



Ss Joseph & Teresa Parish, Wells,

(Also serves St Michael, Shepton Mallet)

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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD (Easter VII)

Worship in Wells & Shepton

Sat 4 th June	6.00pm Vigil Mass ()
Sun 5 th June	9.00am Family Mass (<i>Pro Populo</i>) 11.00am Mass in Shepton ()
	Afternoon Ecumenical Pilgrimage to Muchelney Abbey 6.00pm Mass at All Hallows School, East Cranmore (Alkrington Intention)
Mon 6 th Jun	<u>Late Easter Feria (St Norbert of Xanten)</u> 9.30pm Mass ()
Tue 7 th Jun	<u>Late Easter Feria</u> 9.15am Mass in Shepton 9.30am Mass ()
Wed 8 th Jun	<u>Late Easter Feria</u> 9.30am Mass () 9.15am Mass in Shepton
Thu 9 th Jun	<u>Late Easter Feria (St Columba)</u> 9.30am Mass 9.15am Mass in Shepton ()
Fri 10 th Jun	<u>Late Easter Feria</u> 9.30am Mass 5.00pm Priestly Ordination Mass in Clifton Cathedral No Traditional Latin Mass
Sat 11 th Jun	<u>St Barnabas the Apostle</u> 9.30am Mass
Next Week:	Pentecost – The Eighth and Last Sunday of Easter
Sat 11 th June	6.00pm Vigil Mass ()
Sun 12 th June	9.00am Family Mass (<i>Pro Populo</i>) 11.00am Mass in Shepton () 6.00pm Mass at All Hallows School, East Cranmore (Alkrington Intention)

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

There is a 2nd collection this weekend for the Catholic Communication Network. Next week the 2nd collection will be for the **Church Roof**. (Please use a **yellow Fabric Fund Gift Aid envelope if you are a tax payer**)

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK Suzanna Kovacs (1992), Jean Baker (2006), Edward Nowell (1999), James Power (2008), *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>
<i>Week b 6 June</i>	<i>Sun 12th June</i>	<i>Fri 10/Sat11</i>	
<i>Les & Margaret Dobinson</i>	<i>Anne Beechey & Heather Rossi</i>	<i>Brenda Titchen & Heather Rossi</i>	<i>Sat 11th Chris Wherton</i> <i>Sun 12th Jim McDonald</i>

9.00AM SUNDAY MASS MUSIC:

Mass setting
F. Schubert's German Mass
Please see separate sheet

Hymns
Opening 240
Offertory 113
Communion Hymn 379
Final 394

REGINA COELI - EASTER GREETING TO OUR LADY - Tune 322

All: 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

Fr.P: Rejoice and be glad, O virgin Mary, alleluia!

All: For the Lord is risen indeed, alleluia

Fr.P: O God, by the resurrection of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, You have brought joy to the whole world. Grant that through the prayers of the Virgin Mary we may be brought to the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ Our Lord.

All: Amen.



SPONSORED WALK Over the hills and far away... There will be a sponsored walk in the Quantocks on Saturday 18th June in aid of **CAFOD** and our **Church Roof Fund**. Start at 10.00am at Holford for a 9-mile circular walk. To take part or simply to sponsor someone else please contact Bernadette Green on 01749 673356.

PRAYING INTO SILENCE We will meet next on Saturday 11th June at 4.15pm. Everyone is welcome. If you have any questions, please contact Connie Lane on 677328.





TO REFLECT ON DURING THE WEEK -

MATTHEW 28:16- Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. And when they saw Him they worshiped Him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you

always, to the close of the age."

Question of the Week: Do I sometimes hesitate to open my heart to Christ? How can I become more aware of the Holy Spirit as a constant presence in my life?

FORMATION FOR THE NEW MASS TRANSLATION

For those involved in music – singers, musicians and other members of the congregation - A day introducing some of the new settings of the Mass, which have been written to be sung with the new translation. This will be led by members of the Diocesan Music & Liturgy Departments, which will be of interest to all musicians and anyone who loves to sing. Saturday 18th June, at St Dunstan's, Keynsham, from 10.30am to 3.30pm, following Mass celebrated in the New Translation at 10am. All are welcome.

PARISH TRIP TO WEYMOUTH:

This very popular parish event will be taking place on **Sunday 17th July**. We shall be hiring a coach and leaving after the 9.00am Mass. The cost will be £5 per adult, £2.50 per child with a maximum charge per family of £15. ***Please sign the list on the social events noticeboard.*** We are keeping to last year's prices and the parish faces absorbing a loss on this.



WORLD YOUTH DAY MADRID COMES TO SOMERSET-HELP

NEEDED Fr Tony Trafford has asked for our help. He will be bringing a party of some 350 young Australians to visit Downside Abbey en route to Madrid for World Youth Day. One group of about 50 will be accommodated in the Blue School (sleeping on floors). ***Volunteers are needed to prepare and serve breakfast on Sunday 14th and Monday 15th August.*** If you would like to help please speak to Fr Philip and he will put you in touch with Fr Tony.

PARISH DIARY

Wed 8th Jun.	7.30pm Langport	Deanery Ministries Mass – Fr. Philip to preach
Thurs 9 th Jun.	8.00pm Church	Pastoral Council meeting
Fri 10 th June	3.15-4.30pm School	School 'open house'
Sat 11 th Jun.	4.15pm Church	Praying into Silence
Sat 11 th June	After 6.00pm Mass	Traidcraft stall
Sun 12 th June	After 9.00am Mass	Traidcraft stall
Sat 18 th Jun.	10.00am Holford	Sponsored walk for Church Roof Fund & CAFOD
Sun 26 th Jun.	After 9.00am Mass	'The Big Garden'
Wed 29th Jun.	7.30pm Vigil Mass, 8.00am TLM, 10.00am	Ss. Peter & Paul, Holy Day of Obligation, Patrons of the Diocese.
Sat 9 th July	11.00am Church	First Holy Communion Mass
Sun 10 th Jul.	2.15pm Glastonbury Abbey	Glastonbury Pilgrimage
Sun 17 th Jul.	After 9.00am Mass	Parish trip to Weymouth
Wed 20th Jul.	7.00pm Wincanton	Confirmation Mass with Bishop Declan

C.W.L. TRIP The CWL outing to Dunster and Minehead takes place next Monday 6th June and the minibus will leave from the Church at 10.30 a.m.

THE 'BIG GARDEN': following the success of the parish 'Big Clean' before Easter we have decided to repeat the format for the presbytery garden. Weather permitting, on **Sunday 26th June**, at the end of the 9.00am Mass (and after a quick cup of coffee), parishioners will be invited to cross the road and help with some light weeding and general tidying. This will ensure that the garden is looking its best for our celebration of First Holy Communion. Brings your trowels and secateurs!



MINISTRY OF THE WORD: the new readers' rota is in pigeonholes.

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION: A new rota is being prepared. Please indicate on the list on the noticeboard any dates on which you will not be available .

ITALIAN EVENING There will be an Italian Mass at 7.00pm at Glastonbury on Monday 13th June, the Feast of St Antony of Padua. Mass will be concelebrated in Italian by Fr Kevin Knox-Lecky and Fr Philip at St Mary's. This will be followed by an Italian Bring & Share supper

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION

The observance of this feast is of great antiquity. Although no documentary evidence of it exists prior to the beginning of the 5th century, St. Augustine says that it is of Apostolic origin, and he speaks of it in a way that shows it was the universal observance of the Church long before his time. Frequent mention of it is made in the writings of St. John Chrysostom, St. Gregory of Nyssa, and in the Constitution of the Apostles. A Spanish nun in her travel diary tells us of the vigil of this feast and of the feast itself, as they were kept in the church built over the grotto in Bethlehem in which Christ was born



during the reign of St Cyril of Jerusalem in the early 4th century. In a number of countries the hierarchy has obtained permission from the Vatican to move observance of the Feast of the Ascension from the traditional Thursday to the following Sunday, the Sunday before Pentecost. This is in keeping with a trend to move Holy Days of Obligation from weekdays to Sunday, to encourage more Catholics to observe feasts considered important.. Our bishops' conference has already announced that it is seriously considering returning to ancient practice.

Certain customs were connected with the liturgy of this feast, such as the blessing of beans and grapes after the Commemoration of the Dead in the Canon of the Mass and the blessing of first fruits. The extinguishing of the paschal candle is ordered in the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite and triumphal processions with torches and banners outside the churches to commemorate the entry of Christ into heaven are common. In some areas of England, well dressing occurs at this time of year.

In England it was once common for churches to "beat the bounds" on this day, and some continue the custom. Members of the parish walk round the parish boundaries, marking boundary stones (e.g. by writing on them in chalk) and hitting them with sticks. According to some, it was once the young boys of the parish that were hit with sticks instead of the stones. Knowledge of the parish boundaries was once important, since churches had certain duties such as the care of children born out of wedlock in the parish. One of the purposes served by beating the bounds was that of warning the young men of the parish that any sexual mis-behaviour

ought to take place with women, who lived outside the parish!!!!!! In Venice the ceremony of the Wedding with the Sea was traditionally celebrated on the Feast of the Ascension, while in Florence the Feast was observed by having a dove slide down a string from the high altar of the cathedral to ignite a large decorative container filled with fireworks in front of the main entrance of the cathedral.

CATECHISTS SYMPOSIUM This will take place on Saturday 2nd July at St Bede's College, Lawrence Weston, Bristol. **The special focus is the engagement of parents in the parish catechesis of their children.** The keynote speaker will be Elizabeth Davies, the Bishops' Conference Project Officer for Marriage and Family Life. In the afternoon there will be workshop sessions in the different fields of catechesis. The day will be of particular interest to those involved in **Children's Liturgy and in First Communion and Confirmation preparation.** See noticeboard for further details and booking forms or email richard.williams@cliftondiocese.com

ECUMENICAL PILGRIMAGE OF RECONCILIATION This Sunday 5th June, at Mulchelney Abbey ruins, the Chemin Neuf community (who live at St Gildas at Langport) have organised this Pilgrimage of Reconciliation and Grace. Bishop Declan and the Anglican bishop of Taunton will attend. Parking at St Mary's C of E Langport from 1.30pm or from 12.30pm on site for those wishing to bring a picnic – a donation of £2 is suggested

SUMMER FÊTE It is with great regret that the fête committee is unable to put together the summer fête this year. Unfortunately, due to family and work commitments this year, we have been unable to make the necessary arrangements for this wonderful annual event. We know that many of our parish, parents and children will be disappointed at this turn of events. If there are any brave individuals or groups of individuals who would like to take on this rewarding event please contact anyone of us either in the playground or in the church. Thank you to everyone who has supported the event for the last 5 years, not only did we raise a large sum of money for both the school and the church, but we and many others had a fabulous time. *Nicki Hall, Lorna Kelly, Charlotte Lythaby, Peggy MacDonald & Maria Mena*

AN INVITATION FROM SS JOSEPH & TERESA PRIMARY SCHOOL The school is having an 'open house' next Friday 10th June from 3.15-4.30pm to share with parents and parishioners the children's work on their new mission statement. All parishioners are VERY welcome:

Walking hand in hand with God as we strive to do our best