

# THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF CHIPPENHAM & CORSHAM

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## 15<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME B

### FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME B

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

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

11am (Ch) Sung Mass (*In thanksgiving*)

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July

Saint Bonaventure, Bishop, Doctor  
No Mass

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

12.10pm Mass (Ch) (*St Teresa Mary*)

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July

Weekday in Ordinary Time

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

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July

Weekday in Ordinary Time

12.10pm Mass (Ch) (*Palmas family RIP*)

Eucharistic Adoration today

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July

Weekday in Ordinary Time

12pm Mass (Cor) (*Viktoría Kiss*)

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July

Our Lady on Saturday

2- 4.45pm Eucharistic Adoration (Ch)

4.15 - 4.45pm (Sat) Confessions (Ch)

### SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME B

5pm (Sat) Vigil Mass (*Sian Jones*)

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

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

**CONFIRMATION** Congratulations to all who were confirmed by Bishop Bosco on Thursday evening. Also, a big thank you to our Confirmation Catechists who guided our candidates to the sacrament over the past months. Thank you to all who helped in so many ways to make the Confirmation such a lovely celebration of our Faith in Christ. It was a sadness that more from St Mary's congregation did not come to celebrate the faith of our young people and to welcome our new Bishop for the first time.

**JOINT PARISH SUMMER BBQ** Parishioners from **both** parishes are welcome to a BBQ this Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> July, at 1pm with food (burgers, sausages and rolls provided), games and music. Please bring either a salad/dessert to share, your own drinks/cups and outdoor seating. Booking is essential. To register, please scan the QR code on posters in both churches or go to <https://stpatricksandstmarys.churchsuite.com/events/nmaxdt6k>. Or see Ewan/Lorraine Miller or Teresa Gosling.

**FR MICHAEL'S 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF ORDAINED MINISTRY** On Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July, Fr Michael is celebrating 40 years of ordained ministry. He served 12 years as an Anglican priest before becoming a Catholic priest 28 years ago. Unfortunately, we were not able to celebrate his 25<sup>th</sup> as a Catholic priest due to Covid. To mark this milestone in Father's ministry, both parishes are having small celebrations after the 9am Mass in Corsham and the 11am Mass in Chippenham on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July. The Chippenham celebration will be in the Rotary Hall.

**SEA SUNDAY (STELLA MARIS)** Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. Sea Sunday is Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. You can donate in church that Sunday in cash, or using the Dona machine, or by visiting [www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate), or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD** This Sunday we celebrate Children's Liturgy of the Word at St Patrick's. The trial of CLOW at St Mary's has been a great success and it will restart after the summer holidays on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September. We thank all those who serve the CLOW ministry in our Churches.

**THIRD WEDNESDAY LUNCH CLUB** next Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> July, after the 12noon Mass at St Patrick's. Come along to Mass and stay afterwards for a light lunch and a chat. All very welcome.

**CEILIDH** Thank you to Irene and her team for a lovely evening of dance and fellowship last Friday. It was much appreciated by all who attended from the parish.

**GLASTONBURY PILGRIMAGE SUNDAY 14TH JULY** This year's pilgrimage will take place on Sunday, 14th July 2024 and will be centred around the theme of 'Mary, Woman of Prayer'. At 2:15 pm, the Rosary procession will commence in the Abbey grounds, followed by the Pilgrimage Mass at 3:30 pm.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION** Thank you to those who spend time in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St Mary's. If you would like to commit your time on a regular basis, please get in touch with Teresa Gosling.

**MOBILE PHONES** We have had quite a few incidents of mobile phones ringing during Mass at St Mary's over the past few weeks. You are kindly asked to turn off your phones or turn them to silent before Mass begins to maintain the sacredness of the Liturgy.

**ST PATRICK'S LINEN TEAM** Would you like to join the St Patrick's Linen team? The team need more helpers and you would only have to launder the linen occasionally. Please contact Teresa Gosling if you can help with this ministry.

**LGBT+ MASS** A monthly celebration of the Eucharist for LGBT+ Catholics, family and friends, Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July at 3pm at St Nicholas of Tolentino RC Church, Bristol. All are welcome. A Clifton Diocese initiative.

**EXPLORING THE GLASTONBURY PILGRIMAGE** The Diocese has produced five videos with the help of historians and parishioners, to give us the history of pilgrimage in Glastonbury and why pilgrimage is so important in our Faith. The first is a welcome by the Parish Priest, Fr Dominic Findlay-Wilson. The second is by local author and parishioner, David Baldwin. The third is by local historian, Dr Timothy Hopkinson-Ball. The fourth is by local parishioner, Dr Lilli Osborn. You can watch the videos via this: [Glastonbury Pilgrimage | Clifton Diocese](#), or by going to the Clifton diocesan website.

**WORLD GRAND-PARENTS DAY AND THE ELDERLY – SUNDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> JULY** Pope Francis has chosen to theme this year, 'Do not cast me off in my old age' (Ps 71:9). The National Office for Vocations has issued some information which you can access via this link: <https://www.ukvocation.org/grandparentsday>.

**MORE HALL CONVENT, RESIDENTIAL CARE HOME FOR THE ELDERLY** has a vacancy of a large en suite room and a smaller room. We are a small care home, run by the Grace & Compassion Benedictine Sisters, together with our lay staff. We welcome permanent vacancies and respite care. We have 10 residents and are situated just outside Stroud in Gloucestershire. Please contact the care manager, Sr Elsy, for further information. [moorehallconvent@gmail.com](mailto:moorehallconvent@gmail.com) Tel 01453 764486.

**BEWARE OF SCAMS** There are several scams we are aware of focusing on Fr Michael and Teresa. Please do not reply to them but contact Teresa at the Parish Office if you receive one.

**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, Raymond Johnson, Pamela Naylor, Jenny Coates, Sue Sheehan, Anne Martin. Pray for all in our hospitals, nursing homes and those who care for them.

**RIP Anniversaries:** Jonathan Brock, Richard Robbins, Cath Begen.  
**Funeral of Joyce Campbell:** 12.10pm at St Mary's on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July.

**The Holy Father's Prayer July Intention:** We pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick confer to those who receive it and their loved ones the power of the Lord and become ever more a visible sign of compassion and hope for all.

**Diocesan Prayer Link:** Holy Family, Patchway, Bristol.

*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.*

## July - The Month of the Precious Blood



The month of July is dedicated to the Precious Blood. The feast of the Precious Blood of our Lord was instituted in 1849 by Pius IX, but the devotion is as old as Christianity. The early Fathers say that the Church was born from the pierced side of Christ, and that the sacraments were brought forth through His Blood.

"The Precious Blood which we venerate is the Blood which the Saviour shed for us on Calvary and reassumed at His glorious Resurrection; it is the Blood which courses through the veins of His risen, glorified, living body at the right hand of God the Father in heaven; it is the Blood made present on our altars by the words of Consecration; it is the Blood which merited sanctifying grace for us and through it washes and beautifies our soul and inaugurates the beginning of eternal life in it."

One of the oldest documents, outside of sacred scripture, from the first century of the Christian era of Pope St Clement I, dated about 96 A.D. says: "Let us fix our gaze on the Blood of Christ and realize how truly precious It is, seeing that it was poured out for our salvation and brought the grace of conversion to the whole world."

### Collect from the Mass of the Precious Blood

"O God, who by the Precious Blood of your Only Begotten Son have redeemed the whole world, preserve in us the work of your mercy, so that ever honouring the mystery of our salvation, we may merit to obtain its fruits. Through Our Lord..."

## 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.

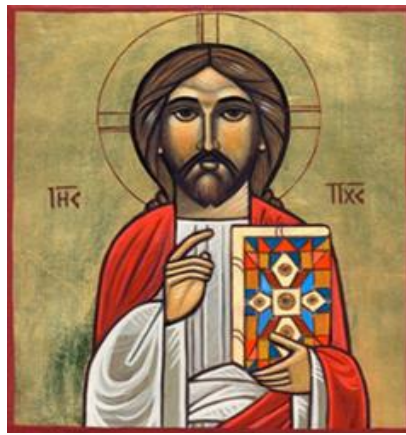
Bless the hearts of those who have already shown great generosity and solidarity.

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 FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME B



### First reading

*A reading from the prophet Amos*

Amos 7:12-15

Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, said to Amos, 'Go away, seer;' get back to the land of Judah; earn your bread there, do your prophesying there. We want no more prophesying in Bethel; this is the royal sanctuary, the national temple.' 'I was no prophet, neither did I belong to any of the brotherhoods of prophets,' Amos replied to Amaziah 'I was a shepherd, and looked after sycamores: but it was the Lord who took me from herding the flock, and the Lord who said, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel."'

The word of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm**

Psalm 84(85):9-14

*Let us see, O Lord, your mercy,  
and give us your saving help.*

I will hear what the Lord God has to say,  
a voice that speaks of peace,  
peace for his people.  
His help is near for those who fear him  
and his glory will dwell in our land.

Mercy and faithfulness have met;  
justice and peace have embraced.  
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth  
and justice look down from heaven.

The Lord will make us prosper  
and our earth shall yield its fruit.  
Justice shall march before him  
and peace shall follow his steps.

**Second reading**

Ephesians 1:3-14

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

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who has blessed us with all the spiritual blessings of heaven in Christ.  
Before the world was made, he chose us, chose us in Christ,  
to be holy and spotless, and to live through love in his presence,  
determining that we should become his adopted sons, through Jesus Christ  
for his own kind purposes,  
to make us praise the glory of his grace,  
his free gift to us in the Beloved,  
in whom, through his blood, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins.  
Such is the richness of the grace  
which he has showered on us  
in all wisdom and insight.  
He has let us know the mystery of his purpose,  
the hidden plan he so kindly made in Christ from the beginning  
to act upon when the times had run their course to the end:  
that he would bring everything together under Christ, as head,  
everything in the heavens and everything on earth.  
And it is in him that we were claimed as God's own,  
chosen from the beginning,  
under the predetermined plan of the one who guides all things  
as he decides by his own will;  
chosen to be,  
for his greater glory,  
the people who would put their hopes in Christ before he came.  
Now you too, in him,  
have heard the message of the truth and the good news of your salvation,  
and have believed it;  
and you too have been stamped with the seal of the Holy Spirit of the Promise,  
the pledge of our inheritance  
which brings freedom for those whom God has taken for his own, to make his glory praised.

The word of the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation**

cf. Jn6:63,68

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

## Gospel

Mark 6:7-13

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark*

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out in pairs giving them authority over the unclean spirits. And he instructed them to take nothing for the journey except a staff – no bread, no haversack, no coppers for their purses. They were to wear sandals but, he added, ‘Do not take a spare tunic.’ And he said to them, ‘If you enter a house anywhere, stay there until you leave the district. And if any place does not welcome you and people refuse to listen to you, as you walk away shake off the dust from under your feet as a sign to them.’ So they set off to preach repentance; and they cast out many devils, and anointed many sick people with oil and cured them.

The Gospel of the Lord.