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LENT V – The start of Passiontide

Sunday and Weekday Worship in Wells & Shepton

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 (Alkington Intention)
 Mon 11th April Lenten Feria
 9.30pm Mass ()
 Tue 12th April Lenten Feria
 9.15am Mass in Shepton ()
 9.30am Mass
7.00pm Penitential Service with Individual Confessions
 Wed 13th April Lenten Feria
 9.30am Mass ()
 Thu 14th April Lenten Feria
 9.15am Mass in Shepton ()
 9.30pm Mass ()
 Fri 15th April Lenten Feria
 9.30am Mass
 6.00pm Traditional Latin Mass
 Sat 16th April Lenten Feria
 9.30am Mass () followed by Parish General Meeting

Next Week: Lent VI – The Sunday of Palms & Passion (Year A)

Sat 16th April 6.00pm Blessing of Palms & Vigil Mass ()
 Sun 17th April 9.00am Procession & Solemn Mass (*Pro Populo*)
 11.00am Procession & Mass in Shepton
6.00pm NO MASS AT ALL HALLOWS
6.30pm Ecumenical Evening Service for Holy Week

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.



This 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 Mary Kitson (1998), Michael Anderson (1990), Edward Komolibus (2000), Mary Monaghan (1994), *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 Week beg 17 th April BIG CLEAN on Sun 17 th	COFFEE Sun 17 th April Charlotte Lythaby Maria Mena	FLOWERS Fri/Sat No flowers in Lent	WELCOMING Sat 16 th /Sun 17 th April 6pm Margaret Graham 9am Moira Haines
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9.00AM SUNDAY MASS MUSIC:

Hymns- Opening 188 Offertory 754 Communion 272 Final 384	Mass Setting: See sheet A.R. Bevan in the Phrygian Mode Gospel acclamation: 416
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TRAIDCRAFT NEWS We will be having our monthly stall this weekend 9th/10th April.

THE BIG CLEAN FOR EASTER!!!! Because of the Parish General Meeting being on Saturday 16th April, the Big Clean will replace coffee after Mass on Palm Sunday morning!!! If everyone who normally has coffee helps, we shall be done in under 45minutes. The Brass will be done on Tuesday 19th April. The "Brass and Coffee Party" will convene after morning Mass.

FAITH SHARING OPPORTUNITY Our parish discussion groups are named after saints. The St. Bernard's group meets on the 1st Sunday of the month in the church after 9.00am Mass. It comprises 4 members at the moment so that there is room for 2 or 3 more. We are reading and discussing Matthew's Gospel. More details from Barbara Duncan, Bernard Dromgoole, Jim Mc Donald (675098) or Anne Hoare.

APF RED 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



TO REFLECT ON DURING THE WEEK - JOHN 11:1-45 Now, a certain man was ill, Laz'arus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. It was Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Laz'arus was ill. So the sisters sent to him, saying, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it he said, "This illness is not unto

death; it is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified by means of it." Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Laz'arus. So when he heard that he was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go into Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were but now seeking to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. But if any one walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him." Thus he spoke, and then he said to them, "Our friend Laz'arus has fallen asleep, but I go to awake him out of sleep." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover." Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that he meant taking rest in sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Laz'arus is dead; and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." Thomas, called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him." Now when Jesus came, he found that Laz'arus had already been in the tomb four days. Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary sat in the house. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. And even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, he who is coming into the world." When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying quietly, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she rose

quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still in the place where Martha had met him. When the Jews, who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary rise quickly and go out, they followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to weep there. Then Mary, when she came where Jesus was and saw him, fell at his feet, saying to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled; and he said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus wept. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb; it was a cave, and a stone lay upon it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you would believe you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me. I knew that thou hearest me always, but I have said this on account of the people standing by, that they may believe that thou didst send me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Laz'arus, come out." The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with bandages, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go." Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him.

Question of the week: How willing are we to recognise God in our lives or are we, like the onlookers at Lazarus' tomb, waiting for Him to show Himself before we believe?

FORTHCOMING DATES FOR THE DIARY

Sat 9 th April	4.15pm Church	Praying into Silence
Mon 11 th April	6.00pm Church	RCIA meeting
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 Palm Sunday	6.30pm Church	Ecumenical Evening Service for Holy Week

Worship for HOLY WEEEK in Wells & Shepton

	<u>Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion</u>
Sat 16 th April	6.00pm Blessing of Palms & Vigil Mass ()
Sun 17 th April	9.00am Procession & Solemn Mass (<i>Pro Populo</i>) 11.00am Procession & Mass in Shepton
	6.00pm NO MASS AT ALL HALLOWS
Mon 18 th April	6.30pm Ecumenical Evening Service for Holy Week <u>Fig Monday – In Holy Week</u> 9.30pm Mass () 1.30pm Funeral Mass for Pam Teagle 7.30pm Mass in Shepton ()
Tue 19 th April	<u>Temple Tuesday - In Holy Week</u> 9.15am Mass in Shepton () 9.30am Mass
Wed 20 th April	<u>Spy Wednesday – In Holy Week</u> 9.30am Mass () 11.00am The Bishop's Chrism Mass in Clifton Cathedral 7.30pm Mass in Shepton ()
Thu 21 st April	<u>Maundy Thursday</u> NO MORNING MASS
THE TRIDUUM – First Day	
Thu 21 st April	8.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper in Shepton followed by the Watch 8.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by the Watch and ending with Compline at 11.00pm
Fri 22 nd April	<u>Good Friday</u> 11.00am Family Stations of the Cross 3.00pm The Solemn Celebration of the Passion
THE TRIDUUM – Second Day	
Sat 23 th April	<u>Holy Saturday, - the The Great and Holy Sabbath</u> No Mass - We watch and mourn and fast
THE TRIDUUM – Third Day	
Sat 23 th April	<u>Easter Eve</u>
Sat 23 rd April	9.00pm The Great Paschal Vigil & First Mass of Easter
Sun 10 th April	8.00am Traditional Latin Mass 10.00am Mass in Shepton 10.00am Solemn Mass (<i>Pro Populo</i>) 12.30pm A.U. Mass according to the B.D.W. No Mass at All Hallows School,

Confessions These are normally heard on Saturdays, Noon to 12.30pm in Shepton & from 5.00pm to 5.30pm in Wells. Look out for The Penitential Service on Tuesday 12th April. **NO CONFESSIONS DURING THE TRIDUUM.** You have had 5 and half weeks of Lent for Easter Duties!!!

'CHRISTIAN AID' LENT LUNCHES These have their last session this week, on Monday 11th April at the Seager Hall from 12 noon to 1.30pm. The cost is £3.00 for homemade soup and a roll with a choice of fillings.

THE DIOCESAN FAMILY DAY This very important and enjoyable event will be held on Saturday 21st May at St Brendan's 6th Form College. We really want to encourage our young people to attend (YOOFF Group take note!!) There will be international speakers, workshops and sessions for people of all ages. The day begins at 10.00 am concludes with Mass at 4.00 pm. Details can be found on the Clifton Diocese website: <http://www.cliftondiocese.com/Diocesan-Family-Dayn>

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

THE CHURCH ROOF 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.***

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

"A.U. MASS ACCORDING TO THE B.D.W." With creation of Personal Ordinariates around the world for former members of the Anglican Communion, we have to get used to new abbreviations!!! Anglican Use of the Roman Rite is shortened to A.U. The BDW is the Book of Divine Worship, the book that contains the Anglican Use of the Roman Rite. It is undergoing revision at present. We shall offer Mass in this form in thanksgiving for the reception at the Easter Vigil of nearly 900 new members of the Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham throughout England and Wales.

ALTAR SERVERS and ANY POSSIBLE NEW SERVES There will be practices for the Easter services on MAUNDY THURSDAY 21st APRIL at 1030AM and SATURDAY 23rd APRIL at 230PM, both taking place in the church. Please come if you possibly can. Any adults who would be willing to volunteer to serve are also very welcome. We'd all welcome your help. You don't need to have served before. Look forward to seeing you all. If you'd like to know a bit more, please ring Liz Walker on 01749 673256.

A FILM FOR HOLY WEEK ABOUT OSCAR ROMERO Archbishop Romero was martyred in El Salvador in 1980. This film will be shown at 7.30pm on Tuesday 19th April at the Salvation Army citadel in Shepton Mallet, by the police station.