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**FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT**

**Sunday Worship**

Sat. 28<sup>th</sup> Feb 6.00pm 1<sup>st</sup> Mass of Sunday in **Wells** (John Parkes RIP)  
 Sun 1<sup>st</sup> March 9.00am Solemn Mass in **Wells** (Patricia Riley RIP)  
 11.00am Sung Mass in **Shepton** (Pro Popolo)

**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 – Lent II**

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

**Weekday Worship in Wells**

Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> March Lenten FERIA  
 9.30am Mass ( )  
 Tue 3<sup>rd</sup> March Lenten FERIA  
 9.30am Mass ( )  
 Wed 4<sup>th</sup> March [St Casimir]  
 9.30am Mass (Chris' recovery)  
 Thu 5<sup>th</sup> March Lenten FERIA  
 9.30am Mass ( )  
 Fri 6<sup>th</sup> March Lenten FERIA – Women's World Day of Prayer  
 9.30am Mass ( )  
 7.00pm Mass in the Extra-ordinary Form ( )  
 Sat 7<sup>th</sup> March Lenten FERIA  
 9.30am Mass ( )

This weekend we shall distribute envelopes for CAFOD Fast Day.

**ANNIVERSARIES AT THIS TIME** Sheila Snook (1998), Mary Taverner Greg (2004), Richard Powell (2004), Gordon Lyons (2008), Pasqualino Molinaro (2008), Edwin Wawrowski(1992) Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine, et lux perpetua luceat eis.

**CHRISTIAN AID - LENT LUNCH** It is hoped that many of our parishioners will come to the Lent lunch on Monday 2 March at the Seager Hall from 12noon – 1.30pm. A variety of delicious home-made soups supplied by our Church will be on the menu. Price £3.

**Weekday Worship in Shepton**

Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> March Lenten FERIA  
 9.15am Liturgy of the Word and HC  
 Tue 3<sup>rd</sup> March Lenten FERIA  
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**WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** This year the service will be held at the Elim Christian Centre at **10.30am this Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> March**. The service has been prepared by women of Papua New Guinea. All welcome (including men!)

**LENT GOSPEL ENQUIRY** Our sessions will begin **this Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March** at 7.30pm and will run for five weeks. We shall meet in the Upper Room and shall be discussing this week the Year B gospel readings for the First and Second Sundays of Lent. This is not 'dry' Bible Study. We shall use Fr Nicholas King's lively translation and inter-active study guide to learn a little about the context in which the Gospel was written and to share ideas about how it relates to us today. Photocopies will be provided. All welcome.

**CAFOD FAST DAY Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March.** Clifton Diocese is celebrating the twentieth anniversary of CAFOD in our Diocese. Jesus' fundamental option for the poor is not an optional extra but is essential to who we are as a people. The focus of this year's Lent Fast Day is Cambodia and the care of thousands of children orphaned by AIDS. Gift Aid envelopes will be distributed this weekend. Please give as generously as you can and bring hope to people living in poverty.

**9.00AM SUNDAY MASS MUSIC**

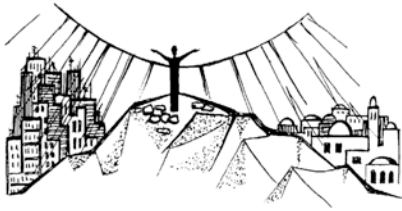
*Hymns*

**No opening hymn because of the Procession**  
**Presentation 185**  
**Communion 517**  
**Final hymn 315**

*Mass setting:*

**Sanctus 470**  
**Memorial Acclamation**  
**Agnus Dei 473**

**TO PONDER OVER DURING THE WEEK Mark 1: 12-15** The



Spirit immediately drove Jesus out into the wilderness. And he was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels ministered to him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent, and believe in the gospel."

*Question of the Week:* Jesus was in the desert for forty days preparing for his ministry. How will I use my forty days of Lent this year?

**LITURGY FORUM** Our next session will be after Eastertide starts. We will continue our look at the seminal document of Vatican II on the sacred liturgy, "Sacrosanctum Concilium".

**BIDDING PRAYERS** Fr Philip has drawn up some guidelines to help those who write our bidding prayers. Copies are now in pigeonholes. New volunteers are always welcome.

**BISHOP'S PALACE GARDENS** Tuesday 17 March in the Bradfield Room The Old Deanery at 6.30pm for 7.00pm: a lecture by James Cross, Head Gardener of the Palace Gardens. Tickets £5 (including a glass of wine and nibbles) available from the reception desk at the Old Deanery, Cathedral Green

**FOR SALE** Fr. Philip is trying to sell his silver SAAB. It was recently repaired and overhauled. It would need taxing but is in good condition. It would be ideal for a learner or first car. Offers around £900.

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO TAIZE** 18<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> July 2009. Taizé is a unique Christian community near Cluny in central France, founded after the Second World War as a place of reconciliation. It has become a place of particular importance to young people. In the past the diocesan pilgrimage has proved to be a wonderful opportunity for young adults to discover more about God and meet with old friends and make new ones. The age ranger is 17-30 years and the cost is £190, all inclusive. For more detail see the Youth noticeboard or

contact Fr Kevin Hennessey (01453 713254) or Ann Fowler (0117 9025593)

**A DAY ON THE MEANINGS AND SYMBOLS OF THE EASTER**

**VIGIL** This will take place on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March, from 10.30am – 3.00pm at Holy Family Parish Hall, Patchway BS34 5DP. The day will be led by Fr Christopher Whitehead and Sr Elizabeth Ann Llewelin. To book a place or get further information, please telephone Ronnie Mitchinson at the Diocese on 0117 9025595..



**CANDIDATES FOR BAPTISM OR RECEPTION AT EASTER** By ancient Tradition, those to be baptised at Easter are presented to the Bishop of the diocese at the start of Lent. Our parish candidates were thus presented to Bishop Declan on Saturday morning 28<sup>th</sup> February. Barring emergencies and ill-health, we hope to have a Reception at the Easter Vigil Mass [***to be followed by a Resurrection Party***] on Holy Saturday night and Holy Baptism and Reception at the Noon Mass on Easter Monday [***Mass will be at Noon throughout the Octave in Wells and Shepton***]. PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR CANDIDATES ON SATURDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY AS THEY MEET BISHOP DECLAN AND THROUGHOUT LENT.

**LENTEN READING** Please see the display on the table just outside the sacristy. We have a selection of Lenten booklets for you to choose from: two *Stations of the Cross* both with beautiful mediaeval illustrations. One has a text by Cardinal Newman, the other a more modern text by Fr Dominic Allain. As in previous years we also have the Lenten edition of *Bible Alive* and the popular pocket-sized booklet : *Walk with Me: A Lenten Journey of Prayer*. Please put payment in the box by the church door marked 'Lent booklets'. **Prices:** *Stations of the Cross* £2, *Bible Alive* £1.95, *Walk with Me* £1

**C.T.S** There is a new selection of C.T.S publications for sale. Please put the money in the box marked 'Pamphlets' opposite the rack

**HAYDN'S 'CREATION'** This will be performed on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm, St Cuthbert's Church. The Beaumont Singers will be marking the Darwin 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a performance of the sublime oratorio with readings from the great scientist. Tenor solos by Gareth Malone of BBC's *The Choir*. Tickets £12/£10 from St Cuthbert's (767906) or Wells Music Shop or on the door.

**CWL** The CWL will be meeting in the Church on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2009 at 2.00 p.m. Father McAuley will be giving us a talk on his work in Africa at 2.30. All ladies of the Parish are welcome to join us'.

**QUESTIONS ABOUT JESUS OF NAZARETH** Day course, Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March 9.30am – 4pm at the Ammerdown Centre near Radstock. Led by Professor David Catchpole, this day course will study the paradox of Jesus as an agent of healing but also as a focus of division and conflict – in his time on earth and indeed ever since. David Catchpole was Professor of Theological Studies at Exeter University and is the author of many books. Cost: £45 to include coffee, lunch and tea. See Spiritual Development noticeboard for further details and booking form or contact the Ammerdown Centre (01761 433709, [centre@ammerdown.org](mailto:centre@ammerdown.org))



**PATRONAL SOLEMNITY OF ST JOSEPH**

We shall celebrate our glorious patron, St Joseph of Nazareth on **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March**. **There will be our normal Mass at 9.30am for those unable to make a Said Mass at 6.00pm**. This is to allow our school children and young families to attend. It will be followed by a Bring and Share party, as part of our getting to know you strategy. We aim to be finished by 7.30pm, thus allowing the Gospel Inquiry meeting to run as usual that evening. It is a celebration both of ourselves as a parish and also a

thanksgiving to Almighty God for the protection and prayers of the Foster Father of Christ for our parish. The Lenten disciplines do not apply to this first class feast, so come and enjoy the party.

**“GETTING THE HOUSE AND GROUNDS DONE!”** Just as we prepare ourselves carefully for Easter, so we need to prepare the inside and outside of the parish church for Easter. Please look out for details next week of the Saturday Cleaning Jamboree for inside. There will also be a list of outside tasks for people to sign up. It goes without saying that, if we have enough volunteers, no collars will have to be felt!!

**“STATIONAL LITURGY” - A PEOPLE ON THE MOVE** Vatican II asked us to think of the Universal Church as a pilgrim people. These very words occur in Eucharistic Prayer III. This picture language picks up the idea of the Children of Israel travelling in the desert towards the Promised Land. The Book of Exodus is read in the Daily Office during Lent To this we must add the traditional

Lenten understanding of a journey towards Easter and heaven. These ideas have been around for a very long time. The Missal of Paul VI, updated by John Paul II in 2002 asks every diocesan bishop to imitate the Bishop of Rome in celebrating Stational Masses around his diocese. We are marking the beginning of Lent with a modern form of this ancient custom. It is to show that we are a people on the move, animated by the Holy Spirit's power (Greek word Dynamis means power), a dynamic community.

Perhaps it is helpful to think of Lent as a privileged time to journey around our own spiritual lives as Christians, examining our strengths so as to build on them and our weaknesses so as to eliminate them. Lent can become a kind of retreat or examination of conscience. The Church still sees an annual confession as part of our Easter duties, and modern developments has not abolished this part of our Lenten practice.

- Lent I** St. John Lateran, Rome's Cathedral
- Monday** St. Peter in Chains on the Colle Oppio
- Tuesday** St. Anastasia on the Palatine Hill (transferred because of restoration to St. Theodore, nearby, one of the Eastern Catholic churches of the city)
- Wednesday** St. Mary Major, Rome's great church of Our Lady
- Thursday** St. Lawrence in Panisperna, first of 4 churches dedicated to this saint
- Friday** Holy XII Apostles in Trajan's Forum
- Saturday** St. Peter in the Vatican
- Lent II** St. Maria in Domenica alla Navicella, church of Rome's archdeacon.
- Monday** St. Clement, near the Colosseum, famous for its archeological excavations going down as far as the First Century street, walked on by St Peter and St Clement.
- Tuesday** St. Balbina, on the Aventine hill, behind the UN Food and Agriculture HQ, appropriate for a time of fasting
- Wednesday** St. Cecilia in Trastevere, a house of Olivetan nuns, well known for its music
- Thursday** St. Mary in Trastevere, where the first English cardinal is buried, Adam of London.
- Friday** St. Vitalis in Fovea, on the via Nazionale, St John Fisher's titular church as a cardinal
- Saturday** Ss. Marcellinus & Peter, near the Laterano, on the via Merulana. These martyrs are mentioned in the Roman Canon
- Lent III** St. Lawrence outside the walls, Rome's great church for funerals, as

*Lent* it stands at the gate of the Campo Verano, the main cemetery