

# THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF CHIPPENHAM & CORSHAM

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

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

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

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May

Feast of Saint Augustine  
of Canterbury, Bishop

No Mass

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May

Weekday in Ordinary Time

No Mass

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May

Saint Paul VI, Pope

12pm Mass (Cor) (*Holy Souls*)

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May

Weekday in Ordinary Time

12.10pm Mass (Ch) (*Kathleen Mollaghan*)

followed by Eucharistic Adoration

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May

Feast of the Visitation  
of the Blessed Virgin Mary

12pm Mass (Cor) (*Private Intention*)

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June

Saint Justin, Martyr

2- 4.45pm Eucharistic Adoration (Ch)

4.15 - 4.45pm (Sat) Confessions (Ch)

### THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (Corpus Christi)

5pm (Sat) Vigil Mass (*Millett Family RIP*)

9am (Cor) Sung Mass (*Pro Populo*) with  
*Children's Liturgy*

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

**THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY** This Sunday and next Sunday (Corpus Christi) are designated as solemnities, special days that call our attention to the central mysteries of our faith. Today, on the first Sunday after Pentecost, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity provides us with an opportunity to look back on the Paschal Triduum and Easter Season and to reflect on the work of salvation celebrated in these holy days in the light of the mystery of the Trinity. The liturgical readings for this solemnity contain a rich treasure of proclamation and adoration, inviting us to declare: "Glory to the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come" (Alleluia verse). Henri Nouwen in *Sabbatical Journey* once said, "I tried to explain the mystery of the Trinity by saying that all human relationships are reflections of the relationships within God. God is the Lover, the Beloved, and the Love that binds us in unity. God invites us to be part of that inner movement of love so that we can truly become sons and daughters of the Father, sisters and brothers of the Son, and spouses of the Holy Spirit. Thus, all our human relationships can be lived in God, and as witness to God's divine presence in our lives." Let us rejoice today in this great feast of the Godhead.

**SINGERS, WE NEED YOU!** St Patrick's and St Mary's choirs are recruiting new singers, all abilities wanted. St Patrick's Sunday Choir and St Mary's Saturday choir rehearse on Thursday evenings and St Mary's Sunday choir rehearses on Saturday morning at 10.30am. Please speak to the choir leaders; Guy Tomlinson for St Patrick's on 07720315578; Stuart or Rosemary Preston (Saturday choir) on 01249 446386; Irene Wilkie (Sunday choir) on 07973 480173. It will be lovely to welcome you. St Patrick's also requires support for their sound system on a Sunday too - speak to Guy.

**CONFIRMATION PREPARATION GROUP** Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm in St Mary's Parish Office.

**ST MARY'S REFRESHMENTS** The next refreshments and parish chat at St Mary's will take place on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June after 11am Mass in the Parish Office.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD** in Chippenham will commence 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.

**ST PATRICK'S CHILDRENS' LITURGY FAMILY PICNIC** We are having a picnic for current and future children of St Patrick's CLOW and their families on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June straight after mass. Please bring your own picnic.

**A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY – ST MARY’S SUMMER CEILDH** There will be a St Mary’s Summer Ceilidh (Celtic dancing) on Friday 5th July. Tickets will be available from Sunday morning after mass, or you can order your tickets – see information by the noticeboards.

**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).

**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).

**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!** 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 for the Adelphi, 3 Bath Road, Slough, SL1 3UA on 29th June at 7:30am. To book a seat (£15 per person) or for more information, please call George: 07872628016.

**GROWING SEEDS OF HOPE** 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.

**CATHOLIC MOTHERS BATH & WEST WILTSHIRE** A new group meets once a month for Mass at St John’s Bath and afterwards in the hall to share tea and fellowship. Children are most welcome. We plan to meet for the first time on the 15<sup>th</sup> July after the 9.30am mass. Contact Amy on 07872382979.

**THE CENTRE FOR CATHOLIC STUDIES (CCS)** at Durham University is offering a fully online Distance Learning programme in Catholic Theology. Full details can be found at: <https://www.durham.ac.uk/research/institutes-and-centres/catholic-studies/facilities/distance-learning/>. The CCS is offering bursaries towards tuition fees for 2024-25 - The deadline for applications has recently been extended to 7<sup>th</sup> July. Please contact Theresa Phillips, CCS Manager [theresa.phillips@durham.ac.uk](mailto:theresa.phillips@durham.ac.uk).

**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:** Ivan Quine, Veronica l’Anson, John Doran, Marian Hayward, Mervyn Alford.

**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:** Our Lady & St Alphege, Bath and St Joseph, Peasedown.

*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



O God of all, of Abraham, Sarah, Hagar, Isaac, and Ishmael:  
Our hearts are broken in pieces at the suffering and murder of your people.  
Our voices cry for peace and for justice.  
Comfort those who grieve,  
Console and heal the injured,  
Be close to those in fear,  
Restrain with your mighty hand those who perpetrate violence.  
Send us your wisdom in all that we say and do,  
That our voice may always seek justice, peace and security for all.  
Amen.

## A Prayer for Ukraine

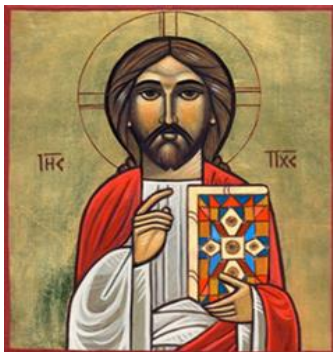


Almighty and Great God, accept our gratitude for your boundless mercy towards us.  
Hear the supplication of our afflicted hearts for the land and people of Ukraine,  
as they confront foreign aggression and invasion.  
Open the eyes of those who have been overtaken by a spirit of deception and violence,  
that they be horrified by their works.  
Grant victory over the powers of evil that have arisen,  
and bless Ukraine with your gifts of liberty, peace, tranquillity and good fortune.  
We implore you, O Merciful God,  
look with grace upon those who courageously defend their land.  
Remember the mothers and fathers, the innocent children, widows and orphans,  
the disabled and helpless, those seeking shelter and refuge, who reach out to you and to their  
fellow human beings looking for mercy and compassion.  
Bless the hearts of those who have already shown great generosity and solidarity.  
Bring us together as your children, your creation,  
and instil in us your strength, wisdom and understanding.  
May you be praised and glorified, now and forever, and to the ages of ages.

Amen.

## THE WORD THIS WEEK

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#### First reading

Deuteronomy 4:32-34 4:32-34;39-40

*A reading from the book of Deuteronomy*

Moses said to the people: 'Put this question to the ages that are past, that went before you, from the time God created man on earth: Was there ever a word so majestic, from one end of heaven to the other? Was anything ever heard? Did ever a people hear the voice of the living God speaking from the heart of the fire, as you heard it, and remain alive? Has any god ventured to take to himself one nation from the midst of another by ordeals, signs, wonders, war with mighty hand and outstretched arm, by fearsome terrors – all this that the Lord your God did for you before your eyes in Egypt?

'Understand this today, therefore, and take it to heart: the Lord is God indeed, in heaven above as on earth beneath, he and no other. Keep his laws and commandments as I give them to you today, so that you and your children may prosper and live long in the land that the Lord your God gives you for ever.'

The word of the Lord.

#### Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 32(33):4-6,9,18-20,22

*Happy the people the Lord has chosen as his own.*

The word of the Lord is faithful  
and all his works to be trusted.  
The Lord loves justice and right  
and fills the earth with his love.

By his word the heavens were made,  
by the breath of his mouth all the stars.  
He spoke; and it came to be.  
He commanded; it sprang into being.

The Lord looks on those who revere him,  
on those who hope in his love,  
to rescue their souls from death,  
to keep them alive in famine.

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.  
The Lord is our help and our shield.  
May your love be upon us, O Lord,  
as we place all our hope in you.

**Second reading**

Romans 8:14-17

*A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans*

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!' The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God. And if we are children, we are heirs as well: heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory.

The word of the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;  
the God who is, who was, and who is to come.

Alleluia!

**Gospel**

Matthew 28:16-20

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew*

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him, they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

The Gospel of the Lord.