

# THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF CHIPPENHAM & CORSHAM

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

### SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME B

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

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

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

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene,

Apostle to the Apostles

No Mass

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July

Feast of Saint Bridget of Sweden,

Religious, Patroness of Europe

12.10pm Funeral Mass

of Joyce Campbell (Ch)

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July

Weekday in Ordinary Time

12pm Mass (Cor) (*Kay Morea*)

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July

Feast of Saint James, Apostle

12.10pm Mass (Ch) (*In thanksgiving 65<sup>th</sup>*

*Wedding Anniversary Art & Lyn*)

Eucharistic Adoration today

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July

Saints Joachim and Anne,

Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> July

Our Lady on Saturday

2- 4.45pm Eucharistic Adoration (Ch)

4.15 - 4.45pm (Sat) Confessions (Ch)

### SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME B

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

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

11am (Ch) Sung Mass (*Harbour Family*)

**THE NEW TRANSLATION OF THE LECTIONARY** The Lectionary, which is the book that contains the Scripture readings for Mass and the Sacraments, is changing as part of the continuing process of revising liturgical translations. The process began with the Roman Missal in 2011 and has continued with all the other liturgical texts. The new Lectionary will use the English Standard Version – Catholic Edition of the Bible and the Abbey Psalter. The changes are intended to make the biblical translations more faithful to the original languages, biblical scholarship, and to provide a text for use in liturgical setting that is more proclaimable and, where appropriate, more inclusive. The New Lectionary will come into use on the First Sunday of Advent this year. The Catholic Truth Society and Redemptorist Publications will be publishing new people's Missals. Further information is available on their websites.

**THANK YOU** Fr Michael would like to thank the parishes for the cards and gifts received on his ordination anniversary. A big thank you to St Mary's for the lovely reception after Sunday Mass with Bubbly and a splendid anniversary cake which was shared with the parishioners. It was much appreciated.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD** Next 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.

**ST PATRICK'S LINEN TEAM** Would you like to join the St Patrick's Linen team? Now that Christine has moved, the team need more helpers. You would only have to launder the small linen occasionally and guidance will be given. Please contact Teresa Gosling if you can help with this ministry.

**URGENT REQUEST! ST MARY'S CHURCH CLEANING** After many years of loyal service, our cleaners are retiring in August. We would like to thank them for their hard work over the years. We are looking for new cleaners! Please could you offer to help? It would be so sad to bring in contract cleaners as people could not give time to care for our church. Please contact Teresa Gosling (see details above) if you feel called to take on this vital ministry.

**ADORATION** Come let us adore Him ...Can you spare just 30 minutes? St Mary's church is open for silent prayer and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Thursdays following holy mass until 6pm and Saturdays 2pm until 5pm vigil mass. Thanks to those who made this possible by signing up.

**SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY – DATE FOR YOUR DIARY** As this is the feast of title in Chippenham there will be a Sung Mass at 7pm on 15<sup>th</sup> August. Mass will be followed by wine, juices

and nibbles. Let's make this a lovely parish summer celebration for this holyday. Mass will also be celebrated in Corsham at 12noon.

**NEW FEAST DAY – OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM** The Vatican has granted permission for Our Lady of Walsingham to be celebrated as a new Feast in the dioceses of England, starting this year on 24<sup>th</sup> September. The Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham was established in 1061, according to the text of the Pynson Ballad, when devout noblewoman Richeldis de Faverches asked in prayer for inspiration so that she could carry out a special work in honour of Our Lady. Our Lady appeared to Richeldis and showed her in spirit the House of the Annunciation where the Angel greeted Mary in Nazareth, and asked her to build a replica in Walsingham as a perpetual memorial of the Annunciation. Our Lady of Walsingham, pray for us.

**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>.

**CATHOLIC MOTHERS BATH AND WEST WILTSHIRE** A new group for mothers to meet monthly for mass at St John's, Bath and afterwards in the hall for tea, cake, faith and fellowship. Children are most welcome. Next meeting Monday 12th August after the 9.30 mass. Contact Amy on 07872382979.

**PILGRIM WALK ACROSS THE WESSEX DOWNS - SATURDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2024** Organised by *Journeying* and beginning and ending in the Wiltshire village of Bishops Cannings, this delightful, varied walk of approximately six miles takes us across the beautiful countryside of the North Wessex Downs. Along the Way we will listen to readings and reflections. There is no charge. Dogs are welcome. Please bring a packed lunch. For details or to book your place, please visit the Journeying website: <https://www.journeying.co.uk/day-walks-and-events> or Email: [info@journeying.co.uk](mailto:info@journeying.co.uk)

**SPUC PETITION DAY** Since the introduction of a 2-child cap on Universal Credit payments was introduced in 2017 there have been c.1,500,000 abortions in England & Wales. The 2-child benefit cap targets the poor and vulnerable. On the weekend of 10 and 11 August, the SPUC are holding Petition Day. Please help mothers to choose life and overturn the cruel and punitive two-child benefit cap. The Petition calls on the Prime Minister to end the Government's cruel two-child benefit cap. SPUC will be sending us information about the petition nearer the date which will be available in the church.

**SCHOOLS** As our schools break up for the summer this week, we wish all pupils and staff a very happy and restful summer holiday.

**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.

**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:** Jessie Kent, Tim Dawber, Dorothy Hughes, Kathleen Davies, Brendan Hughes, Mary Conway, Pam Walsh.

**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:** St Bonaventure, Bishopston, 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.

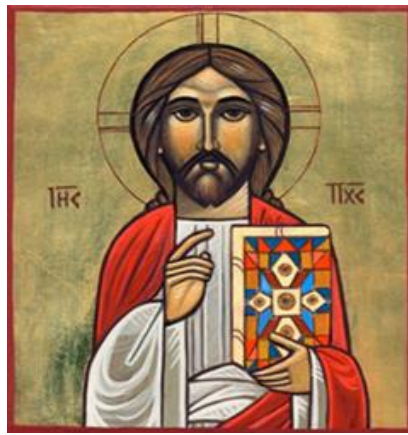
Bless the hearts of those who have already shown great generosity and solidarity.

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 SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME B



### First reading

*A reading from the prophet Jeremiah*

Jeremiah 23:1-6

'Doom for the shepherds who allow the flock of my pasture to be destroyed and scattered – it is the Lord who speaks! This, therefore, is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says about the shepherds in charge of my people: You have let my flock be scattered and go wandering and have not taken care of them.

Right, I will take care of you for your misdeeds – it is the Lord who speaks! But the remnant of my flock I myself will gather from all the countries where I have dispersed them, and will bring them back to their pastures: they shall be fruitful and increase in numbers. I will raise up shepherds to look after them and pasture them; no fear, no terror for them any more; not one shall be lost – it is the Lord who speaks!



‘See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks –  
when I will raise a virtuous Branch for David,  
who will reign as true king and be wise,  
practising honesty and integrity in the land.  
In his days Judah will be saved  
and Israel dwell in confidence.  
And this is the name he will be called:  
The-Lord-our-integrity.’

The word of the Lord.

### **Responsorial Psalm**

Psalm 22(23)

*The Lord is my shepherd:  
there is nothing I shall want.*

The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures  
where he gives me repose.  
Near restful waters he leads me,  
to revive my drooping spirit.

He guides me along the right path;  
he is true to his name.  
If I should walk in the valley of darkness  
no evil would I fear.  
You are there with your crook and your staff;  
with these you give me comfort.

You have prepared a banquet for me  
in the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil;  
my cup is overflowing.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me  
all the days of my life.  
In the Lord’s own house shall I dwell  
for ever and ever.

### **Second reading**

Ephesians 2:13-18

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

In Christ Jesus, you that used to be so far apart from us have been brought very close, by the blood of Christ. For he is the peace between us, and has made the two into one and broken down the barrier which used to keep them apart, actually destroying in his own person the hostility caused by the rules and decrees of the Law. This was to create one single New Man in himself out of the two of them and by restoring peace through the cross, to unite them both in a single Body and reconcile them with God: in his own person he killed the hostility. Later he came to bring the good news of peace, *peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near at hand*. Through him, both of us have in the one Spirit our way to come to the Father.

The word of the Lord.

### **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice,  
says the Lord,  
I know them and they follow me.  
Alleluia!

## **Gospel**

**Mark 6:30-34**

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark*

The apostles rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, 'You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while'; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So, they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.

The Gospel of the Lord.