NEWSLETTER



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PARISH OFFICE HOURS—WELLS: WEDNESDAY 9AM –12NOON CHEDDAR:THURSDAY 9.00AM—2.45PM.

Fifth Sunday in Lent. 22nd March 2026 Year A

	CHEDDAR	WELLS
SATURDAY 21st March	**10.00am Mass**	**3.00pm Altar Servers Training** **6.00pm Vigil Mass** *(Martin & Maria Michl)* *Pray for Anna Lukins nee Maffei RIP*
SUNDAY	**9.00am Mass** *(Ann Swabey RIP)* *Pray for the deceased members of the Horwood Family)*	**11.00 am Mass** *(John Ball Rip)* *RCIA Baptism's*
TUESDAY	**10.30am Garden Prayer Meeting**	**9.30am Rosary**
WEDNESDAY ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD	**11.30am Mass** *(Moira Crocker RIP)* *(Pray for Marie Brett RIP)*	**9.30 am Rosary and Mass (Martin & Maria Michl)** *(Pray for Mike Mapstone RIP)* **1.00pm School Confessions** **6.00pm—7.00pm Reconciliation with Fr Mark**
THURSDAY	**NO MASS**	
FRIDAY	**11.30am Wedding rehearsal**	**9.30am Stations of the Cross and Mass** *(Frank & Mary Kelly RIP)* **6.30pm Lenten Talk by Rev Dean Toby**
SATURDAY 28 March	**NO MORNING MASS** **12 noon Wedding**	**6.00pm Vigil Mass** *(Bob Haigh Intentions)* *(Pray for Lucy Febrey RIP)*

Entrance Antiphon: Give me justice O God and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God are my strength

READING: Ezekiel 37:12-14; Psalm 130, Romans 8:8-11; ; John 11:1-45

Responsorial Psalm: "With the Lord there is mercy, in him plentiful redemption"

Gospel Acclamation: Glory to you, O Christ, Son of the living God. I am the resurrection and the life says the Lord. Everyone who believes in me shall never die. Glory to you, O Christ, Son of the living God

Communion Antiphon: Everyone who lives in me will not die forever, says the Lord

SECOND COLLECTION: PRIESTS RETIREMENT FUND

PRAYER TO ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

St Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. AMEN

Please pray for Marylla Jones and Pauline Sabila who have recently passed away.

Pauline's Requiem will be at 10.30am on 31st March Marylla Requiem will be on Friday 17th April at 1.00pm

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH Canon Francis Rynn 1985, William Webb 1989, Maria James 2024, Jill Burden 1999, Louis Seigne 2000, Audrey Phillips 2017, Royston Palmer 2006, Eileen York 2024, Damian Clarke 2013, Mervyn Mott 2005, Mrs Beeston 2020, Rose Finnegan 2011 May they rest in peace.

"A touch of mercy transforms everything. It is the most profound feeling we can have. It alters the world" Pope Francis

Parish Calendars

22nd March	**Cheddar AGM 3.00pm**	26th April	**Wells AGM 12 noon after Mass**
27th March	**LENT LUNCHES FOR BOTH PARISHES**		
31st March	**9.00am Bible Alive Session in school Please com along and join them**	14th May	**Confirmation, Wells**
31st March	**1.30pm School Mass**	7th June	**First Holy Communion, Wells**
25th April	**Well's Curry Night 7.30pm**	28th June	**First Holy Communion, Cheddar**

Highlights

The Joy of Love—Saturday 4th July at Downside School and Abbey—Keynote speaker is Patti Boulaye OBE. For more information and to Please book a place please see the Diocesan website

Parish News

LENT LUNCHES

CHEDDAR -We will be hosting a Lent Lunch of soup, bread and cheese on Friday 27th. March at 12.30. Tina will be making an appeal for Guide Dogs for the Blind. All welcome.
WELLS—Joint Churches together Lent Lunch Friday 27th, please come along for some soup and a chat!!

Tuesday 24th March 8.50am Our school is preparing their Bible Alive and would like to invite ALL parishioners. The chaplaincy of St Michael the archangel has been working hard to show the younger children what happened during the First Easter Triduum**.**

Tuesday 31st March 1.30pm SS Joseph and Teresa' school will celebrate Mass in Church with readings taken from the Maundy Thursday evening Mass—All welcome to join with our school

Wells will be holding a Curry Supper on 25th April 2026 at Seager Hall at 7.30 pm. A 3 course Supper £20 and bring your own drinks. Tickets are on sale from 28th February. Please state your meat or vegetarian choices when buying your tickets.

WELLS BIG EASTER CLEAN*—SATURDAY 28th MARCH 10.00am— MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK, SO PLEASE COME ALONG AND HELP*

Cheddar's Children's Liturgy team is looking for a few extra helping hands. At the moment, sessions are run by just two leaders on the first and third Sunday of each month, and we would love to grow the team so we can continue offering a welcoming, engaging space for our parish children.If you're able to support—either occasionally or more regularly—or if you'd simply like to find out what's involved, please get in touch with Mary Dutton or Lucy Lee. We'd be delighted to chat with you. Thank you for considering this small but meaningful way to serve our parish community.

A huge thank you to the Wells brass clean team, everything is all shiny ready for Easter

PLEASE ENSURE THAT ALL CHURCH MATTERS ARE COMMUNICATED THROUGH THE CHURCH OFFICE THANK YOU

WELLS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
We have been offered a wonderful fundraising opportunity !
In September 2026 **Stoberry House & Gardens, Wells** (a stunning tourist venue), are housing a sculpture exhibition *'Beyond Horizons'* . If can we find enough volunteers to man different positions at this special event on Thursday 17th -Saturday 19th September we will receive a hefty percentage of the gate income.

If you are interested in helping please take a leaflet home. This gives more details of the days and times needed. You can sign up after mass with one of the team, or on the fundraising noticeboard, or contact Tanya Tyreman <tansieandailish@hotmail.co.uk>. We need to be sure of volunteers as soon as possible; to secure the dates we have been offered. Thank you.

If you are a housebound parishioner in Wells and would like a visit like a visit please contact Fr Tony or the office.

EASTER SERVICES	CHEDDAR	WELLS
HOLY MONDAY	7.00pm	
MASS AT ST MONICA'S MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER	2.30pm 5.30pm	 8.00pm
THE PASSION OF THE LORD	3.00pm	12 Noon
BLESSING OF THE BASKETS EASTER VIGIL	4.30pm 5.00pm	1.00pm 8.30pm
SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION	9.00am	11.00am

Wells Collection	£249.60	Cheddar Collection	£201.00
Gift Aid	£327.00	Gift Aid	£400.00