

THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF CHIPPENHAM & CORSHAM

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THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME B

No Confessions today

5pm (Sat) (Ch) Vigil Mass (*P.Mollaghan*)

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

with Children's Liturgy of the Word

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

Monday 15th January

Weekday in OT No Mass

Tuesday 16th January

Weekday in OT

No Mass (Ch)

Wednesday 17th January

Saint Anthony, Abbot

12pm Mass (Cor)

Thursday 18th January

Weekday in OT

12.10pm Mass (Ch) (*P & K Mollaghan*)

Adoration until 6pm after mass

Friday 19th January

Saint Wulstan, Bishop

No Mass (Cor)

Saturday 20th January

Weekday in OT No Mass

2- 4.45pm Eucharistic Adoration (Ch)

4.15pm - 4.45pm Confessions (Ch)

4.50pm Benediction (Ch)

THIRD SUNDAY

IN ORDINARY TIME B

5pm (Sat) (Ch) Vigil Mass (*Falver Family*)

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

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

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2024 YEAR OF PRAYER Pope Francis has named 2024 the Year of Prayer, a year spent in preparation for the 2025 Jubilee Year Pilgrims of Hope. There's a new page on the Clifton Diocese website to share news about the year of prayer, new resources to deepen your prayer life and point towards celebrations that will come in 2025.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2024 takes place from 18 January to 25 January. This special week provides an opportunity to focus our prayers on Christian unity, as well as speak about and experience Christian unity personally, in our village, town or county as well as engage with what happens at a national level. This year the theme '*You shall love the Lord your God... and your neighbour as yourself*' (Lk 10:27) has come from an ecumenical team from Burkina Faso, facilitated by [the local Chemin Neuf Community \(CCN\)](#). They have reflected on the familiar story of the Good Samaritan, and all are encouraged to *Go and do likewise*. It is a story about crossing boundaries that calls our attention to the bonds that unite the whole human family. Brothers and sisters from the Catholic Archdiocese of Ouagadougou, Protestant Churches, ecumenical bodies and the CCN in Burkina Faso collaborated generously in drafting the prayers and reflections.

RCIA - JOURNEY IN FAITH our next session is Tuesday 16th January evening at 7pm in the office at St Mary's Chippenham. We look forward to welcoming you. Theme: 'The Meaning of Love', What is love? How to love your neighbour. Knowing the love of God.

COME LET US ADORE HIM The next Eucharistic Adoration at St Patrick's will be Friday 19th January for one hour from 5 to 6pm. If you could commit to a once-a-week regular time adoration between Thursday 1pm - 6pm and/or Saturday 2pm to 4.45pm (from 20th January) at St Mary's it will be appreciated. Please fill in a short form available at the back of the Church.

THIRD WEDNESDAY LUNCH CLUB AT ST PATRICK'S You are invited to attend a new lunch club next Wednesday 17th January following 12noon Mass at Saint Patrick's. Anyone who has been to Mass is welcome to join us.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2024 The first meeting for parents for this year's First Holy Communion group *has changed* and is now on Wednesday 31st January at 6pm in St Mary's Hall (in St Mary's Place, behind the church). The first teaching session for children follows on Saturday 3rd February at

4pm. More information will be given at the parents' meeting. The most important part of preparation for first Holy Communion is the weekly celebration of Sunday Mass. We ask all our first communion candidates to participate in Mass from this Sunday onwards.

SPUC ANNUAL WHITE FLOWER APPEAL will be held at this weekend's masses. This is the largest single fundraising event for the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children and ensures that they can carry on our vital work throughout the year. In a similar vein, your support is also needed to end the government's deadly pills-by-post abortion policy. Pick up a postcard at mass and send an urgent message to the Health Secretary, or by visiting www.spuc.org.uk for more details. Please act now to end this policy. White flower stickers will be handed out for you to wear in support of this appeal.

CHOIRS IN OUR PARISHES We thank our choirs and musicians for the great work they do in leading our worship in both parishes. As we now move towards Holy Week and Easter, we are looking for more singers to swell the ranks. If you like to sing, then please do join us. You will receive a warm welcome.

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. Please note that there will be no Confessions on Saturday 13th January in Chippenham.

PEACE SUNDAY Every year on the second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Pax Christi promotes Peace Sunday with the support of the International Affairs Department of the Bishops' Conference, England and Wales. Advocating for a just peace in Palestine and Israel is a part of the ongoing work of Pax Christi, alongside building a culture of non-violence, campaigning against war, nuclear weapons and the arms trade. This year, Peace Sunday falls on the 14th January and the theme is the theme chosen by Pope Francis for the World Day of Peace: 'Artificial Intelligence and Peace'. It is a highly relevant theme as Governments across the world, including our own, wrestle with the ethics and consequences of significant and potentially dangerous developments in technology. Pope Francis' overriding concern is that artificial intelligence should be used in the service of humanity and the protection of our common home and not to further injustice and inequality or to fuel division and violent conflict. You can make donations to: www.paxchristi.org.uk.

LISTENING WITH THE HEART As part of our commitment to growing as a Synodal Church, the department of Adult Education and Evangelisation are offering an opportunity for parishioners to develop the skills of [small group facilitation](#) in the context of Parish Pastoral Councils, RCIA, Prayer Groups, Lenten Groups, Confirmation Preparation, and any other parish groups. These short sessions will help us to develop an attitude of listening with the heart and sharing with generosity. It will provide participants with a model for rooting decision making in prayer and discernment and the tools necessary for effective facilitation. There are events across the Diocese, but our nearest one is on Saturday 27 January: St John, Bath (9.30-11.30am) www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/listening-with-the-heart-tickets-779973330227.

LENTE RETREAT: 'TRANSFORMED BY LOVE' Clifton Diocese in partnership with 'Light of Truth' are offering a [Lenten retreat: 'Transformed by Love'](#) in six online sessions, contemplating God's grace at work in the lives of six persons, through scripture and artworks. The six sessions begin at 7.30pm on a Tuesday evening: 20 February, 27 February, 5 March, 12 March, 19 March, 26 March. For parishioners to sign up for the series, they just need to click on the Zoom link: [Meeting Registration](#) or go to the [diocesan website](#). I would be grateful if you could promote this series in your parish. A poster in pdf and jpg are attached. You can find other courses run by 'Light of Truth' here: [Join now | Light of Truth](#). A suggested donation of £5 per person per session is recommended for any of the 'Light of Truth' courses, their details can be found here: [Contact | Light of Truth](#).

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

The Sick: Corsham: Richard Keat, Sheila Taylor, Christopher Brawl, Lindsay Price. Chippenham: Brian Tuersley, Lydia Connell, David Lunt, Jon Taylor, Michael Kenny, Mike Merry, Nic Pollastrone, Chris Rosario, James Carine, Elena Alberti, Sue Sheehan, Victoria Kiss. Pray for all suffering with Coronavirus, all in our hospitals, nursing homes and those who care for them.

RIP Anniversaries: Drew Masters, Malcolm Hayward, Sheelagh Farrell.

The Holy Father's Prayer January Intention: We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognise the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.

Diocesan Prayer Link: Saint Dunstan, Somerton; Holy Ghost, Yeovil, with South Petherton.

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.

January – The Month of the Holy Name of Jesus



January is the month of the Holy Name of Jesus, and it's an ideal time to strengthen our connection to the beautiful name of our Lord. In fact, all names are to be treated with respect. Do you know the meaning of your own name? It's interesting to discover. A name is an emblem of one's dignity but the name of Jesus in particular should be held in the highest regard; spoken and heard only in a sacred way. The beautiful name "Jesus" means, "God saves." So the name of Jesus is not only the name of our Saviour but also, by its meaning, states the purpose of His existence, reminding us of the incredible blessing of salvation. Let us therefore give that name great honour! Also, let us remember that Jesus's name in Aramaic is "Yeshua" So that is what Jesus was called in his own native language (the name Joshua is derived from this name, too).

You may wish to adopt the pious practice (that used to be more widely practiced and is so meaningful and fitting) of bowing your head whenever you say or hear the name of Jesus. Scripture tells us: "At the name of Jesus every knee should bend of those in heaven, on earth, and under the earth" (Phil 2:10). The Council of Lyons in 1274 stated: "Each should fulfill in himself that which is written for all, that at the Name of Jesus every knee should bow; whenever that glorious Name is recalled, especially during the sacred Mysteries of the Mass, everyone should bow the knees of his heart, which he can do even by a bow of his head."

Collect of the Most Holy Name of Jesus

O God, who founded the salvation of the human race on the Incarnation of your Word, give your peoples the mercy they implore, so that all may know there is no other name to be invoked but the Name of your Only Begotten 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

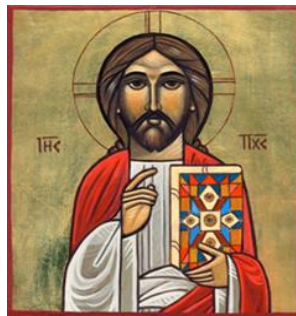
A Prayer for Ukraine



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 WEEK

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)



First reading

1 Samuel 3:3-10,19

A reading from the first book of Samuel

Samuel was lying in the sanctuary of the Lord, where the ark of God was, when the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' He answered, 'Here I am.' Then he ran to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli said, 'I did not call. Go back and lie down.' So he went and lay down. Once again the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' He replied, 'I did not call you, my son; go back and lie down.' Samuel had as yet no knowledge of the Lord and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. Once again the Lord called, the third time. He got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli then understood that it was the Lord who was calling the boy, and he said to Samuel, 'Go and lie down, and if someone calls say, "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

The Lord then came and stood by, calling as he had done before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel answered, 'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.'

Samuel grew up and the Lord was with him and let no word of his fall to the ground.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 39(40):2,4,7-10

Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.

I waited, I waited for the Lord
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry.
He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God.

You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings,
but an open ear.
You do not ask for holocaust and victim.
Instead, here am I.

In the scroll of the book it stands written
that I should do your will.
My God, I delight in your law
in the depth of my heart.

Your justice I have proclaimed
in the great assembly.
My lips I have not sealed;
you know it, O Lord.

Second reading

1 Corinthians 6:13-15,17-20

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

The body is not meant for fornication: it is for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. God, who raised the Lord from the dead, will by his power raise us up too.

You know, surely, that your bodies are members making up the body of Christ; do you think I can take parts of Christ's body and join them to the body of a prostitute? Never! But anyone who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with him.

Keep away from fornication. All the other sins are committed outside the body; but to fornicate is to sin against your own body. Your body, you know, is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you since you received him from God. You are not your own property; you have been bought and paid for. That is why you should use your body for the glory of God.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:
you have the message of eternal life.
Alleluia!

Gospel

John 1:35-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

As John stood with two of his disciples, Jesus passed, and John stared hard at him and said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God.' Hearing this, the two disciples followed Jesus. Jesus turned round, saw them following and said, 'What do you want?' They answered, 'Rabbi,' – which means Teacher – 'where do you live?' 'Come and see' he replied; so they went and saw where he lived, and stayed with him the rest of that day. It was about the tenth hour.

One of these two who became followers of Jesus after hearing what John had said was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. Early next morning, Andrew met his brother and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' – which means the Christ – and he took Simon to Jesus. Jesus looked hard at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John; you are to be called Cephas' – meaning Rock.

The Gospel of the Lord.