

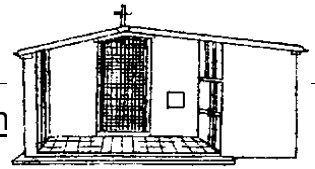


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Parish bulletin for Sunday 30th September, 2018



Parish mission statement: Our mission is to witness, in our daily lives, to the presence of the living Christ in our parish and local community. To this end, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we are a people grounded in the sacraments and prayer, in the Word of God, and in the teachings of the Church.

Mass times

At Wellington unless noted		<i>Mass this week:</i>		
26th Sunday in ordinary time	Sunday	30th	9.00am	Wiveliscombe For the parish
			11.15am	
St Therese of the Child Jesus	Monday	1 st	9.15am	
Guardian Angels	Tuesday	2 nd	NO	MASS
	Wednesday	3 rd	NO	MASS
St Francis of Assisi	Thursday	4 th	NO	MASS
	Friday	5 th	NO	MASS
	Saturday	6 th	10.00am	
27th Sunday in ordinary time	Sunday	7th	9.00am	Wiveliscombe
			10.45	Rosary
			11.15am	For the parish; followed immediately by Exposition
Confessions: Usually Saturday 10.30 – 11.00am				
Hymns for 11.15am Mass				
Ent: ; Kyrie; Gloria: 48 ; Gifts: ; Holy Holy:50 ; Mem acc:50				
Amen:50; Agnus Dei:51; Comm: ; Recess:				
Psalm response: The precepts of the Lord gladden my heart				
Collection: Cash: £270.93+ direct debits c.£350				

Please pray for sick in our hospitals & nursing homes around the parish.

ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH: Mary Walsham, Sally Manning, Stella Lamb

General

More Welcomers are needed at St John Fisher for Sunday Mass. Please see Fr Ikeokwu, John Nutt or Julia Tucker.

The Food bank will be celebrating the Harvest Festival in the coming weeks and hopes to distribute extra items into the community. Just one item per parishioner donated would make a big difference to the families that rely on food bank in times of crisis. Please can we ensure items are still in date, thank you,

Churches Together Christmas lunch: chef required confident to cater for about 30 people and holds a current certificate from a local authority. Please contact richardkappleby@gmail.com. If no response by the end of September this event may have to be shelved for this year.

School admission appeal panel members: new members of the Admission appeals panel required. Full details on notice board in porch.

Holy Communion preparation 2019. Please give names of any children of 7 or over to register for the course to Fr Ikeokwu or Julia Tucker.

100 Club. Thank you to everyone who has renewed their membership. There are some spare numbers available. If you would like to join the Parish 100 Club there are application forms in the porch. It is an opportunity to support the parish financially with the chance of winning up to £25 in the monthly draws.

Today

Second collection for CAFOD Harvest Fast Day. Envelopes available in porch.

100 Club draw after 11.15am Mass

This Week

Church leaning at St John Fisher: Thursday 4th October from 9.30am. Help always appreciated.

Coming Events

Children's Liturgy: short meeting for Children's Liturgy teams at Clifton Cathedral on Saturday 13th October, 10am – 1pm, aimed at helping children to understand how and why we celebrate the Liturgy of the Word.

Celebration of Care in the Community (St Luke's tide) to be held at Wellington Methodist Church on Sunday 14th October at 6.30pm. Preacher Rev. Neill Archer, Chaplain of Somerset Partnership NHS Trust. See poster in porch.

Celebrate Bristol: a whole family conference hosted by Catholic Charismatic Renewal at St Bede's College, BS11 0SU; 27 – 28 October; includes workshops, seminars, praise and worship, prayer ministry, Mass, Exposition and Confession. Further details from www.celebrateconference.org

Parish retreat on 3rd November will be led by Fr Tom Dubois, parish priest of St Francis of Assisi, Nailsea. Mass at 10am at St Richard's followed by retreat at Congregational Church, Wiveliscombe.

Year of Mission 26th Sunday in ordinary time.

We shouldn't grow possessive about the mission we are engaged in. We can fall into the trap of thinking that the proclamation of the kingdom, doing good, helping people and revealing love, belongs solely to those who confess Christ. But there are plenty who do good, and plenty of folk who love who wouldn't profess to be Christian. Should we stop them from doing good? Are we to stop

them from loving? No! Maybe we need to grow in an appreciation of where goodness is to be found in so many people around us, for there the presence of God is also to be found. Let's open our eyes this week to see the Lord at work in the lives of so many around us. Let's find his goodness and his love at work in and through them.

Gospel commentary for 26th Sunday in ordinary time.

Today's Gospel story covers an outsider casting out devils in Jesus' name. John took great pride in telling Jesus that they soon put a stop to it, but Jesus insisted that they should not have stopped him, because no one who works a miracle in Jesus' name is likely to be against him.

It is important not to stop someone from doing work in Jesus' name, but there is another issue that is even more important: it is about placing an obstacle in the way of a would-be disciple whereby that disciple is prevented from drawing closer to Jesus and Jesus sternly warned anyone who is an obstacle to one of his little ones. The word for "obstacle" in the Greek of the Gospels gives us the English word "scandal", but it originally meant a large rock or boulder which, if it was found lying in the middle of the road, would impede the travel of a pedestrian. This would definitely stop progress and we can see that Jesus would want to discourage anything that would become an obstacle to one of his disciples.

Is there a danger that we too can be a barrier to other people, those outside our normal circles? If so, might we be in danger of trying to keep the Lord out of sight of those of whom we don't approve?

Holy Father's October mission intention:

That consecrated religious men and women may actively seek to be present among the poor, the marginalised, and those who have no voice.
