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LENT IV – Laetare or Mothering Sunday

Sunday and Weekday Worship in Wells & Shepton

Sat 2nd April 6.00pm Vigil Mass ()
 Sun 3rd April 9.00am Solemn Mass (*Pro Populo*)
 11.00am Mass in Shepton
 6.00pm Mass at All Hallows School, East Cranmore (Alkrington Intention)
 Mon 4th April Lenten Feria
 9.30pm Mass ()
 Tue 5th April Lenten Feria
 9.15am Mass in Shepton ()
 9.30am Mass
 Wed 6th April Lenten Feria
 9.30am Mass ()
 Thu 7th April Lenten Feria
 9.15am Mass in Shepton ()
 9.30pm Mass ()
 Fri 8th April Lenten Feria
 9.30am Mass
 6.00pm Traditional Latin Mass
 Sat 9th April Lenten Feria
 9.30am Mass ()

Next Week: Lent V Sunday (Year A)

Sat 9th April 6.00pm Vigil Mass ()
 Sun 10th April 9.00am Solemn Mass (*Pro Populo*)
 11.00am Mass in Shepton
 6.00pm Mass at All Hallows School, East Cranmore (Alkrington Intention)

Confessions The holy Sacrament of Reconciliation is normally celebrated on Saturdays, Noon to 12.30pm in Shepton & from 5.00pm to 5.30pm in Wells.



Last week's second collection is for the Fabric/Roof fund raised £110. There is no second collection this weekend.

Next weekend there is a collection for our **Easter flowers.**

NEW READERS ROTAS The readers' rota for the Triduum and the Easter season (to 29th May) is now available for collection from pigeonholes.



ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK Charles Mallet (2004), Lilian Hoskins (1998), Maria Molinaro (2000), Caroline Sfeir (2009), Mary Kitson (1998). *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

CLEANING	COFFEE	FLOWERS	WELCOMING
<i>Week beg 11th April</i>	<i>Sun 10th April</i>	<i>Fri/Sat</i>	<i>Sat 9th /Sun 10th April</i>
<i>Lorna Kelly, Nicki Hall</i>	<i>Frankie Lambert, Andy Boothroyd</i>	No flowers in Lent	<i>6pm The Wade ladies 9am F. & O. Duddy</i>

9.00AM SUNDAY MASS MUSIC:

Hymns- <i>Opening 64</i> <i>Offertory 75</i> <i>Communion 40</i> <i>Final 591</i>	Mass Setting: <i>See sheet</i> A.R. Bevan in the Phrygian Mode (We are joined by the Composer this week!) <i>Gospel acclamation: 416</i>
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QUIET GARDEN DAYS The Quiet Gardens concept is an international movement whereby gardens are made available for a day for people to meet for a time of rest, reflection and prayer. Two such days have been arranged in Wells – Thursday 7th July and Thursday 21st July. The Revd Hugh Talbot will lead each day. Numbers will be limited. If you are interested please contact Anne Wood (01749 673210)



PARISH COFFEE MORNING: this Wednesday 6th April Stay after morning Mass or drop in anytime between 10.00 and 11.30am. Small children are very welcome

TRAIDCRAFT NEWS We will be having our monthly stall next weekend 9th/10th April. This is the last stall before Easter, so we have chocolates for then including eggs and coins. It is also during Lent, so we have some new lines in biscuits including our new Digestives and Half Chocolate Coated Shortbread Fingers. There are also all the standard favourites, including ingredients for your special Easter Cake recipes. Come see us and help people earning an honest living through trade.

A WORD OF THANKS Doris Costello wishes to thank Fr. McAuley for celebrating the Mass on Friday, 25th March, and to thank friends and parishioners for their lovely cards and good wishes. Francis Floyd apologises for the error he made over the date.

FAITH SHARING OPPORTUNITY Our parish discussion groups are named after saints. The St. Bernard's group meets on the first Sunday of the month in the church after 9.00am Mass. It comprises four members at the moment so that there is room for two or three more. More details from Barbara Duncan, Bernard Dromgoole, Jim Mc Donald (675098) or Anne Hoare.

CONFESSIONAL SERVICE AT ST GREGORY'S IN BATH: for parents, local parishioners and staff to be held this Monday 4th April at 7.00pm as part of the College Mission Week. There will be opportunity for individual reconciliation. The mission is being led by a team of priests and lay workers from the Spiritan Community. There will also be a workshop in the college for any governors in Catholic schools on Wednesday 6th April from 1.30-3.00pm. For more information, contact the college on 01225 838200.

'CHRISTIAN AID' LENT LUNCHESES These continue at the Seager Hall from 12 noon to 1.30pm through Lent every Monday except Holy Week. The cost is £3.00 for homemade soup and a roll with a choice of fillings.

CATHOLIC TRUTH SOCIETY There are some new publications for Lenten reading in the CTS stand. Please put the money in the box opposite.

LENTEN CONCERT Led by Tony Bevan, the Cantilena Choir & Orchestra from Glastonbury, will be giving a concert of sacred music by Handel, Caldara and D. Scarlatti in St Michael's RC church in Shepton next Saturday 9th April at 7.30pm. See poster for details!

APF COLLECTORS AND BOXHOLDERS Please let me have the contents of your APF red boxes before 30th April so that I can get the money into the bank before that date. *James Hansom 677061*

FORTHCOMING DATES FOR THE DIARY

Mon 4 th April	2.00pm Church	CWL - AGM
Mon 4 th April	6.00pm Church	RCIA meeting
Wed 6 th April	10.00-11.30am Church	Drop-in coffee morning
Sat 9 th April	4.15pm Church	Praying into Silence
Tue 12th April	7.00pm Church	Lenten Penitential Service (with individual confession and visiting confessors)
Thurs 14 th April	8.00pm Church	Pastoral Council meeting
Sat 16th April	10.15am Church	Parish General Meeting to consider fund-raising for the roof
Sun. 17 th April	6.30pm Church	Ecumenical Evening Service for Holy Week
Palm Sunday		

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE The CWL will be holding their Annual General Meeting this Monday 4th April at 2.00 in the Church. Noreen Bint, our Branch Treasurer, will be attending this meeting. All ladies of the Parish are most welcome to join us.

THE DIOCESAN FAMILY DAY will be held on 21st May at St Brendan's 6th Form College - Bishop Declan invites you to join him in celebrating our diocesan family. There will be international speakers, workshops and sessions for all ages. The day begins at 10.00 am and concludes with Mass at 4.00 pm. Details can be found on the Clifton Diocese website: <http://www.cliftondiocese.com/Diocesan-Family-Dayn>



THE CHURCH ROOF At the AGM in February we heard a report from the parish's Finance & Fabric Committee on the results of condition surveys commissioned by the committee of the church and presbytery. We learned that major work needs to be done to the roof of the church. On **Saturday 16th April at 10.15am** we shall be holding a special Parish Assembly to talk about this in more detail and in particular to consider how the necessary funds will be raised. By then we also hope to know the views of the diocesan Buildings Committee. ***This is a very important matter for the parish and it is hoped that as many parishioners as possible will attend.***



TO REFLECT ON DURING THE WEEK

- JOHN 9:1-41 As Jesus passed by, he saw a man blind from his birth. And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might

be made manifest in him. We must work the works of him who sent me, while it is day; night comes, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." As he said this, he spat on the ground and made clay of the spittle and anointed the man's eyes with the clay, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing. The neighbours and those who had seen him before as a beggar, said, "Is not this the man who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is he"; others said, "No, but he is like him." He said, "I am the man." They said to him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash'; so I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know." They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. The Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" There was a division among them. So they again said to the blind man, "What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet." The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight, and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age, he will speak for himself." His parents said this because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess him to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age, ask him." So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and said to him, "Give God the praise; we know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "Whether he is a sinner, I do not know; one thing I know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your

eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you too want to become his disciples?" And they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Why, this is a marvel! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out. Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who speaks to you." He said, "Lord, I believe"; and he worshiped him. Jesus said, "For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and that those who see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard this, and they said to him, "Are we also blind?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, 'We see,' your guilt remains.

Question of the week: The Gospel reading illustrates several different kinds of blindness. With this in mind, in what ways may we ourselves be blind?

THYSPACE RETREAT for 20-35ish years old. Want to make more space for God? Need time for reflection? Relax in the quiet village of Nympsfield, Gloucestershire, where the retreat aims are mixing with other young Catholics, spiritually nourishing discussion and prayerful contemplation. Date: 24-26 June 2011. Saturday speaker: Professor Gavin d'Costa on 'Discipleship and God's Forgiveness'. Priests: Fr Tom Finnegan, Fr Alex Redman and Fr Tom Smith. Email Tom on tafosman@hotmail.co.uk or phone/text: 07970953461

'THE MIND OF THE PARISH': SUGGESTION BOX Fr Philip and the Pastoral Council invite suggestions from parishioners about any aspect of parish life which they would like to be considered. The next Pastoral Council meeting is on Thursday 14th April. Please put your suggestions in the box by Wednesday 13th.

DOORWAY: EASTER CARDS Please look in the Doorway rack in the narthex for a lovely selection of cards for Easter.