NEWSLETTER



St Joseph & St Teresa, Wells & Our Lady Queen of Apostles, Cheddar

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

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time 1st February 2026 Year A		
	CHEDDAR	**WELLS**
SATURDAY 31st January **Memorial of St John Bosco**	**NO MASS**	**6.00pm Vigil Mass celebrated by Fr Tibor** *(Dr John Gould RIP)*
SUNDAY	**9.00am Mass celebrated by Fr Tibor** *(People of the Parish)*	**11.00 am Mass celebrated by Fr Tibor** *(People of the Parish)*
TUESDAY	**10.30am Garden Prayer Meeting**	**9.30am Rosary**
WEDNESDAY		**10.00 am Adoration & Holy Communion**
THURSDAY **Memorial of St Agatha**	**10.00am Adoration and Holy Communion**	
FRIDAY **Memorial of SS Paul Miki and Companions**	**10.00am Rosary Group—Sorrowful Mysteries SVP Room**	**10.00am Adoration & Holy Communion**
SATURDAY 7th February	**NO MASS**	**6.00pm Vigil Mass said by Fr Tom Kelly** *(Teresa Nicodemi RIP)*

Entrance Antiphon: Save us O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name and make it our glory to praise you

READING: Zephaniah 2;3, 3:12-13; Psalm 146, 1 Corinthians 1:26-31; Matthew 5:1-12

Responsorial Psalm: "Blessed are the poor in spirit; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia. Rejice and be glad for your reward is great in heaven.. Alleluia

Communion Antiphon: Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love. O Lord let me never be put to shame, for I call on you..

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; John Faithful 1999, Josephine Harris 1996, Peter Cressy 2022, Barry Lovell 2014, Elvira Porfirio 2018, Thomas Salter 1987, Norman Henfrey 2023, Vera Bittle 1999, Maurice Crosby 1997.. May they rest in peace.

"The Presentation reveals Christ as the Light, who guides every human life.." Pope John Paul II

Parish Calendars

31st January	**Wells Soup and Pud event 12-2.00pm**	28th February	**Mass at St Monica's 2.30pm**
7th February	**Cheddar Parish Quiz Night—All welcome**	14th May	**Confirmation, Wells**
20th February	**Wells Antique Roadshow**	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

SOUP AND PUD EVENT—Seagar Hall, Wells on Saturday 31st January 12.00-2.00pm. £7.00 per person (second helpings £3)- The monies to go towards the soft furnishings for the Upper Room at Church

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.

Joyful news—Many of us in Wells will remember Sara Tambling who was a well known figure at Church, she was our safeguard lead and then Chair of the PPC and within our community especially anyone she tutored. Ben and Deborah her son and his wife have recently had a beautiful baby girl named Beatrice.

Wells Collection	£257.21	Cheddar Collection	£166.00
Gift Aid	£327.00	Gift Aid	£400.00

Church Property Report – January 2026
Repair and Refurbishment Work
The upper-floor meeting-room refurbishment is well underway. Walls have been repaired, the central ceiling beam cleaned, roof insulation installed, and a first coat of paint largely completed. Over the next month, electricians will check the wiring and install new power sockets and lighting. The final stage will be replacement of the carpets, after which the room will be ready to be fitted out with office furniture.
Initially, the room will serve three purposes: desk space for parish office administration, a separate desk for Fr Tony's use, and an area for parish meetings.
The downstairs WC in the church will shortly be fitted with a modern, quiet, high-speed hand-dryer and a new electrical extract fan, removing the need for paper/cloth towels. At the same time, the external courtyard lamps on either side of the arch will be repaired. This requires replacement of external wiring that has suffered corrosion.
Further electrical work is scheduled for early February to address faults identified in the recent Electrical Installation Condition Report (EICR).
Presbytery Sale
The presbytery was placed on the market in May 2025 at an asking price of £775,000. Following limited initial interest, the price was reduced in stages to £675,000 by September. There is now renewed interest from potential buyers, and the diocese is in active discussion with Killens, the estate agents, on how best to proceed.
Nigel Seel, Treasurer and Facilities Project Manager

Strengthening Our Parish–School Partnership
We are delighted to continue building strong links with our parish school following their recent RE review, which highlighted many areas of outstanding practice. Together, we aim to nurture a vibrant faith community for pupils, families, and parishioners alike.
In the coming months, Fr Tony will visit each class, and we look forward to welcoming school staff for a parish lunch. The school has also been invited to take part in our Carol Concert, and we hope to encourage former First Holy Communion candidates to join our team of altar servers.
As we prepare to refurbish the Upper Room, we are exploring the reintroduction of Children's Liturgy to support our youngest parishioners. A Faith Audit will also help us deepen understanding of how faith is lived within the school. These steps reflect our shared commitment to growing together in community, faith, and participation.

CAFOD: Seeking a New Parish Volunteer
CAFOD is the official overseas aid agency of the Catholic Church in England and Wales. It works alongside communities around the world to tackle poverty, respond to emergencies, and support long-term development, inspired by Gospel values and Catholic social teaching. [cafod.org.uk], [cbcew.org.uk]
At our parish, CAFOD activities help ensure we play our part in this global mission — from fundraising to raising awareness of justice and poverty issues. As Bernadette steps back from her role, we are now looking for a new volunteer to coordinate CAFOD efforts within our parish.
If you feel called to support this vital work, please consider offering your time. Your involvement can make a real difference. Please contact Charlotte in the Parish Office, or do please speak to Bernadette or Fr Tony for more information.