



WELLS

As a parishioner here in St Joseph and St Teresa Church in Wells, this is your opportunity to have a say in the future of our Church. The title of the forthcoming synod is “For a Synodal Church, Communion, Participation and Mission”. This may a bit of a mouthful so allow me to explain. Synod is a Greek word meaning assembly or meeting. Syn meaning together and hodos meaning way or journey.

Pope Francis has called the entire People of God to journey together. It isn't just another meeting but a process of journeying together. As a Church we will listen to each other, talk with each other, pray together, for the purpose of proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the world.

Pope Francis is asking each local diocese to gather together (clergy and laity) firstly to listen to each other's joys and hopes also griefs and anxieties. After listening, we are called to talk together on ways we can accompany each other as we seek to grow in holiness. We will also pray together. So by listening, talking and praying together so we can hear the voice of the Holy Spirit. This is not to create a pastoral plan but rather the purpose of our journeying together is to be present with one another, to listen and learn with each other, and to grow closer to the Lord and His Church (the Church being the people not the physical building).

(modified extract taken from For a Synodal Church – Participant's Guide)

The date for the first meeting regarding this is Wednesday 26/1/2022 after the 10am Mass in the Transept in Wells. We will have an agenda but also discussion time. Max time 1hour.

Teresa Galvin 12/1/2022

CHEDDAR

Our Synodal Journey; together we pray, together we listen and together we share.

Thank you for your participation so far and interest in being part of this journey together. We are continuing with your responses to the questions we posed last Sunday and you will find the sheets and Post it Notes in the Main Hall after Mass. Please feel free to add some more thoughts.

This week we are starting the group Listening sessions on the dates below.

Please choose whichever you wish to attend and please do come along to the St Vincent Pallotti Room in the hall.

1. 17/01/22 - Monday evening. 7pm to 8.30pm 2. 1
2. 9/01/22 - Wednesday morning, 10am -11.30am
3. 21/01/22 - Friday evening, 7pm - 8.30pm
4. 23/01/22 - Sunday morning, After Mass 10.15am - 11.45am

We look forward to seeing you all.

Denis, Anne, Elizabeth, Tina, Rosemary, Marie & Trish



Welcome to our Parish Newsletter



St Joseph & St Teresa, Wells

&

and Our Lady Queen of Apostles, Cheddar

ORDINARY TIME WEEK 2

MASS TIMES Saturday 15th	Sunday 16th Jan	Wednesday 19th	Thursday 20th	Friday 21st
WELLS 6.00pm Vigil Mass <i>Health & Wellbeing of June Mead</i> 5.30pm Confession	CHEDDAR 9.00am Mass Jean Strutt RIP 8.30am Confession	WELLS 9.30am Eucharistic Adoration 10.00am Mass	CHEDDAR 9.30am Eucharistic Adoration 10.00am Mass	
	WELLS 11.00am Mass			

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CHURCHES TOGETHER:

Taize Service St Thomas' Wells Sunday 16th January
"We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him"

CTWA Week of Prayer Service Sunday 23rd January 6.30pm at St Cuthbert's Church Wells

LGBTQ+ MASS:

St Nicholas of Tolentino Church, Lawford's Gate Easton Bristol BS5 0RE on Sunday 16th January at 3.00pm



Please pray for the repose of the soul of Margaret Graham who has sadly passed away. Her funeral will be in Wells the details will be shared in the newsletter once it has been arranged.

GOOD NEWS:

I would like to thank everyone in the parish for their kind messages ,prayers and Masses following my accident. Furthermore, the welcome I have received on my return to church has been very heart warming and encouraging and hugely appreciated . God bless you all, John Mulvey

Cheddar's annual children's Christmas present collection.Thank you both for all the hard work you do, organising the collection each year for the children of our community and thank you to your very generous Parishioners who gave to the collection. I have the honour of giving out the vouchers and the look on our client's face, when they receive the vouchers is that of relief and pure gratitude. It is such an emotional time. Our families were so thrilled with the vouchers. They certainly go a long way to ensure that they have a Christmas they can enjoy and to reduce their worries of day-to-day life for a short period. We are so lucky to have the generous Parishioners of Our Lady Queen of Apostles Catholic Church within our Community

CONFIRMATIONS—The Bishop will be visiting on 14th June 2022. at 7.30pm

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION—June 2022.

If you would like your child to make the First Holy Communion or Confirmation please contact the parish office for an application form:
wells.ssjosephandteresa@cliftondiocese.com
cheddar.ourlady@cliftondiocese.co

CATECHISTS:

The last year or so has been quite a challenge when it has come to catechesis in our parishes. If there has been a benefit to the pandemic it is that we are all far more adept at doing things online. Therefore we continue this new venture gathering catechists, experienced and inexperienced, to meet online to share ideas and to possibly receive a little bit of formation at the same time. These meetings will ensure a crossover of deaneries so that good practice can be shared across the diocese. The dates are below. If parishioners are unable to attend the meeting related to their deanery they are free to join another. The boundaries are fluid. More information is available on the website or contact me at the church email address.

Finance Vacancies

The Curia Finance department in Alexander House are currently recruiting an Accounting Officer and a Parish Finance Support Officer to replace two vacancies within the team. The Accounting Officer role is responsible for managing the purchase and sales ledgers and updating the nominal ledger and the Parish Finance Support Officer role is focussed on supporting the implementation of OPAS and providing administrator support for parish bank, credit card and PayPal accounts. Further information regarding the roles is available on the diocesan website: <https://cliftondiocese.com/diocese/working-for-us/>

Parish Office Hours — Wells Wednesday's 9am – 3.00pm
Cheddar Thursday's 9.15am—2.45pm

If you would like a notice in the newsletter please email it to either wells.ssjosephandteresa@cliftondiocese.com or