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THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Sunday Worship

Sat. 14th March 6.00pm 1st Mass of Sunday in **Wells** (Lilian Lyons RIP)
 Sun 15th March 9.00am Solemn Mass in **Wells** (Gordon Lyons RIP)
 11.00am Sung Mass in **Shepton** (Pro Popolo)
4.00pm Stations and Benediction in Wells

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 IV – Mothering Sunday

Sat. 21st March 6.00pm 1st Mass of Sunday in **Wells** (Ethel & Francis MacSwiney RIP; Jack Rogerson RIP)
 Sun 22nd March 9.00am Solemn Mass in **Wells** (Bernard Horton RIP)
 11.00am Sung Mass in **Shepton** (Pro Popolo)

Weekday Worship in Wells

Mon 16th March Lenten Feria
 9.30am Mass ()
 Tue 17th March ST PATRICK, Feast
 9.30am Mass (Patricia Bagadalis' recovery)
 Wed 18th March (St Cyril of Jerusalem)
 9.30am Mass ()
 Thu 19th March **ST JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF THE B. V. M, Patronal Solemnity**
 9.30am Mass ()
6pm Mass
 Fri 20th March Lenten Feria
 9.30am Mass (), followed by Stations of the Cross
2pm Funeral Requiem for Tina van Eyken
 7.00pm Mass in the Extra-ordinary Form ()
 Sat 21st March Lenten Feria
 9.30am Mass ()

The Fast Day collection for CAFOD raised £905.26 This includes £113.96 Gift Aid tax refund.

This weekend there is a collection for the Fabric Fund

DETAILS OF WORSHIP FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER These details for Wells and Shepton are available on a separate sheet, available at the door on your way out. Please keep it safe somewhere. We would appreciate anyone who could help us place this sheet in hotels and tourist information points.

ANNIVERSARIES AT THIS TIME Ondrino Crestani (1999), Mgr Donald McMillan (2001), Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine, et lux perpetua luceat eis.

Weekday Worship in Shepton

Mon 16th March Lenten Feria
 9.15am Liturgy of the Word and HC
 Tue 17th March ST PATRICK, Feast
 9.15am Mass ()
 Wed 18th March St Cyril of Jerusalem
 9.15am Liturgy of the Word and HC
 Thu 19th March **ST JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF OUR LADY, Solemnity**
 9.15am Mass ()
 Fri 20th March Lenten Feria
 9.15am Liturgy of the Word and HC

LENT GOSPEL ENQUIRY Our sessions continue **this Wednesday** (please note change of day) 18th March at 7.30pm in the church in the Side Transept. We shall be discussing the Year B gospel reading for Lent IV (Jesus and Nicodemus) This is not 'dry' Bible Study. We 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. A different person leads the discussion each week. Photocopies are provided. All welcome.

CHARITY COFFEE MORNING We plan to hold a coffee morning in aid of **Reaching the Unreached** on **Saturday 18th April from 10.30am to 12 noon** in the Side Chapel. There will be a raffle and cake stall as well as delicious coffee and biscuits (The cakes can be eaten after Easter starts at Sundown!) Please come to help the very poor families in Southern India.

9.00AM SUNDAY MASS MUSIC

<i>Hymns</i>		<i>Mass setting:</i>
Opening hymn	21	Sanctus 470
Presentation	10	Memorial Acclamation
Communion	567	Agnus Dei 473
Final hymn	109	



"CLEANING THE HOUSE AND GROUNDS!"

We need to prepare the inside and outside of church for Easter. The Easter BIG CLEAN will be on **Saturday 4 April from 11.00am, after the Penitential Service for Children and Families**. 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!!



TO PONDER OVER DURING THE WEEK John 2: 13-25

The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers at their business. And making a whip of cords, he drove them all, with the sheep and oxen, out of the temple; and he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their

tables. And he told those who sold the pigeons, "Take these things away; you shall not make my Father's house a house of trade." His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for thy house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign have you to show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he spoke of the temple of his body. When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word which Jesus had spoken. Now when he was in Jerusalem at the Passover feast, many believed in his name when they saw the signs which he did; but Jesus did not trust himself to them, because he knew all men and needed no one to bear witness of man; for he himself knew what was in man.

- Sanctuary – a sacred place, a place of refuge. What is the relationship between these images and the body/Body of Christ?

FUTURE DREAMS, PRESENT REALITIES A day for young people at St Augustine's School, Trowbridge, Saturday 20th June. Parishes are being asked to send between 2 and 6 representatives in the age range 16-25 to take part in a day with Bishop Declan which will look at how the new diocesan pastoral guidelines apply to young people. Representatives will be asked to consider the role they can play and will have the opportunity to share their ideas and hopes with the Bishop. If you would like to represent the parish at this meeting please speak to Fr Philip.

RISEN WITH JESUS A day of prayer and quiet reflection on a post-Easter theme, organised by the diocese, to be held at the Poor Clares' Convent, Woodchester, Saturday 25th April. Further information from notice board.

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.

CANDIDATES FOR BAPTISM OR RECEPTION AT EASTER 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.

ATTENTION ALL TRADCRAFT SUPPORTERS! We will be having a stall this weekend, for all your food and household needs. Special spring items are flower seeds and garden twine from South Africa. Again I will be giving away copies of the vegetarian rice casserole recipe with Basmati rice. It makes a great Friday Fast feast. The next stall will be on Palm Sunday weekend and will specialise in celebration sweets including white chocolate Spring Lambs, Chocolate Easter Mini Eggs and other delectable stuff. Thank you for your faithful support & the difference you make. *Sharon Haigh*

'THYSPACE' RETREAT Aged 20-35? Want to make space for God? Need time for reflection? A weekend retreat led by Fr Stephen Wang (lecturer in Philosophy at Allen Hall Seminary in London) will take place at Nympsfield, Glos on 3rd – 5th July. For further details contact Nicola Harris nharris@nailsea.n-somerset.sch.uk, tel 01275 342828

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO TAIZE 18th – 27th July 2009. Taizé is near Cluny in central France and was founded after WWII 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 range 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)

PATRONAL SOLEMNITY OF ST JOSEPH, FOR PARISH & SCHOOL 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.**

PARISH FINANCES Dec 08

	<i>Offertory</i>	<i>Fabric Fund</i>
Plate etc	987.34	233.86
Standing Orders	1,510.00	773.50
Tax Refund	<u>423.31</u>	<u>218.13</u>
Totals	2,920.65	1,225.49

DATES AT A GLANCE

Tues. 17 th Mar.	6.30pm	Old Deanery	Talk about Bishop's Palace Gardens
Wed. 18 th Mar.	7.30pm	Church	Gospel Enquiry
Thurs. 19 th Mar.	6pm	Church	Mass for St Joseph followed by Bring & Share party
Sat. 21 st Mar.	10.30am	Holy Family church, Patchway, Bristol	Meanings and Symbols of the Easter Vigil
Thurs. 26 th March	7.30pm	Church	Gospel Enquiry
Sat. 4th April	10.15am	Church	Reconciliation Service for Children & Families, including 1st Confessions.
Sat. 4 th April	11.00am	Church	THE BIG CLEAN
Sat. 11 th April	10.30am	Church	Reaching the Unreached coffee morning

CWL CAKE STALL Bearing in mind that the Lenten disciplines do not apply to Sundays and Solemnities, the parish's branch of the Catholic Women's League will be holding a cake stall after the 9.00am Mass on Sunday 29th March, Lent V.

ECUMENICAL INVITATION TO PRAY Our close neighbours at Union Street Chapel (URC & Baptist) invite us to join them this Wednesday, for a Morning of Prayer in the comfort of the Seager Hall, from 9.00am to Noon. There will be refreshments. We can attend for as long as we are able. Of especial importance will be intercession for the life and work of "Churches Together in Wells". Wednesday 18th March, 9.00 till Noon Morning of Prayer, Seager Hall.



ST PATRICK, ENLIGHTENER OF IRELAND As a parish we send our prayerful greetings and good wishes to all who bear the name of Patrick or Patricia, or who place themselves under his patronage. It is not known precisely which part of Britain he came from (though Fr. Philip will always make out a case for Wales!), but it is not where he came from but where he went to that is important for this great missionary bishop. Although Patrick was not the first bishop in Ireland, he was undoubtedly the greatest. May he pray for us all in this week of our Patronal Festival.

A PEOPLE ON THE MOVE 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 have not abolished this part of our Lenten practice.

This brings us to consider the many duties and services performed within, for and on behalf of a dynamic people, or at least the Wells section of that people! Many of these roles are unsung and even unnoticed, but are vital. The rotas in the Narthex testify to these people. Ministries within Mass, like reading, chalice and bidding prayer writing are obvious. Cleaning, flowers, laundering our altar linens etc. are not. Perhaps we should put extracts from some of our rotas on this bulletin to record what is actually happening in our parish, week by week.

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

Monday

St Mark in the Piazza Venezia, near Rome's town hall

Tuesday

St Pudentiana on the Viminal Hill, a church often held by Cardinal Archbishops of Westminster.

Wednesday

Old St Sixtus or SS. Nereus & Achilles

Thursday

Ss. Cosmas & Damian near the Colosseum, famous for its mosaics and monumental crib

Friday

St Lawrence in Lucina, The 3rd church called after Lawrence on the Lenten Stational journey, next to a busy police station and a cinema.

Saturday

St Susanna at the Baths of Diocletian, the American church in Rome

Lent IV

Holy Cross in Jerusalem, a Cistercian abbey and basilica which houses some of the relics of Christ's Passion.

NEXT SUNDAY IS LAETARE OR MOTHERING SUNDAY By custom the Priest wears rose vestments on that day. Why not wear something pink or rose – in that way Father will not feel too lonely!!

NEED SPACE FOR YOUR FAMILY? Catholic family selling spacious 7 bedroom house in Frome, Somerset. Within catchment of excellent Catholic primary and secondary schools. Within commuting distance of Bath, Bristol, West Wiltshire, Mendip and South Somerset. Visit www.twynyho.co.uk or phone 01373 473761 for more details. A percentage of the sale price will be donated to Catholic charities. Michael & Kay Rhodes Family 67 Lower Keyford Frome Somerset BA11 4AS