

# THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF CHIPPENHAM & CORSHAM

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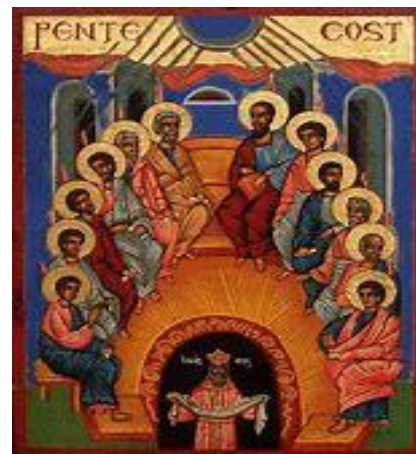
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## THE SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST SUNDAY B

5pm (Sat) Vigil Mass (*John Cavaciuti*)

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

with Childrens' Liturgy

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

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May

Blessed Virgin Mary,

Mother of the Church

No Mass

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May

Weekday in Ordinary Time

No Mass (Priests Deanery at Downside)

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

Weekday in Ordinary Time

12pm Mass (Cor) (*Victoria Kiss*)

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May

FEAST OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

THE ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST

\*11am\* Mass (Ch) with School Year 5

(*Holy Souls*)

followed by Eucharistic Adoration

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May

Saint Aldhelm, Bishop

12.10pm Funeral Mass

of Verity Burton \*(Ch)\*

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May

Saint Bede the Venerable, Priest & Dr

2- 4.45pm Eucharistic Adoration (Ch)

4.15 - 4.45pm (Sat) Confessions (Ch)

## THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY B

5pm (Sat) Vigil Mass (*Millett family*)

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

## SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST SUNDAY B

*Please note there are changes to our masses this coming week.*

**THE SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST** marks the end of the Easter Season paving the way for the Ordinary time. We celebrate the Descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles. This is a fulfilment of the promise of Jesus that his and the Father's Spirit shall be sent to the apostles and eventually to us. Moreover, the Spirit will be the one to guide and give us courage to continue the mission of Jesus. Equally important in Pentecost is the courage that the Spirit can give us if we are open and generous enough to receive the Spirit in our life. Just look at what happened to the apostles. They all fled from Jesus during his passion for fear of their lives. But upon the descent of the Holy Spirit, these fearful apostles were gradually transformed. On this great feast of Pentecost, may we truly welcome the Holy Spirit in our lives and see our great transformation, something that we probably never imagined could happen to us.

**FIRST COMMUNION** The last teaching session for First Communion children will take place this Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> May, at 4pm in the Rotary Hall before Mass at 5pm. First Holy Communion is celebrated at St Mary's on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June at 11.15am (Please note slightly later time so that the Rotary Hall may accommodate us afterwards)

**CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES** our next session is Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 7pm in St Mary's Parish Office. Naturally, it is important that our candidates **practice** the faith in order to receive the sacrament, that is they are participating in the Mass each Sunday. The Confirmation will be on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July at 7pm celebrated by Bishop Bosco.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD** We have been celebrating CLOW twice monthly at Corsham for some time and will begin some relaunch sessions in Chippenham beginning on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June and 7<sup>th</sup> July at 11am Mass with a view to twice monthly sessions from September. Please do support these. Parents with children are asked to sit on the office door side of the Church (Sacred Heart altar side), which will facilitate easy access to CLOW in the Parish Office (and at other times to the toilets) Thank you.

**SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY** Next weekend there will be a short talk at the end of Masses in Chippenham & Corsham to raise our profile and ask for more volunteers. John Ciereszko, S.V.P. Membership Support Officer, will speak at Mass, followed by a meeting on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June at 6pm in the St Mary's Parish Office for those interested in volunteering. See [svp.org.uk](http://svp.org.uk) to find out more or email our secretary on [secretaryBo40314@svp.org.uk](mailto:secretaryBo40314@svp.org.uk).

**A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY – ST MARY'S SUMMER CEILDH** There will be a St Mary's Summer Ceildh on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July. Further information and tickets will be available soon -watch this space.

**MISSIO & MISSION MASS** Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries needs a dedicated volunteer to take care of the Red Boxes ensuring they are emptied and organizing the distribution of the free magazine, *Mission Today*. We need a volunteer for Chippenham! More information at [missio.org.uk](http://missio.org.uk). Our volunteers have the full support of the Mission team who will support you at every stage and answer all queries. The Mission Mass will be celebrated at Sacred Heart Church, Royal Wootton Bassett SN4 7AH, on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May at 7pm.

**DEMENTIA FRIENDLY CHURCH**, 8<sup>th</sup> June 2024. This is a great opportunity for Parishes to support our aging population to continue to worship safely in the Church. If you have any questions, please contact the Safeguarding Coordinator on 01179540993. Please book at [www.bit.ly/dementia-friendly-church](http://www.bit.ly/dementia-friendly-church).

**MOTHERS PRAYERS** Sacred Heart Church, High Street, Royal Wootton Bassett. SN4 7AH on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2024 starting at 11am until 3.30pm. Doors open at 10.30am. Please bring a packed lunch. Teas/coffee provided. Join us for all or part of the day. Limited free parking at the Church. For more information contact Pat on 07854566733.

**LGBT+ MASS** A monthly celebration of the Mass for LGBT+ Catholics, family and friends, Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May at 3pm at St Nicholas of Tolentino RC Church, Bristol. All are welcome. A Clifton Diocese initiative.

**BISHOP BOSCO'S ORDINATION** In the June issue of The Catholic Herald they will be publishing James Jeffries superb interview with Bishop MacDonald. They will be covering the Ordination celebration too. Go to their website to purchase a copy: [www.catholicherald.co.uk](http://www.catholicherald.co.uk).

**PRAISE THE LORD!** We cordially invite you to the 10th Anniversary Convention of the Divine Retreat Centre UK, led by Fr George Panackal VC, Fr Augustine Vallooran VC, Fr Joseph Edattu VC and Fr Paul Pallichamkudiyil VC. A coach will be leaving from Chippenham to the venue (the Adelphi, 3 Bath Road, Slough, SL1 3UA) on 29<sup>th</sup> June at 7:30am. To book a seat (£15 per person) or for more information, please call George: 07872628016.

**ROWING SEEDS OF HOPE** We are delighted to let you know that the Dominican Sisters of St Joseph will be returning once more to lead us in our exploration of how we form of children, young people, and adults in the Faith at all stages. The day takes place on Saturday 13 July at St John the Baptist parish centre, Trowbridge. Refreshments from 9.30am. Please bring a packed lunch. The day will end at 4pm. Registration is essential for this event, contact us at the [adult.education@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:adult.education@cliftondiocese.com) email address.

**PARKING BEHIND THE CHURCH** The car park at the back of St Mary's Church is becoming increasingly busy and there is sometimes no availability for Fr Michael and staff working in the Church. If there are two cars parked already without Fr Michael's car, then kindly do not park there.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION** Confessions are heard in Corsham after the weekday masses and in Chippenham on Saturday 4.15-4.45pm or by arrangement with Fr Michael.

### **PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK**

**The Sick:** Corsham: Richard Keat, Sheila Taylor, Christopher Brawl, Lindsay Price, Robert Wilkins. Chippenham: Lydia Connell, David Lunt, Michael Kenny, Mike Merry, Nic Pollastrone, Chris Rosario, Elena Alberti, Victoria Kiss, Richard Jones, Raymond Johnson, Pamela Naylor. Pray for all in our hospitals, nursing homes and those who care for them.

**RIP Anniversaries:** Jeremiah McCarthy, Martha Haus, Tallulah Threlfall, Baby Chloe Rooney, Sheila Gadsden, Mike Matthews.

**The Holy Father's Prayer May Intention:** We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

**Diocesan Prayer Link:** Christ the King, Amesbury.

*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.*

## May – The Month of the Blessed Virgin Mary



(The statue of Our Lady at Saint Mary's Church)

**“I want to encourage everyone to rediscover the beauty of praying the Rosary at home in the month of May.” Pope Francis**

The month of May is traditionally considered the month of Mary, a month especially dedicated to devotion to Our Lady, the Mother of God and the Mother of all of us. We spend a whole month celebrating especially the Mother, who is model of all mothers, the Mother God chose for His own Son.

This is a month to grow in devotion to Mary as Our Mother. At the foot of the cross, Jesus said to His mother, who was standing with the beloved disciple (who represents each one of us), “Woman, behold your son.” And then to the beloved disciple—and to each of us--“Behold your mother.” And then, the Gospel tells us, “From that hour the disciple took her into his home.” (John 19:26-27) In the month of May, Jesus invites us in a special way to take Mary into our homes, to show her a special honour, to receive her as our Mother in the spiritual life, and to let her lead us closer to the heart of Jesus.

O Mary,  
You shine continuously on our journey  
as a sign of salvation and hope.  
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,  
who, at the foot of the cross,  
were united with Jesus' suffering,  
and persevered in your faith.  
“Protectress of the Roman people”,  
you know our needs,  
and we know that you will provide,  
so that, as at Cana in Galilee,  
joy and celebration may return  
after this time of trial.  
Help us, Mother of Divine Love,  
to conform ourselves to the will of the Father  
and to do what Jesus tells us.  
For he took upon himself our suffering,  
and burdened himself with our sorrows  
to bring us, through the cross,  
to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.  
*(Pope Francis)*

## 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

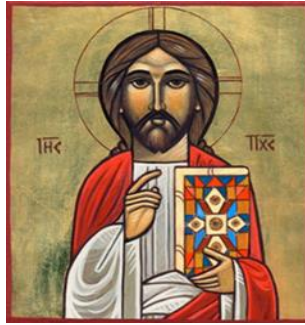
## A Prayer for Ukraine



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

## SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST SUNDAY B



### Mass of the Day

#### First reading

Acts 2:1-11

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles*

When Pentecost day came round, they had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

The word of the Lord.

#### Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 103(104):1,24,29-31,34

*Send forth your spirit, O Lord,  
and renew the face of the earth.*

Bless the Lord, my soul!  
Lord God, how great you are,  
How many are your works, O Lord!  
The earth is full of your riches.

You take back your spirit, they die,  
returning to the dust from which they came.  
You send forth your spirit, they are created;  
and you renew the face of the earth.

May the glory of the Lord last for ever!  
May the Lord rejoice in his works!  
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.  
I find my joy in the Lord.

## **Second reading**

1 Corinthians 12:3-7,12-13

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

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

The word of the Lord.

## **Gospel**

John 20:19-23

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to John*

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me,  
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.  
For those whose sins you forgive,  
they are forgiven;  
for those whose sins you retain,  
they are retained.'

The Gospel of the Lord.