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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME B
5pm (Sat) Vigil Mass *(Pro Populo)*
9am (Cor) Sung Mass *(Pro Populo)*
11am (Ch) Sung Mass *(Harbour Family)*

Monday 29th July
Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus
No Mass

Tuesday 30th July
Weekday in Ordinary Time
12.10pm Mass (Ch) *(Fr Millett)*

Wednesday 31st July
Saint Ignatius Loyola, Priest
12pm Mass (Cor) *(Brendan McDonald)*

Thursday 1st August
Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bp, Dr
12.10pm Funeral Mass
of Elena Alberti (Ch)
No Eucharistic Adoration today

Friday 2nd August
Weekday in Ordinary Time
12pm Mass (Cor)
(Jose & Sissy 25th Wedding Anniversary)

Saturday 3rd August
Our Lady on Saturday
2- 4.45pm Eucharistic Adoration (Ch)
4.15 - 4.45pm (Sat) Confessions (Ch)

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME B
5pm (Sat) Vigil Mass *(Pro Populo)*
9am (Cor) Sung Mass *(Pro Populo)*
11am (Ch) Sung Mass *(Private Intention)*

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME B

WORLD GRAND-PARENTS DAY AND THE ELDERLY – SUNDAY 28TH 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.

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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD There is no celebration of Children's Liturgy of the Word at St Patrick's this weekend and will resume on Sunday 11th August. Following a successful trial, St Mary's CLOW will resume on Sunday 15th September. We thank all those who serve the CLOW ministry in our Churches.

ST MARY'S REFRESHMENTS will be held after 11am Mass in the Parish Office. All most welcome.

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 15th 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.

ASSISTED DYING Last Friday, a bill asking for the legalisation of assisted suicide was introduced to the House of Lords, and the Prime Minister has pledged that he will make time for MPs to vote on the introduction of assisted suicide. We have new MPs in our area, so please make them aware that there are voters who don't want to see extreme changes to our abortion laws or the introduction of assisted suicide. Please contact your MP using the tool on the www.righttolife.org.uk website and help them to quickly understand the risks in changing our laws and the strength of opposition to any such moves.

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.

ST MARY'S CHURCH CLEANING Thank you to those who have offered their help with cleaning the church. We are very grateful! Teresa will be in contact with you all shortly.

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 the 12.10pm Mass until 6pm and Saturdays 2pm until 5pm Vigil Mass. Thanks to those who made this possible by signing up.

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 24th 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.

PASTORAL LETTER Bishop Bosco has sent a Pastoral Letter for this weekend.

PILGRIM WALK ACROSS THE WESSEX DOWNS - SATURDAY 10TH 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

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. We hope that the Summer may be a time for re-creation for all.

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 Browl, Lindsay Price, Robert Wilkins. Chippenham: Lydia Connell, David Lunt, Michael Kenny, Mike Merry, Nic Pollastrone, Chris Rosario, Victoria Kiss, Raymond Johnson, Pamela Naylor, Jenny Coates, Anne Martin. Pray for all in our hospitals, nursing homes and those who care for them.

Recently Departed: Elena Alberti *(Funeral Mass at St Mary's 1st August 2024 at 12.10pm).*

RIP Anniversaries: Guiseppe Pollestrone, Helen Baggs, Kath Hewer, Alan Colesby, Noel Buddle, Judith Harris, Kathleen Quince, Desmond McKenna.

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 Cross, Bedminster, 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.

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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

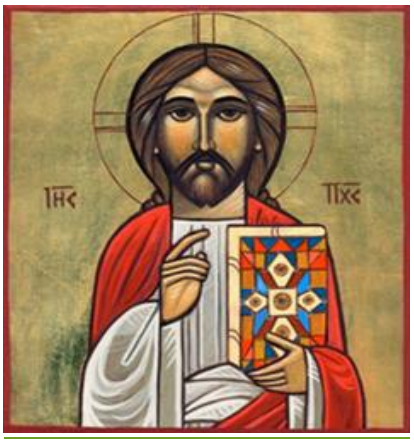
O God of all, of Abraham, Sarah, Hagar, Isaac, and Ishmael:
Our hearts are broken in pieces at the suffering and murder of your people.
Our voices cry for peace and for justice.
Comfort those who grieve,
Console and heal the injured,
Be close to those in fear,
Restrain with your mighty hand those who 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
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME B



First reading 2 Kings 4:42-44

A reading from the second book of the Kings

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing Elisha, the man of God, bread from the first-fruits, twenty barley loaves and fresh grain in the ear.' 'Give it to the people to eat', Elisha said. But his servant replied, 'How can I serve this to a hundred men?' 'Give it to the people to eat' he insisted 'for the Lord says this, "They will eat and have some left over."' He served them; they ate and had some left over, as the Lord had said.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 144(145):10-11,15-18

You open wide your hand, O Lord,
and grant our desires.

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God.

The eyes of all creatures look to you
and you give them their food in due time.
You open wide your hand,
grant the desires of all who live.

The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
who call on him from their hearts.

Second reading Ephesians 4:1-6

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, over all, through all and within all.

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 John 6:1-15

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee – or of Tiberias – and a large crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave by curing the sick. Jesus climbed the hillside, and sat down there with his disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover.

Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to Philip, 'Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?' He only said this to test Philip; he himself knew exactly what he was going to do. Philip answered, 'Two hundred denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, 'There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?' Jesus said to them, 'Make the people sit down.' There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five thousand men sat down. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted. When they had eaten enough he said to the disciples, 'Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted.' So they picked them up, and filled twelve hampers with scraps left over from the meal of five barley loaves. The people, seeing this sign that he had given, said, 'This really is the prophet who is to come into the world.' Jesus, who could see they were about to come and take him by force and make him king, escaped back to the hills by himself.

The Gospel of the Lord.