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TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Year C

WORSHIP FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

Sat 7th Sept 6.00pm Proper Vigil Mass in Wells
 Sun 8th Sept 4.00pm Mass in Wells followed by tea in the school

Mon 9th Sept Feria of Week XXIII
 9.30am Traditional Latin Mass in Wells

Tue 10th Sept Feria
 9.30am Mass in Wells

Wed 11th Sept Feria
 9.30am School Mass in Church in Wells

Thu 12th Sept Feria
 9.30am Adoration and Rosary in Wells
 10.00am Mass in Cheddar

Fri 13th Sept Memorial of St John Chrysostom
 10.00am Mass in Cheddar with Fr Walley
 12 noon Traditional Latin Mass in Wells

Sat 14th Sept FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS
 10.00am Mass in Cheddar

24th Sunday of Ordinary Time – Year C

Sat 14th Sept 6.00pm Vigil Mass in Wells
 Sun 15th Sept 9.00am Sunday Mass in Cheddar
 11.00am Sunday Mass in Wells (Pro populis)

Confessions: These are normally heard on Saturdays after Saturday Morning Mass in Cheddar and from 5.15pm to 5.45pm in Wells

COLLECTIONS Plate Collection last week was £250.58 (plus £346 from standing orders.) **SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEK: CATHOLIC EDUCATION SERVICE**

FOR THE DIARY

- Saturday 14th September Spirit of Christmas Fair Meeting 10.30am in the Church
- Wednesday 18th September 7.30pm DPC Meeting, Holy Ghost Church Yeovil
- Friday 20th Sept 7.00pm Healing Mass at ur Lady of St Mary's Glastonbury
- 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

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@cliftondiocese.com for more information about becoming a Foundation Governor.

Do your children get bored at Mass? Do they say there's nothing for them to do? Are they 8 years and over?

Well, let them come and join the choir! They will gain so much from being a member: A greater understanding of the Mass and how it works; a wider hymn repertoire; the chance to learn to read music and to sing lots of different kinds of music; voice training and singing in parts. It's fun and it's friendly. What's not to like? We meet every Thursday from 7pm till 8.15 but under ten year olds can go at 8pm. Please speak to Ruth Hudson or William Roberts if you are interested.

PLEASE NOTE.....WE WELCOME 'CHILDREN' OF ALL AGES!!

HARVEST FESTIVAL Sunday 22nd of September is the Diocesan week for harvest. It would be wonderful if we could all bring food, both fresh and dried, for the Connect Centre, or for St James Priory. Please be generous



THIS SUNDAY'S GOSPEL – LUKE 14:25-33 Now great multitudes accompanied him; and he turned and said to them, "If any one comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and

even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me, cannot be my disciple. For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation, and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying, 'This man began to build, and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and take counsel whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends an embassy and asks terms of peace. So therefore, whoever of you does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.

Question of the week: Am I sufficiently amazed that the Son of God was first revealed to us as a vulnerable, fully human baby in the arms of his young mother?



DIOCESAN YEAR OF PRAYER At his last supper Jesus gave us a meal to remind us of what it means to be a follower of Christ. The breaking of Christ's body and the spilling of his blood brought wholeness and healing to a broken world. The food that we eat at this eucharistic banquet is the nourishment we need to go out and continue that great saving work. The love that Christ showed through his life, death and resurrection is the paschal mystery into which all Christians are called to participate. This is what it means to do this in memory of me. This is what it means to let go and take up the cross. Let us in the week ahead have the courage to go out to the whole world and serve it with love, compassion and dedication.



SS Joseph and Teresa Christmas Fair – Saturday 30th November 2019

Calling all volunteers, donors and customers! It's that time of year again and we are busy organising our important annual event – the Christmas Fair (formerly known as the Christmas Bazaar). As usual, we will need donations of books; jewellery; cakes; Christmas gifts and Christmas goodies – we will place boxes in the Church lobby to leave the donations, or please bring them along the evening before or on the day (please no toys or bric-a-brac this year). We'll also be asking you to buy tickets for the famous Grand Draw and offer items or experiences for the Silent Auction.

We're holding a planning meeting on **Saturday 14th September at 10:30 am in the Church** – please come along and offer your support. Christmas Fair team – please do try and make this important meeting. Thank-you again for your continued support - this event is an important fund raiser for our parish Finance & Fabric fund and for our wider community.

Clifton Diocese is seeking to appoint a Marriage and Family Life co-ordinator. This is a part-time post for 3 days a week based in Bristol. For an application form and job description contact Richard.Williams@cliftondiocese.com or ring 0117 902 5590 or see www.cliftondiocese.com/diocese/working-for-us The closing date for applications is 18th September

DOWNSIDE DAY OF RECOLLECTION Thursday 19 September 10.00am-2.30pm. The day begins with coffee, followed by a talk at 10.30, then silent prayer and an opportunity for confession. Mass is at midday. Bring a picnic lunch. Final talk at 1.30. This Day of Recollection will be held at the Visitor Centre at Downside Abbey, led by Rev M Smeaton, Parish Priest of St Alphege's Church, Bath. Do come; everyone is welcome. For more information contact Margaret Goldschmidt on 01963 370688. The next such Day of Recollection will be on 21 November.

Friday 20th Sept at 7.00pm Mass with Individual Healing Prayer with exposition, Reconciliation & Benediction at The Shrine of Our Lady St Mary of Glastonbury

A FESTIVAL OF FLOWERS & QUILTS: Will be held at Our Lady and the English Martyrs Church, Burnham-on-Sea, on Thursday 12th & Friday 13th September from 10.00am-5.00pm and on Saturday 14th from 10.00am-4.30pm. Admission is free - refreshments available. Please see the Poster in the Church Porch. Well worth a visit

MICHAELMAS SERVICE - SUNDAY 15 SEPTEMBER - 10.00am at Winscombe Community Centre (in Michaelmas Fair Tent). HOPE FOR THE MIDDLE EAST. Churches Together Winscombe and Sandford (CTWS) invite you to join them for the Michaelmas Fair Service. The speaker will be Revd, John Angle from 'The Hope Christian Trust' Everyone is welcome

VOCATIONS DISCERNMENT RETREAT

A three day Vocations Discernment Retreat, organised by Clifton Diocese and Downside Abbey for Catholics aged 18 to 35 years old, will be held at Downside from Friday 18th to Sunday 20th October 2019. The talks during the retreat will consider all vocations, including consecrated life, priesthood, and lay life. The residential cost with all meals included is £50 in shared accommodation in a Retreat House or £70 in an en-suite twin room in the Monastery Guest Wing. The non-residential cost with all meals included is £40. No one should feel unwelcome if they cannot meet these costs, so please discuss this with the organiser. For more information and to book please contact the organiser, Rina Bird, at rinabird@outlook.com

DIOCESAN YEAR OF COMMUNION 2019 TO 2020

A Life Lived in Communion - A Lecture

On **Saturday 19 October at St Brendan's College, Brislington**, (9.15am - 2.30pm) with Fr. James Hanvey SJ, to reflect upon *A life lived in Communion*. The day is 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. Whilst we do not need names it would be useful to have an idea of how many are coming from your parish: please let the Adult Education office know by Monday 14 October at adult.education@cliffondiocese.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.

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**

MUSIC AT THE 4.00PM SUNDAY MASS		
Introit	140	Schubert
Offertory	99	
Myst. Of Faith	When we eat this....	
Communion	383	
Exit	559	

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH Adeline Rogerson 1999, Margaret Manning 2001, Geoffrey Mears 2006, Lilian Adams 1994, Muril Widdup 2004, Anthony Butler 2015, *Through the mercy of God, may they rest in peace.*

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 9 th Connie Lane & Maria Mena	TEA & COFFEE 25 th Aug Nikki & Rhoda	FLOWERS 6 th Sept Barbara Duncan and Loddy Fernandes	WELCOMING 14 th Sept Helen Cox 15 th Sept Anne Beechey
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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