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THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Sunday and Weekday Worship in Wells & Shepton

Sat 26th Mar 6.00pm Vigil Mass ()
 Sun 27th Mar 9.00am Solemn Mass (*Pro Populo*)
 11.00am Mass in Shepton
 6.00pm Mass at All Hallows School, East Cranmore (Alkington Intention)

Mon 28th Mar Lenten Feria
 9.30pm Mass ()
 Tue 29th Mar Lenten Feria
 9.15am Mass in Shepton ()
 9.30am Mass
 Wed 30th Mar Lenten Feria
 9.30am Mass ()
 Thu 31st Mar Lenten Feria
 9.15am Mass in Shepton ()
 9.30pm Mass ()
 Fri 1st April Lenten Feria
 9.30am Mass
 6.00pm Traditional Latin Mass
 Sat 2nd April Lenten Feria
 9.30am Mass ()

Next Week: Lent IV Sunday (Year A) Laetare/Mothering Sunday

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 (Alkington 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.

This week's second collection is for the **Fabric/Roof fund**.

The Lenten Fast day collection for CAFOD last week raised £413.

ANNIVERSARIES AT THIS WEEK *Louis Seigne (2000), Royston Palmer (2006) 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 4th April</i>	<i>Sun 3rd April</i>	<i>Fri/Sat</i>	<i>Sat 2nd/Sun 3rd April</i>
<i>John Mulvey</i>	<i>Barbara Duncan, Bernadette Green</i>	No flowers in Lent	<i>6pm Helen Cox 9am Claire Mitchell</i>

9.00AM SUNDAY MASS MUSIC:

Hymns- <i>Opening 401</i>	Mass Setting: <i>See sheet</i> A.R. Bevan in the Phrygian Mode
<i>Offertory 624</i> <i>Communion 53</i> <i>Final 233</i>	<i>Gospel acclamation: 416</i>

"YOUR KINGDOM COME: Clifton Diocese CAFOD Gathering with Bishop Declan Lang and Geoff O'Donoghue, Director of CAFOD's International Division, is being held on Saturday 2nd April at Newman Hall, Grange Court Road, Westbury on Trym, Bristol BS9 4DR, starting at 1.30pm. All are welcome. Bishop Declan will celebrate a Sunday vigil Mass for us in the Sacred Heart Church to conclude our gathering.



HARVESTERS is a national Catholic Men's Network. The theme of its day and weekend meetings this year is 'Men of God growing together in faith'. For further details see the noticeboard or visit the website: www.harvesters.org.uk

ST MARGARET'S HOSPICE: Spring Plants & Cake Fair This will be held on **Saturday 2nd April** from 9.30am – 1,00pm at the Seager Hall, Union Street. Seeds, plants, garden sundries, cake stall, second hand garden books and delicious refreshments.

PRAYING INTO SILENCE Once a fortnight, a few of us meet to pray in silence for 25 minutes and afterwards, some sit in silence in front of the Blessed Sacrament Exposed. This can be for everyone a very special time. We take ourselves out of our busy lives for this short period of time; we sit in silence and offer ourselves to God, just as we are. If you would like to join us, you will be most welcome. We next meet on Saturday 9th April. **Programme:- Meet at 4.15pm**



Pray in Silence for 25 minutes

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 4.45pm

End of Exposition: 5.15 pm

There will be no meetings during April as the School holidays fall in the middle of this month, but will recommence on the **7th May**.

"FROM THE ORGAN LOFT" The choir is starting work on music for the Triduum: surely one of the richest veins for choral music. **IF YOU HAVE THOUGHT ABOUT SINGING WITH US OR WOULD LIKE TO GIVE IT A GO, DO COME ALONG ON THURSDAY EVENINGS AT 7.00PM AND HAVE A GO!** We need more sopranos, altos, tenors and basses, so cast off your inhibitions and come and join in.



CHRISTIAN AID LENT LUNCHESES These lunches 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.

DOORWAY is back in the rack with a selection of cards to suit almost any occasion, including blank ones! It is always wise to have a few cards tucked away at home for that forgotten birthday or anniversary so make sure you are covered with a card from 'Doorway'.

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

ADVANCED NOTICE OF AN 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 on Saturday 9th April at 7.30pm. See poster for details!

FORTHCOMING DATES FOR THE DIARY		
Mon 28 th Mar	6.00pm Church	RCIA meeting
Thu 31 st Mar	School Hall	Musical Extravaganza
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 16 th April	10.15am Church	Parish General Meeting to consider fund-raising for the roof
Sunday 17 th April Palm Sunday	6.30pm Church	Ecumenical service

We welcome this weekend Fr Andrzej Marszewski from Yeovil

THANK YOU to everyone who worked hard to make our celebration of the Feast of St Joseph such a success. We even made a small profit on the Barn Dance! The next social event for your diary is **Wednesday 6th April** when there will be another **coffee morning**. Stay after morning Mass or drop in anytime between 10.00 and 11.30am. Small children are very welcome!



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



MINISTRY OF THE WORD The readers' rota for the Triduum and the Easter season (to 29th May) is now available for collection from pigeonholes .

TO REFLECT ON DURING THE WEEK - JOHN 4:5-42



So Jesus came to a city of Samar'ia, called Sy'char, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and so Jesus, wearied as he was with his journey, sat down beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.

There came a woman of Samar'ia to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samar'ia?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who

it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep; where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, and his sons, and his cattle?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst; the water that I shall give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw." Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and he whom you now have is not your husband; this you said truly." The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain; and you say that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship."

Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah

is coming (he who is called Christ); when he comes, he will show us all things." Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he."

Just then his disciples came. They marvelled that he was talking with a woman, but none said, "What do you wish?" or, "Why are you talking with her?" So the woman left her water jar, and went away into the city, and said to the people, "Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" They went out of the city and were coming to him.

Meanwhile the disciples besought him, saying, "Rabbi, eat." But he said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know." So the disciples said to one another, "Has any one brought him food?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me, and to accomplish his work. Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, then comes the harvest'? I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see how the fields are already white for harvest. He who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour; others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour."

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me all that I ever did." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of your words that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Saviour of the world."

Question of the week: The Samaritan woman is very quick to grasp that Jesus is the Messiah and then to act upon it. Are my mind and heart as open to the Word and my response as positive?

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.