



**Ss Joseph & Teresa Parish, Wells,**  
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 Parish Priest: Fr Philip Thomas

**ADVENT I**  
**First Sunday of the Church's Year**  
**30<sup>th</sup> November 2008**

**Sunday Worship**

Sat. 29<sup>nd</sup> Nov 6.00pm 1<sup>st</sup> Mass of Sunday in Wells (Mary Stimpson RIP)  
 Sun 30<sup>th</sup> Nov 9.00am Solemn Mass in Wells (Joanna Izatt RIP)  
 11.00am Sung Mass in Shepton (Pro Populo)

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

**Next Week – Advent II (Year B)**

Sat. 6<sup>th</sup> Dec 6.00pm 1<sup>st</sup> Mass of Sunday in Wells (John Parkes – Anni)  
 Sun 7<sup>th</sup> Dec 9.00am Solemn Mass in Wells()  
 11.00am Sung Mass in Shepton (Pro Populo)

**Weekday Worship in Wells**

Mon 1<sup>st</sup> Dec STANDREW  
**9.30am Mass** ( )  
 Tue 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec St Osmund of Salisbury  
 9.30am Liturgy of the Word and HC  
 Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec St Francis Xavier  
 9.30am Mass (John & Ethna Cavanagh RIP)  
 Thu 4<sup>th</sup> Dec St John Damascene  
 9.30am Liturgy of the Word and HC  
 Fri 5<sup>th</sup> Dec Advent Feria  
 9.30am Mass ( )  
**7.00pm Mass in the Extra-ordinary Form** ( )  
 Sat 6<sup>th</sup> Dec St Nicholas of Myra  
 9.30am Mass (Deceased members of John & Mary Monnaghau's family)

**NEWSLETTER** Please e-mail items to the Office or drop it into the presbytery or newsletter pigeonhole by midday WEDNESDAY for inclusion in the following edition. Please include a contact name and number with the item. Thank you.

**LITURGICAL DIARIES FOR 2009** have arrived and are on sale in the porch. The diary is priced at £5.99. Please put payment in the marked box. Parish pocket diaries have been ordered and we hope they will arrive soon.

There is a second collection this weekend for THE POOR MISSIONS OF THE DIOCESE.

Last week's collection for the Catholic Youth Service raised £123.89. Next weekend there will be a collection for Christmas flowers

**9.00AM SUNDAY MASS MUSIC**

<i>Hymns</i>	<i>Mass setting: Missa Emmanuel</i>
Opening hymn 373	See separate sheet
Presentation 241	
Communion 535	
Final hymn 763	

**REST IN PEACE** Hilda Butler (1993), Joanna Izatt (2002), Concetta Bignal (2004), Arthur Church (1996), Arthur Andrews (2001), Arthur Andrews (2001) *Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine, et lux perpetua luceat eis. Requiescant in pace.*

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**Parish Website**

[www.ssjosephandteresawells.co.uk](http://www.ssjosephandteresawells.co.uk)

**Parish Administrator**  
 Barbara Lewis – Parish Office open  
 Wednesday s & Fridays  
 10.00am till 4 .00pm

**Diocesan Confidential Child Care**  
 Helpline: 0117 935 1555

**Diocese of Clifton**  
[www.cliftondiocese.com](http://www.cliftondiocese.com)

**Weekday Worship in Shepton**

Mon 1<sup>st</sup> Dec St Alexander Briant  
 9.15am Liturgy of the Word and HC  
 Tue 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec St Osmund of Salisbury  
**7.30pm Mass & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**  
 Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec St Francis Xavier  
 9.15am Liturgy of the Word and HC  
 Thu 4<sup>th</sup> Dec St John Damascene  
 9.15am Mass  
 Fri 5<sup>th</sup> Dec Advent Feria  
 9.15am Liturgy of the Word and HC  
 Sat 6<sup>th</sup> Dec St Nicholas of Myra  
 9.15am Liturgy of the Word and HC

**1<sup>ST</sup> CONFESSION & HOLY COMMUNION 2009** Our Celebration of First Holy Communion will be on Corpus Christi Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2009. Children in Year 3 may apply (or parents may apply) using a form available from the Parish Office. The course will start in January and there will be sessions for parents as well as for children. First Reconciliation (Confession or Penance) will be in Lent.

**ADVENT GOSPEL ENQUIRY:** Everyone is invited to come along to the Upper Room **this Tuesday, 2 December** at 7.30pm to share ideas on the Gospel for the coming Sunday in an informal yet structured way.. We shall be using the lively translation and commentary by Fr Nicholas King who gave such an inspiring lecture here in September. Photocopies will be provided. This week we look at the opening of Mark's Gospel. Dereck Titchen will lead our discussion. Do come along.

**IGNATIAN PRAYER FOR ADVENT:** At St Mary's, Glastonbury in the Lower Hall. Thursdays at 2.30pm. 'Each week we meet for silent prayer on the next Sunday's Gospel, entering into the Gospel scene to listen to what God has to say to us in our lives now.'

**ADVENT PRAYER** "Prayer Otherwise - many ways to pray" at St Michael's Church Park Road, Shepton Mallet this Sunday 1.00pm – 5.00pm. Come when you can, leave when you have to. This is an opportunity to pray in many different ways, both old and new. Pray with Scripture – Pray through creative art – Pray with music - Pray with clay – Pray through meditation – various other ways which can lead to a deeper discovery of God. **Prepare for Christmas!**

**'PAINT IT PINK'** At Shepton on Gaudete Sunday, 14 December, Mass (as here) will be in joyful pink – not only the vestments but the congregation too. Afterwards everyone is invited to a Get Together with a pink theme in the Parish Room. A Bring and Buy will include gifts for Christmas plus jams and chutneys, light refreshments and a raffle. There is a **Pink Quiz** on sale now for just £1. A 2Gb MP3 player (pink of course) is the prize for the winner on the day. Fr Philip encourages Wells parishioners to support this rosy event just as he encourages Shepton parishioners to support the Wells bazaar

**QUIET DAY:** Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December at Ammerdown, 10am to 4pm, led by Sr Theresa Kennedy, a trained spiritual director & member of the Anglican Community of St Denys. Cost £30 including lunch. Phone 01761 433709 for further details and booking or see poster on Spiritual Development noticeboard.

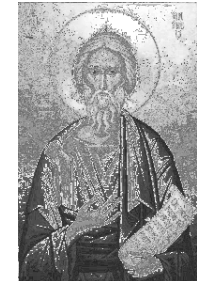
**"LIGHT UP A LIFE" SERVICE** : organized in connection with St Margaret Hospice, this service will be held at our church, Wednesday 10 December at 7pm. All welcome

**ADVENT SERVICE:** A sequence of music and readings with the aid of the Beaumont Singers, Tuesday 9 December 7.30pm in church - Not a concert, but an opportunity to ponder in words and music some of the themes of Advent -Including the Great O Antiphons, such a feature of Late Advent in Catholic England. Today, most of us know them only as the verses of the hymn "O Come, O come, Emmanuel", but they were solemnly sung as the verses before and after the Magnificat at Vespers, leading up to Christmass. [It ends with the letter S twice because Mass is spelt M A S S].



**ST ANDREW** Not only is the Holy Apostle Andrew the First-Called the patron saint of our Anglican Cathedral, but he is also the patron saint of the entire city. Accordingly, his solemnity is transferred to Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December and displaces St Alexander Briant in this city. His feast day carries a great deal of ecumenical significance: -

- The Successor of St Andrew is the leader of Eastern Orthodox, the Patriarch of Constantinople.
- The mission to England of St Augustine and his monks, which arrived in Canterbury in 597AD, came from the Monastery of St Andrew on the Caelian Hill, now called San Gregorio.
- The last Catholic Archbishop of Canterbury, Reginald Cardinal Pole (died 17<sup>th</sup> November 1558, 450 years ago) reconciled the Church of England to the Holy See and the Universal Church on St Andrew's Day 1554.



May the Holy Brother of Peter pray for all Christians in Wells!

**THE KONEVETS VOCAL QUARTET FROM ST PETERSBURG:** This Tuesday 2 December at St Mary's RC Church, Glastonbury 7.30pm. Tickets cost £6 from Glastonbury Music Shop 01458 835212 or on the door.

**COFFEE MORNING:** Dorothy Jamal invites us to her home, 'Vespers', Tor Street, this **Thursday** 4 December 10am – noon. The proceeds will go to a charity which supports schools and clinics in Bethlehem, Ramallah and Gaza.

### MINISTERS OF COMMUNION AND THE WORD:

New rotas will be prepared shortly. Please indicate on the sheets on noticeboard any dates which you know you will not be able to manage. It would also be helpful to indicate if you would like to minister at Christmas and, if so, at which mass.

**POPE BENEDICT XVI:** 'Opening the doors to Christ'. A special publication on the life and work of Pope Benedict is on sale in the porch, price £3.50. Please put the money in the box marked 'Newspapers'

### TO PONDER OVER AT HOME DURING THE WEEK:

**Mark 13: 33-37** Jesus said to his disciples: "Take heed, watch; for you do not know when the time will come.



It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Watch therefore for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning - lest he come suddenly and

find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Watch."

- *Question of the week:* Called to be a watchful people; to be aware of what is happening in our families, our church, our society, our world. In what ways will I 'stay awake' in this Advent?

### Prayers for Renewal and Healing Through the Rosary

*'NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE TO GOD'*

*From the Gospel of St. Luke on the solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 8<sup>th</sup> December.*

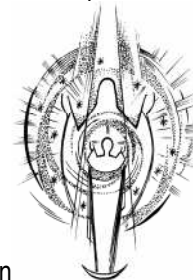
On Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 4.00 p.m., we will be holding a Liturgy of the Rosary of Light with particular emphasis on healing and renewal in our own and others' lives.

If you would like to come and pray for healing for yourself or for others, you will be more than welcome.

For those of our parishioners who are not familiar with praying the rosary, guidelines will be available for use. Rosaries are available for sale in the vestibule, but ten fingers are just as good!

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**MESSA IN LINGUA ITALIANA** Secondo la sua promessa, il parroco celebrerà la Santa Messa in lingua Italiana alle 7.30pm, la sera della solennità dell'Immacolata Concezione di Maria santissima, 8 Dicembre 2008.



Mass in Italian 7.30pm 8<sup>th</sup> December,  
Solemnity of Mary's Immaculate Conception