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TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Year C

WORSHIP FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

Sat 24 th Aug	6.00pm Proper Vigil Mass in Wells (<i>The Myatt Family</i>)
Sun 25 th Aug	9.00am <i>Sunday Mass in Cheddar (Pro Populis)</i> 11.00am Sunday Mass in Wells (<i>The Breen Family</i>)
Mon 26 th Aug	<u>Feria of Week XXI -Bank Holiday Monday</u> 9.30am Adoration and Rosary in Wells
Tue 27 th Aug	<u>St Monica</u> 9.30am Mass in Wells 6.00pm Traditional Latin Mass in Wells
Wed 28 th Aug	<u>St Augustine, Bishop Doctor of the Church</u> 9.30am Mass in Wells (<i>Shane Dugdale RIP</i>)
Thu 29 th Aug	<u>Passion of St John the Baptist</u> 9.30am Adoration and Rosary in Wells 10.00am Mass in Cheddar
Fri 30 th Aug	<u>Feria.</u> 10.00am Mass in Cheddar with Fr Wally Beale 12 noon Traditional Latin Mass in Wells
Sat 31 st Aug	<u>Feria</u> 10.00am Mass in Cheddar
22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time – Year C	
Sat 31 st Aug	6.00pm Vigil Mass in Wells (Patrick Eugene Durken RIP)
Sun 1 st Sept	9.00am <i>Sunday Mass in Cheddar</i> 11.00am Sunday with Holy Baptism Mass in Wells (Pro populis)

Confessions: These are normally heard on Saturdays after Saturday Morning Mass in Cheddar and from 5.00pm to 5.30pm in Wells

COLLECTIONS Plate Collection last week was £250.65 (plus £346 from standing orders.) **NO SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEK:**

THE SIXTEEN This is a choir specialising in the repertoire of the Renaissance and Catholic England, founded by Harry Christophers. Each year they do a choir tour or Choral Pilgrimage. The Choral Pilgrimage 2019 featuring choral gems by Sheppard, Taverner, Whitacre & Macmillan Friday 6th September 2019 7.30pm Wells Cathedral

THE 'DOZEN DINERS' THE 'DIRTY DOZEN' MEET NEXT IN SEPTEMBER. Our next lunch for anyone who lives on their own is on Sunday 1st September at Rugantinos Restaurant, Sadler St at 12.30pm. The sign up sheet is in the Narthex already. Please sign up and don't just turn up! Hope you can come. Enquiries: Sara Tambling 07801368628.

FOR THE DIARY

- Monday 26th August – Wells Moat Boat Race
- Saturday 7th September – Sponsored Walk
- Saturday 7th September – 12.30pm Holy Matrimony for Finton and Annie
- **Sunday 8th September – Solemnity of Our Lady of Glastonbury – Fr. Philip's last Sunday.** No other Sunday Masses on Saturday night or Sunday morning. **4.00pm Solemn Mass in St Joseph's followed by Tea in the School.**
- Wednesday 18th September 7.30pm DPC Meeting, Holy Ghost Church Yeovil
- Saturday 19th October 9.15am Reflection of a Year in Communion
- Friday 22nd November 7.00pm A celebration of Evening Prayer for A Year in Communion

TO FEED THE HUNGRY – A CORPORAL WORK OF MERCY 1

in 3 parents from low income families have skipped a meal so that their children can eat during the school holidays* & 3 Million children are at risk of hunger in the school holidays** In light of this, we are hosting an extra free community meal per week during school holidays - Thursdays 12-2pm - a complimentary hot meal for families with children who need it. We do have a signup page here: <https://www.connect-centre.org.uk/families-community-lunch> sign up is not necessary, but it is helpful! (as you might imagine)

ST JOSEPH'S LADIES GROUP will be holding a Cream Tea event in the Church on Monday 2nd September from 2.00pm. The cost will be £5. This is our main fund raising event and we would ask for your support. ALL are welcome to join us.

TEACHERS: Have you considered becoming a Foundation Governor at a Catholic school? Teachers can make a valuable contribution to the governing body of a **different** school to where they are employed. Sharing experience and good practice benefits the governing body, the school where you work and provides you with valuable experience of strategic leadership and can utilise and grow your skills and experience in a different context. Whether you teach at a Catholic School or any other type of school, we would love to hear from you. Please contact bill.mcentee@clifftondioocese.com for more information about becoming a Foundation Governor.



THIS SUNDAY'S GOSPEL – LUKE 13: 22-30 He went on his way through towns and villages, teaching, and journeying toward Jerusalem. And some one said to him, "Lord, will those who are saved be few?" And he said to them, "Strive to enter by the narrow door; for many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. When once the householder has risen up and shut the door, you will begin to stand outside and to knock

at the door, saying, 'Lord, open to us.' He will answer you, 'I do not know where you come from.' Then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.' But he will say, 'I tell you, I do not know where you come from; depart from me, all you workers of iniquity!' There you will weep and gnash your teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God and you yourselves thrust out. And men will come from east and west, and from north and south, and sit at table in the kingdom of God. And behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last."

Question of the week: How difficult is it for us to go through the narrow door? How might we live so that we will be welcomed by Jesus with opened arms?

SPONSORED WALK: SATURDAY 7th SEPTEMBER The sponsored Walk this year is for Doorway. Walkers meet at 10.30am at The Sherston Inn in Priory Rd to follow a 6 mile circular route through Wells, Dinder, Tor Hill and South Horrington. Well behaved dogs are welcome. Sponsorship forms are available from Bernadette Green.

STARTING SCHOOL? If you have a child born between **1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016**, then **now** is the time to apply for a place at a primary school for admission from September 2020 onwards. You must complete an application form that is available from the school admissions team of the **Somerset County Council** Local Authority. If your child has been baptised and you are applying for a Catholic school, you **must** also provide a copy of the baptism certificate. Please ensure you apply by the closing date of **15 January 2020**.

DIOCESAN YEAR OF PRAYER In today's gospel we hear a paradox. Jesus urges his followers to 'enter by the narrow door'. This is a constricted path and Jesus warns that there will be those who will be disappointed. Simply being alongside him, eating and drinking with him, does not guarantee entry to God's house. What does this mean for us?

Are we confident that we will not be disappointed? Jesus points to the 'narrow door' that leads to the Kingdom, a place of abundant hospitality where all are welcome, not because of race, gender, ability or lineage but because of lives lived in genuine love and peace. Perhaps the door is narrow because of all the things which could stop us from entering like pride, fear or an assumption that we are guaranteed a place. If the narrow door leads to a Kingdom where all are welcome are we ready for that? A thought for this week: It is one thing to go to Mass every Sunday and observe the sacraments but does the whole of our life reflect this relationship with Jesus, leading us outwards in care and concern for the world far and wide, welcoming above all the stranger and the outsider?

DIOCESAN YEAR OF COMMUNION 2019 TO 2020

A Life Lived in Communion – A Lecture

On **Saturday 19 October** we gather at **St Brendan's College, Brislington**, (9.15am -2.30pm) with Fr. James Hanvey SJ, who will help us reflect upon *A life lived in Communion*. The day at St Brendan's is set to prepare us for the coming *Year of Communion* (beginning the first Sunday of Advent) and introduce us to the resources that will be available to us from the end of November. All are welcome and it would be good if each parish was represented. Whilst we do not need names it would be useful to have an idea of how many are coming from your parish. Would you please let the Adult Education Office know that you are coming. The deadline is Monday 14th October at adult.education@cliftondiocese.com if you can. Participants will need to bring a packed lunch for this day.

Vespers to Launch the Year in the Cathedral

On **Friday 22 November** at 7.00pm in our **Cathedral**, Bishop Declan invites our diocesan community to join him at a celebration of Evening Prayer during which he will present to each parish, community and school the resources for the *Year of Communion* starting Sunday 1 December. As we did with the *Year of Mission & Year of Prayer* each community will be called forward to receive the year's resources.

IMPORTANT NOTICE THERE IS A SIGN UP SHEET IN THE NARTHEX Fr. PHILIP'S LEAVING MASS FOLLOWED BY A BRING AND SHARE AFTERNOON TEA. PLEASE SIGN UP WITH WHAT YOU ARE BRINGING, SO THAT WE DON'T END UP WITH HUNDREDS OF SAUSAGE ROLLS!!!! 😊



JOSEPH WOULD LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE who donated clothes, gifts and money for the three schools that he and the other teenagers he travelled with visited earlier this month.

He was lucky enough to see some of the amazing sights in Kenya including Thomson Falls and Lake Naivasha. However, his most shared memories are about the schools where they built swings, climbing frames, painted buildings and played football with the children. It was these young children that had the most impact, especially 13year old Mary. He visited

the one room, corrugated iron shack, that has no electricity or running water, where she is bringing up her 4 younger siblings. *"It is nothing like what you see on television, this was real life"*

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK Catholic Christianity starts with a relationship with Jesus Christ as our Lord, God and Saviour. From that, flow two things. The first is a set of non-negotiable beliefs. Closely allied with that is the second thing: a way of life!!! St John the Baptist, whose beheading we keep this week, shows that relationship and that way of life. He got into trouble for telling King Herod that his way of life did not accord with what God wanted. Christianity can never be just a set of doctrines without the way of life, nor can it ever be that way of life without the doctrines. Together they safeguard our living relationship with the Lord of Life. .



Mother and son, Monica and Augustine. She was very disappointed in him for a long time and cried buckets over him. In this she stands before God for many Christian parents. Augustine made many mistakes in life. It took him a long time to work out what God wanted of him. His mother never stopped loving him or praying for him. Her persistence was very important. He became a Bishop and a Doctor of the Church. A letter he wrote to a group of friends sharing a house is the basis of the Rule of St Augustine, followed by many friars and canons. The Augustinian Friars in the New World, founded the Californian town of Santa Monica after this famous mother.



MUSIC AT THE 11.00AM SUNDAY MASS

Introit	312	No setting
Offertory	23	
Myst. Of Faith	When we eat this bread	
Communion	285	
Exit	536	

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH Ruby Herdon 1997, Eileen Buckle 2003, Kathleen Marsh 1988, Nicola D'Amore 2014, Mary MacHinney 1989, Chris Stedman 2008, Edward Lynch 2003, Nell Atkin 2013, Mary McDonagh 2006 *Through the mercy of God, may they rest in peace.*

THE 'DRAGON' WRITES I was immensely delighted that so many people came to my thanksgiving mass. What a surprise you all were! I want to thank Pam Maptstone and her team for wonderful eats. This parish does these things so well. In my little speech after, I thanked Fr. Philip for giving me the opportunity to serve God and my faith community as Head Sacristan. In my retirement, I shall go on doing my bit and being of help where I can. I will let you all know when my first Pole Dancing gig is. Sorry that should have read Polish dancing. God bless you all, Marie

YEOVIL/GLASTONBURY DEANERY INFORMATION: NEXT DPC MEETING will be on Wed 18 September 2019 at The Holy Ghost Church, Yeovil, at 730pm

THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS FAIR NEWS If anyone is sorting out their wardrobes and has any **COTTON** clothing they no longer need can they be dropped into the church so they can be recycled into rag wreaths. *Many thanks The Little Sisters of Prosecco*

PRACTICAL MINISTRIES - ROTAS FOR NEXT WEEK

CLEANING	TEA & COFFEE	FLOWERS	WELCOMING
26 th Aug Lorna Kelly & Nicki Hall	25 th Aug Nikki & Rhoda	30 th Aug Gill Baxter & Gill McGrath	31 st Aug Chris Wherton 1 st Sept Fionnuala Duddy

GDPR: A copy of the Diocesan Privacy Notice is in the Narthex and has been emailed out to those for whom we hold email addresses. If you would like a copy please contact the office. If you would like us to keep in touch with information about events, rotas, newsletters etc by email there are some forms in the Narthex that you will need to complete and pop in the Parish Admin