NEWSLETTER



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

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time 8th February 2026 Year A		
	CHEDDAR	**WELLS**
SATURDAY 7th February	**NO MASS**	**6.00pm Vigil Mass said by Fr Tom Kelly** *(Private Intention)*
SUNDAY	**9.00am Mass celebrated by Fr Tom Kelly** *(Maureen and Geoff Robinson and Family)*	**11.00 am Mass celebrated by Fr Tom Kelly** *()*
TUESDAY **Feast of St Scholastica**	**10.30am Garden Prayer Meeting**	**9.30am Rosary**
WEDNESDAY		**10.00 am Adoration & Holy Communion**
THURSDAY	**10.00am Adoration and Holy Communion**	
FRIDAY		**9.30am Adoration followed by Mass**
SATURDAY 14th February **Feast of SS Cyril and Methodius**	**10.00am Mass**	**6.00pm Vigil Mass** *(Luciano Raso RIP)*

Entrance Antiphon: O come let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God

READING: Isaiah 58:6-10; Psalm 112, 1 Corinthians 2:1-5; Matthew 5:13-16

Responsorial Psalm: "A light rises in the darkness for the upright."

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia. I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life Alleluia

Communion Antiphon: Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul and the hungry he fills with good things...

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of mercy, hail, our life, our sweetness and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve: To you do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious Advocate, you eyes of mercy toward us, and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus, O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary! Amen

Please keep Teresa Nicodemi and her family in your prayers as she has recently passed away.

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH; Mario D'Ovidio 2015, Winifred Palmer 2012, Milicent Rowlands 1996, Sylvia Cloutman 2006, Luciano Raso 2023, Michael Keirle 2012, Brigid Rahilly 2003, Anne Pallet 2016.. May they rest in peace.

"You come to love not by finding the perfect person, but by seeing an imperfect person perfectly ." Sam Keen

Parish Calendars

7th February	**Cheddar Parish Quiz Night—All welcome**	28th February	**Mass at St Monica's 2.30pm**
10th February	**St Teresa's Ladies Group Poppy making**	18th March	**Brass Cleaning after Mass— Refreshments will be provided**
10th February	**Cheddar Ladies Lunch, The Woodborough Inn, Winscombe at 12.30pm**	22nd March	**Cheddar AGM 3.00pm**
20th February	**Wells Antique Roadshow**	14th May	**Confirmation, Wells**
27th February	**Wells Lent Lunches 12 – 1.30pm**	7th June	**First Holy Communion, Wells**

Highlights

Join the Bishop for Mass in the Cathedral to celebrate the gift that is Marriage and Family Life on Saturday 14th February at 12noon.
If you are celebrating a significant anniversary in 2026 please contact the Diocese at adult.education@cliftondiocese.com or call 01179025595

Liturgies of Reconciliation—Lent 2026. Bishop Bosco invites you to join him during this season of Lent to celebrate abundant mercy of God through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
24th Feb, St Mary Glastonbury; 5th March, Sacred Heart Tisbury; 10th March Immaculate Conception, Devizes; 17th March St Joseph; Tewkesbury, 24th March, Christ the King, Thornbury all at 7.00pm.

Parish News

On Saturday 7th February at 7.00pm we are holdinga Parish Quiz night to raise funds for our charity of the year, Guide Dogs for the Blind. Tickets are £10 each to include a ploughmans supper. BYO drinks, teams of 4. Please ask your friends. We will be taking names after Mass or you can call 01934 742656 to reserve a place—Rosemary

Our very own ANTIQUES ROADSHOW with an expert valuer from the BBC Antiques Roadshow to be held in SS Joseph and Teresa's Church on Friday 20th February £10 to have an item valued, £5 for visitors.

The Wells Remembrance Day Poppy display is in great need of repair. Joining with the Ladies Group on Tuesday 10th February, we shall be running a Poppy workshop with wool and patterns available to knit or crochet poppies. Any donations of red wool, any thickness, would be much appreciated. Anyone wishing to help make poppies at home are also most welcome to do this

LADIES LUNCHES in Cheddar will be starting again. First provisional date is Tuesday 10th February. All ladies welcome to the Woodborough Inn at 12.30pm

The series on St Joseph will be continuing this year here in Wells. All start at 6.30pm. All welcome
Session 7: Mon 9 March St Joseph: Diligent Protector of Christ
Session 8: Wed 11 March St Joseph: Patron of a Happy Death
Session 9: Fri 13 March St Joseph: Universal Patron

CONFIRMATION CLASSES START ON TUESDAY 10th FEBRUARY IN WELLS. If you would like your child to take part please contact the office for an application form.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES START WEDNESDAY 4th MARCH IN WELLS If you would like your child to take part please contact the office for an application form.

WELLS PPC—MEETING Sat 14th Feb 11.30am. Any questions, or ideas please see Sabrina or Tom after Mass. Minutes from PPC meetings are available on the website, noticeboard or from the office once they have been agreed.

It's that time again! **SS JOSEPH & TERESA's** has been asked to provide the soup for **Friday 27th February** this year, so we're looking for soup-makers to make 2 litres (a large plastic milk container) each of smooth, vegetarian soup. We will also need helpers for the day (10.00 - 2.00 approximately). There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. This is always an enjoyable occasion and gives us a chance to renew our links with our fellow christians in Wells.

We're also looking for customers on that Friday to come along and enjoy a delicious home-made soup - with bread of course! - at the **Seagar Hall,** Union Street, 12.00 - 1.30 pm, for a donation of £4.00. As you will be aware, Lent Lunches have always taken place weekly during the Lenten season and this year the dates are as follows: 6th March - the Cathedral, 13th March - St. Cuthbert's, 20th March - Methodists & United Reform Churches, and 27th March - Joint churches. All information from Gill Baxter, tel. 01749 670308.

Now is time to bring your old palms back ready for Ash Wednesday.

Can all Cheddar Parishioners start thinking about the next charity they would like to support following the AGM. Please send information into the office so that it can be shared. Many Thanks

Thanks to everyone that came and enjoyed the Epiphany Supper and Soup and Pud events in Wells although these were primarily about community we also raised a total of £1181.

Wells Collection	£282.83	Cheddar Collection	£169.00
Gift Aid	£327.00	Gift Aid	£400.00