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SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

Sunday Worship

Sat. 7th March 6.00pm 1st Mass of Sunday in **Wells** (Maureen Sapstead - recovery)
 Sun 8th t March 9.00am Solemn Mass in **Wells** (Pro Popolo)
 11.00am Sung Mass in **Shepton** ()

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 III

Sat. 14th March 6.00pm 1st Mass of Sunday in **Wells** ()
 Sun 15th t March 9.00am Solemn Mass in **Wells** ()
 11.00am Sung Mass in **Shepton** (Pro Popolo)

Weekday Worship in Wells

Mon 9th March Lenten Feria
 9.30am Mass ()
 Tue 10th March Lenten Feria
 9.30am Mass ()
 Wed 11th March Lenten Feria
 9.30am Mass ()
 Thu 12th March Lenten Feria
 9.30am Mass ()
 Fri 13th March Lenten Feria
 9.30am Mass ()
 7.00pm Mass in the Extra-ordinary Form ()
 Sat 14th March Lenten Feria
 9.30am Mass ()

This weekend the second collection is for CAFOD. If you are a tax payer please be sure to use the CAFOD Fast Day Gift Aid envelopes. Clifton is celebrating the 20th 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 thousands of children orphaned by AIDS. Please give as generously as possible to bring hope to people living in poverty.

Next week there will be a collection for the Fabric Fund

CHRISTIAN AID The Lent Lunch was a great success and raised £193. Our thanks go to all the soup-makers, helpers on the day and those who came to the lunch and supported Christian Aid.

ANNIVERSARIES AT THIS TIME Mary Scully (2003), Herbert Warwick (1988), Margaret Cranfield (1993), Joan Pike (2001), Joan Smith (2001), Catherine Hennessy (1995), Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine, et lux perpetua luceat eis.

Weekday Worship in Shepton

Mon 9th March Lenten Feria
 9.15am Liturgy of the Word and HC
 Tue 10th March Lenten Feria
 9.15am Mass ()
 Wed 11th March Lenten Feria
 9.15am Liturgy of the Word and HC
 Thu 12th March Lenten Feria
 9.15am Mass ()
 Fri 13th March Lenten Feria
 9.15am Liturgy of the Word and HC

LENT GOSPEL ENQUIRY Our sessions continue **this Thursday 12th March** at 7.30pm. Please note that from now on we shall meet in the church in the Nuns' Chapel. We shall be discussing this week the Year B gospel reading for the Third Sunday of Lent which tells of Jesus and the moneychangers in the Temple. This is not 'dry' Bible Study. We use Fr Nicholas King's lively translation and interactive 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. A different person leads the discussion each week. Photocopies are provided. All welcome.

THE HOLY FATHERS MISSIONARY INTENTION The Pope's missionary intention for March is that Church leaders and people in the People's Republic of China may be the sign and instrument of unity, communion and peace.

9.00AM SUNDAY MASS MUSIC

<i>Hymns</i>		<i>Mass setting:</i>
Opening hymn	111	Sanctus 470
Presentation	548	Memorial Acclamation
Communion	641	Agnus Dei 473
Final hymn	301	

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.



TO PONDER OVER DURING THE WEEK Mark 9: 2-10

And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves; and he was transfigured before them, and his garments became glistening, intensely white, as no fuller on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Eli'jah with Moses; and they were talking to Jesus. And Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is well that we are

here; let us make three booths, one for you and one for Moses and one for Eli'jah." For he did not know what to say, for they were exceedingly afraid. And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, "This is my beloved Son; listen to him." And suddenly looking around they no longer saw any one with them but Jesus only. And as they were coming down the mountain, he charged them to tell no one what they had seen, until the Son of man should have risen from the dead. So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what the rising from the dead meant.

Question of the Week: What have been the peak moments in my relationship with Jesus so far?

TEA & COFFEE ROTAS for March to September are in pigeonholes.

LENTEN READING There are still a few Lenten booklets on the table just outside the sacristy. Please take one. There are two versions of *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 a donation in the box by the church door marked 'Lenten booklets'. **Any donation welcome.**

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 18th – 27th 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 21st 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 28th 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 AND THROUGHOUT LENT.

QUESTIONS ABOUT JESUS OF NAZARETH Day course, Saturday 14th March 9.30am – 4pm at the Ammerdown Centre. Professor David Catchpole will lead a study of the paradox of Jesus both as an agent of healing also as a focus of division and conflict – in his time on earth and indeed ever since. David 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)

CAFOD: CREATING A CLIMATE FOR CHANGE Wednesday 25 March, St Teresa's Social Centre, 71 Gloucester Road North, Bristol BS34 7PL. Bishop Declan and CAFOD's Director, Chris Bain will launch the International Climate Justice Campaign in the Clifton Diocese.

HAYDN'S 'CREATION' This will be performed on **Saturday 14th March at 7pm, St Cuthbert's Church.** Gareth Malone, star of the hit BBC series "The Choir: Boys Don't Sing", is performing in Wells next Saturday – not as conductor but as a professional singer. He is to be the tenor soloist in The Creation. The Beaumont Singers are performing this sublime masterpiece of Joseph Haydn's last years in St Cuthbert's church at 7pm. Tickets are £10 and £12 and can be bought in advance from the St Cuthbert's office (01749 676906) or from Wells Music Shop (01749 679888). Or they can be bought on the door.



PATRONAL SOLEMNITY OF ST JOSEPH We shall celebrate our glorious patron, St Joseph of Nazareth on **Thursday 19th 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. 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. The Easter BIG CLEAN will be on **Saturday 4 April from 10.15am.** 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!!

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. Our Penitential Procession last week showed that we are a people on the move, animated by the Holy Spirit's power (Greek word Dynamis means power), a dynamic community.

We are on a spiritual journey, aided by God in the communion of saints, but also a journey to God, with Christ as our companion along the way. It is good advice to travel light. Our heavenly Father does not want us to be weighed down with sin or guilt, which is why He sent his Son. The Beloved Son gave us the sacrament of reconciliation and penance to soothe our aching feet and relieve our burdens. 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 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 Lateran, 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 it stands at the gate of the Campo Verano, the main cemetery

DATES AT A GLANCE

Thursday 12 Mar.	7.30pm	Church	Gospel Enquir y
Saturday 14 Mar.	9.30am	Ammerdown	Questions about Jesus of Nazareth
Tuesday 17 Mar.	6.30pm	Old Deanery	Talk about Bishop's Palace Gardens
Wednesday 18 Mar.	7.30pm	Church	Gospel Enquiry
Thursday 19 Mar.	6pm	Church	Mass for St Joseph followed by Bring & Share party

Saturday 21 Mar.

10.30am Holy Family, Patchway

Meanings and Symbols of
the Easter Vigil