

THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF CHIPPENHAM & CORSHAM

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THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME B

5pm (Sat) Vigil Mass (*Charlie McCarthy*)

9am (Cor) Sung Mass (*Pro Populo*)

with Children's Liturgy of the Word

11am (Ch) Sung Mass (*Pro Populo*)

Monday 4th November

Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop

No Mass

Tuesday 5th November

Weekday in Ordinary Time

12.10pm Mass (Ch) (*Sutton & Tierney RIPs*)

Wednesday 6th November

Weekday in Ordinary Time

12pm Mass (Cor) (*Alan Beard*)

Thursday 7th November

Saint Willibrord, Bishop

12.10pm Mass (Ch) (*Fernandes and Figueira*)

Followed by Eucharistic Adoration

Friday 8th November

Weekday in Ordinary Time

12pm Mass (Cor) (*Barry Donoghue*)

Saturday 9th November

Feast of the Dedication

of the Lateran Basilica

2- 4.45pm Eucharistic Adoration (Ch)

4.15 - 4.45pm (Sat) Confessions (Ch)

4.45pm Benediction

THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME B

(Remembrance Sunday)

5pm (Sat) Vigil Mass (*Pro Populis*)

9am (Cor) Solemn Requiem Mass

with Act of Remembrance (*The Fallen*)

11am (Ch) Solemn Requiem Mass

with Act of Remembrance (*The Fallen*)

No Children's Liturgy of the Word today

31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME B

NEW TRANSLATION OF THE LECTIONARY There will be a gathering for readers of both parishes on Saturday 9th November at 2.30pm in the parish office in Chippenham to update procedures and introduce you to the new translation of scripture and new books used at Mass.

CATHEDRAL APPEAL THIS WEEKEND This weekend's second collection is for the Cathedral Appeal. Donations are used entirely for the upkeep of the Cathedral estate, the mother church of the diocese - thank you very much for your support!

NOVEMBER MASSES FOR THE DEPARTED If you would like Mass offered for family, friends or loved ones during this month of the Holy Souls, envelopes are available in Church.

BOOKS OF REMEMBRANCE are available in both churches to write names of the faithful departed for November for the month of the Holy Souls.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY A Requiem Mass with Act of Remembrance for the Fallen will be celebrated on Remembrance Sunday 10th November at 9am (Corsham) and 11am (Chippenham) Masses. There will be no Children's Liturgy on Remembrance Sunday. Those who hold medals for service to their country are most welcome to wear them.

RCIA Journey in Faith continues Wednesday 6th November at 7pm in the office at St Mary's. Please continue to keep our candidates in your prayers.

MASS FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED Mass will be offered at St Mary's for those who have died during the past year at 12.10pm on Thursday 28th November. Families and friends of those whose funerals have taken place in the parishes this past year are warmly welcome to come and remember their departed loved ones.

FLAME 2025 25th March at Wembley Arena. This is a gathering for young people aged 14 to university age. The parishes would like to send and sponsor a group to attend <https://www.cymfed.org.uk/> Contact the Parish Administrator. The theme: 'Unstoppable: Fan the Flame of Hope.'

ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL will have its second reading in the House of Commons on 26th November. Please email your MP using the link at <https://righttolife.org.uk/> Let's show the world we are pro Life!

ST MARY'S ALTAR SERVERS We're looking for temporary (or even permanent) servers over the Christmas period as several of our servers will be away this year. Please contact Michael or Rodney our MC.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2025 If you would like your child (school year 3 and above) to join the programme, please collect an application form in person from Fr Michael or the Parish Administrator after Mass at either church on Saturday/Sunday and have a chat. A vital part of preparation for this sacrament is the weekly attendance at Mass. The closing date for applications to be received is 15th December 2024 (Advent 3)

THANK YOU to Fr Bill for cleaning the stone statue of our Lady in St Patrick's Garden. She is looking so much brighter! We also thank him for getting the gardens ready for winter.

POPE FRANCIS NEW ENCYCLICAL LETTER 'DILEXIT NOS' – He loved us' Pope Francis' fourth encyclical letter *Dilexit Nos on the Human and Divine Love of the Heart of Jesus Christ*, offers us a sustained meditation on the Heart of Jesus Christ in the pages of Scripture; in the teaching of the Magisterium; and through the history of devotion to the Sacred Heart, drawing out its profound personal and social implications. In this way, the Pope speaks in continuity with the Church's faith and devotion." You can read it at <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2024/10/Dilexit-Nos-ENG.pdf>

CLERGY WELFARE OFFICE PART-TIME 15 hours per week. The Curia team is recruiting a new position to support and assist priests who are approaching retirement and those already in retirement or on sick leave. The role is mainly based in the Curia Offices in Bristol with travel within the Diocese as required. For further info www.cliftondiocese.com/diocese/working-for-us/ Closing date for applications: 22nd November 2024.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING WITH JASON CHAREWICZ Wed 20th November at St Mary's Parish Centre, Bath BA1 2SQ 6.30pm refreshments, 7.00-8.30pm.

CLIFTON DIOCESE TRUSTEES There is a current educational vacancy to join the Board. Suitable applicants should have in depth knowledge and experience of education within the UK and knowledge of the Catholic sector would be advantageous. Contact Alessia Dini, St Ambrose, North Rd, Leigh Woods, Bristol BS8 3PW or by email to Alessia.Dini@cliftondiocese.com by 29th November.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION - CONFESSIONS are heard at St Mary's on Saturday between 4.15 pm and 4.45pm and at St Patrick's after the weekday masses or by prior arrangement with Fr Michael.

THE PARISH OFFICE is closed next week. It will re-open on Tuesday 5th November. We wish a happy half term to the children of St Mary's and St Patrick's schools.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

The Sick: Corsham: Richard Keat, Sheila Taylor, Christopher Browl, Lindsay Price, Robert Wilkins. Chippenham: Lydia Connell, David Lunt, Michael Kenny, Mike Merry, Nic Pollastrone, Chris Rosario, Victoria Kiss, Raymond Johnson, Pamela Naylor, Hyacinth Fernandes, Paul Gosling, Pat Booker. Pray for all in our hospitals, nursing homes and those caring for them.

Recently Departed: Betty Hobson

RIP Anniversaries: Sarah Jillings, Ron Knight, Julia Shaw, Peter Henly, Joseph Raeburn, Margaret Williams, John Finn, Charlie McCarthy, Fr Richard Veasey.

The Holy Father's Pray November Intention: We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.

Diocesan Prayer Link: Sacred Heart, Chew Magna, St Pius X, Withywood.

In compliance with the requirements of GDPR permission must be sought from an individual (or next of kin) before their name can be added to a list of those who are sick. Do please advise us of any changes to be made to this list.

November – The Month of the Holy Souls



Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his faithful ones.” Psalm 116:15

The month of November each year is dedicated to commemorating those who have died and departed to their heavenly home. It begins with All Saints Day celebrated on November 1st to remember all the numerous holy souls who died and are believed to have entered into Heaven. As only some of the popular saints have specific dates dedicated as feasts for remembering them, this day is celebrated to mainly honour all those holy souls that have entered into Heaven and do not have any specific day dedicated in their honour.

November 2nd is celebrated as the Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (All Souls Day) to remember all who have gone before us in the faith. This practice of remembering all the dead is believed to have been instituted by St Odilo of Cluny in the year 1030. He was the fifth Benedictine Abbot of Cluny and is believed to have instituted the annual commemoration of all the faithful departed on November 2nd every year in Cluny and his monasteries. He called for the day to be observed by the members of his community with almsgiving, prayers and sacrifices for the relief of the suffering souls in purgatory. This was eventually added to the calendar of the Catholic Church and today is celebrated to honour all the dead.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church says “*Each man receives his eternal retribution in his immortal soul at the very moment of his death, in a particular judgement that refers his life to Christ: either entrance into the blessedness of heaven- through purification or immediately, or immediate and everlasting damnation.*” (CCC:1022). Hence those who have lived in God’s grace and friendship and are perfectly purified enter into Heaven immediately on death whilst those who die in God’s grace and friendship but still are imperfectly purified will eventually enter Heaven but will undergo purification prior to that. The Church gives the name ‘Purgatory’ to this final purification of the elect. This month is dedicated to these holy souls who are in Purgatory and are being purified. We who are on earth can help these holy souls in their purification by praying for them. The Church from very beginning has always honoured the memory of the dead by offering Holy Masses and prayers, through almsgiving, indulgences and works of penances undertaken for the dead.

Let us dedicate ourselves to praying for the souls of all our departed loved ones as well as those who have no one to pray for them on earth.

Listen kindly to our prayers, O Lord,
and, as our faith in your Son, raised from the dead, is deepened,
so may our hope of resurrection for your departed servants also find new strength.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Prayer for Reconciliation and Peace in the Holy Land



God of justice and peace
We bring before you the Israeli and Palestinian people
in all their need, pain and fear.
Bring an end to humiliation and injustice, corruption and violence.
Prosper those who work for peace with justice.
May all peoples enjoy security and prosperity.
We ask this through your Son, the Prince of peace,
Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

A Prayer for Ukraine



Loving God,
We pray for the people of Ukraine, for all those suffering or afraid,
that you will be close to them and protect them.
We pray for world leaders,
for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices.
We pray for the world that in this moment of crisis,
we may reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters in need.
May we walk in your ways so that peace and justice
become a reality for the people of Ukraine
and for all the world.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE WORD THIS SUNDAY

THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (YEAR B)



First reading

Deuteronomy 6:2-6

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people: 'If you fear the Lord your God all the days of your life and if you keep all his laws and commandments which I lay on you, you will have a long life, you and your son and your grandson. Listen then, Israel, keep and observe what will make you prosper and give you great increase, as the Lord the God of your fathers has promised you, giving you a land where milk and honey flow.

'Listen, Israel: the Lord our God is the one Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength. Let these words I urge on you today be written on your heart.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 17(18):2-4,47,51

I love you, Lord, my strength.

I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise,
when I call I am saved from my foes.

Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be the God who saves me,
He has given great victories to his king
and shown his love for his anointed.

Second reading

Hebrews 7:23-28

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

There used to be a great number of priests under the former covenant, because death put an end to each one of them; but this one, because he remains for ever, can never lose his priesthood. It follows, then, that his power to save is utterly certain, since he is living for ever to intercede for all who come to God through him.

To suit us, the ideal high priest would have to be holy, innocent and uncontaminated, beyond the influence of sinners, and raised up above the heavens; one who would not need to offer sacrifices every day, as the other high priests do for their own sins and then for those of the people, because he has done this once and for all by offering himself. The Law appoints high priests who are men subject to weakness; but the promise on oath, which came after the Law, appointed the Son who is made perfect for ever.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life;
you have the message of eternal life.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 12:28-34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

One of the scribes came up to Jesus and put a question to him, 'Which is the first of all the commandments?' Jesus replied, 'This is the first: Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.' The scribe said to him, 'Well spoken, Master; what you have said is true: that he is one and there is no other. To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and strength, and to love your neighbour as yourself, this is far more important than any holocaust or sacrifice.' Jesus, seeing how wisely he had spoken, said, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' And after that no one dared to question him any more.

The Gospel of the Lord.