dates in June and July when you know you will not be available to read please indicate them on the sheet on the Liturgy notice board or contact Barbara Lewis (676963)

“SING TO THE LORD A NEW SONG” At present the ladies of the gallery cannot sing in four part harmony as there are no men to sing tenor or bass. Volunteers are sought to COME AND HAVE FUN AND MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE UNTO THE LORD at the same time. We will offer help with singing and reading music so do not hold back. We shall start with hymn singing and move very slowly on from there to singing the occasional anthem and the propers of the Mass.

DOORWAY The stall with First Communion cards and gifts is open this weekend. Do take full advantage of this opportunity

MUSIC FOR 9AM MASS

Hymns:
 Opening hymn 113
 Presentation 37
 Communion 240

Mass setting: Margaret Rizza's 'Mass of the Bread of Life'
 See separate sheet



TO PONDER OVER DURING THE WEEK

Mark 16:15-20 Jesus said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to the whole creation. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up serpents, and if they drink any deadly

thing, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover." So then the Lord Jesus, after He had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God. And they went forth and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by the signs that attended it. Amen.

- *Question of the week:* What are the signs that show Christ is working with us and confirming our message as we preach and live the gospel of the Ascended Lord today?

"ST. PAUL IN HIS TIME" A glimpse into the life of this Apostle and the world in which he lived/worked. This will be of real importance as we approach the end of this special commemorative year, and particularly to those who have been studying Paul's letters in our parish discussion groups. The presentation will be by John Huntriss, a scripture scholar and a member of the diocesan Adult Education and Evangelisation Team. **Tuesday 2nd June. 7.30pm to 9.00pm in church**

BIDDING PRAYER ROTAS have been in pigeonholes since last weekend. New composers of this vital element of the Holy Sacrifice on Sunday are sought. The necessary formation will be provided.

"YOUR FETE NEEDS YOU!!!!!" Yes you! We are looking for some new stall holders to help run new and exciting stalls for this years summer fete. So if you should have *even* an hour to spare on **Saturday 4th July** we would love to have you join the team. Please contact Lorna Kelly, Maria Mena, Nicki Hall or Charlotte Lythaby (01749 689086) *Thank you in advance to all those many, many people who are going to contact us excited about this wonderful opportunity!!!*. **[OR ELSE!]**

FORTHCOMING DATES FOR THE DIARY

Saturday 25 th May	Bath	Sponsored walk for CAFOD
Tuesday 2 nd June	7.30pm Church	Seminar on St Paul – John Huntriss
Sat 13 th June	10,30am St Bede's College, Bristol	'Fanning the Flames' Day on Evangelisation
Sun 14th June	11.00am Church	Corpus Christi Mass with First Holy Communions
Sunday 12th July	2.00pm Glastonbury Abbey Grounds	Diocesan Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Glastonbury
Wed 15 th July	7.30pm Church	Lecture on Thomas Merton OCSO
Sun 11 th - Thurs 15 th October	Walsingham	Parish pilgrimage



BLESSED MARGARET POLE A celebration of the martyrdom of Blessed Margaret Pole, Countess of Salisbury at Farleigh Castle, Farleigh Hungerford on Saturday 30th May at 6.00pm. Speaker: Dom Richard Yeo OSB, President of the English Benedictine Congregation. This martyred noblewoman of the Tudor era was the mother of the last Catholic Archbishop of Canterbury, Reginald Cardinal Pole. Her maiden name was Plantagenet and her son was the cousin of Queen Mary I.

CAFOD SPONSORED WALK The walk is being organised by Bernadette and David Green and will be on the Spring Bank Holiday Monday 25th May starting at 10.00am at the Odd Down Park and Ride, Bath. The walk will be about 10 miles, skirting the south of the city, then following the canal to Bathampton. Here we can catch a bus to the centre of Bath and another back to the Park and Ride. Sponsorship forms are available from Maria Mena 676650.

GIFT AID At both Sunday masses on 9th/10th May, the Treasurer gave a talk appealing for more tax-paying parishioners to arrange Gift-aided monthly bank standing orders for their Offertory and Fabric Fund giving, and also invited non-taxpayers to give by bank standing order. On the notice board in the vestibule you will find:

- (1) A copy of the Treasurer's talk
- (2) A leaflet regarding Gift-aided standing orders
- (3) Details of the parish bank account for non-taxpayers' standing orders.
- (4) Gift Aid packs are also provided.

REGINA CAELI - THE EASTER GREETING TO OUR LADY

**Joy to thee, O Queen of heaven, alleluia!
He, Whom thou wast meet to bear, alleluia!
As He promised, hath aris'n, alleluia!
Pour for us to God thy prayer, alleluia!**

Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia!
For the Lord is risen indeed, alleluia!

Let us pray.

O God, by the Resurrection of Your Son Jesus Christ You have brought joy to the whole world. Grant that, through the prayers of His mother, the Virgin Mary, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



THE EXTRAORDINARY FORM OF THE ROMAN RITE ON FRIDAYS

Memories of the past, good or bad, are not the same as current experience, and our younger generations have not had the opportunity to find out for themselves what was in need of reform and what should be preserved intact. Since the Holy Father has restored this element of our tradition to the main stream life of the Church, perhaps we should all consider experiencing it for ourselves in both its sung and said expressions. The need for reform will, no doubt, be discovered, but current experience will also allow

us to take an informed part in the current debates in the Church about whether the reform we asked for was the reform we got!



THE PONTIFICAL BEDA COLLEGE IN ROME

By pure coincidence, both Fr. McAuley and the Parish Priest completed their studies for the Priesthood at this seminary in Rome. Beda is the Latin and Italian for the English Bede, whose feast day occurs this week. The Pontifical Beda College was given that name by Pope Leo XIII in 1898. The college's origins lie in 1852 with Blessed Pius IX who founded the Collegio Ecclesiastico that year. It was re-named after him as the Collegio Pio. Its original purpose was to train convert clergymen of the Church of England who wanted to be

Catholic Priests. Later, it became a late vocations college. Please pray for the Rector, staff, FMDM sisters and students today, as well as alumni. The college is opposite the Patriarchal Basilica of St Paul Outside the Walls, and its ordinations usually take place there by permission of the Benedictine Abbot (who is English) and the Cardinal Archpriest. The picture above is of St Bede the Venerable, being the statue which greets visitors in the main entrance of the Seminary.

THE PROPER VIGIL MASS OF PENT ECOST

In ancient times the Vigil of Pentecost was a time for Holy Baptism and watching with the Lord, as is the Easter Vigil. In the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite a blessing of the font still takes place. In the Ordinary Form, 4 Old Testament Readings are provided. We shall use all of them next Saturday evening, each followed by a responsorial psalm and collect. This is in direct imitation of the Pope in Rome, who leads the youth of his diocese in this special Vigil Mass.

