

THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF CHIPPENHAM & CORSHAM

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NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME B

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

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

with *Children's Liturgy of the Word*

11am (Ch) Sung Mass (*Private Intention*)

With Holy Baptism

Monday 12th August

St Jane Francis de Chantal, Religious

No Mass

Tuesday 13th August

Weekday in Ordinary Time

12.10pm Mass (Ch) (*Fr Millett*)

Wednesday 14th August

St Maximillian Kolbe, Priest, Martyr

12pm Mass (Cor) (*Bp Mervyn Alexander*)

Thursday 15th August

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

(Holyday of Obligation)

12pm Mass (Cor) (*Pro Populo*)

7pm Sung Mass (Ch) (*Pro Populo*)

Friday 16th August

Weekday in Ordinary Time

12pm Mass (Cor)

Saturday 17th August

Weekday in Ordinary Time

2- 4.45pm Eucharistic Adoration (Ch)

4.15 - 4.45pm (Sat) Confessions (Ch)

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME B

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

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

11am (Ch) Sung Mass (*Jennie Coates*)

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME B

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY – 15TH AUGUST On Thursday, we celebrate the lovely feast of Mary's heavenly birthday. The Church teaches that when Mary ended her earthly life, God assumed her, body and soul, into heaven. The dogma of the Assumption of Mary – also called the "Dormition of Mary" in the Eastern Churches – has its roots in the early centuries of the Church. According to St John of Damascus, the Roman emperor Marcian requested the body of Mary, Mother of God at the Council of Chalcedon, in 451. St Juvenal, who was bishop of Jerusalem, told the emperor that "Mary died in the presence of all the Apostles, but that her tomb, when opened upon the request of St Thomas, was found empty; where from the Apostles concluded that the body was taken up to heaven," the saint recorded. Mary did not ascend into heaven on her own power, as Christ did, but was raised into heaven by God's grace. As this is the Feast of Title in Chippenham there will be a **Sung Mass at 7pm on 15th August**. Mgr Keith Newton will give the homily at Mass. Mass will be followed by wine, juice and nibbles. Let's make this a lovely parish summer celebration for this holyday. Mass will also be celebrated in Corsham at 12noon if you cannot make our evening celebration.

'TASTE AND SEE' EVENING In the autumn we begin our new Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults programme who may be interested in Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist, or to be received into the full communion of the Catholic church. Or you may just want to know more about Catholicism. You are warmly invited to a 'Taste and See' evening to discover more about this exciting journey. Baptisms and Receptions into the Catholic church take place at Easter April 2025. Please speak to Fr Michael if you want more information or come along to the Taste and See evening on Wednesday 2nd October at 7pm in the parish office at St Mary's in Chippenham and join us for a buffet and drinks. If possible, please let Teresa know if you can come along.

ST MARY'S CHURCH CLEANING Thank you to those who have offered their help with cleaning the church. We are very grateful! There will be a meeting for the volunteers on Saturday 17th August at 9am in the church where you will be shown what tasks need doing. Teresa will email you separately too.

ODD JOBS Can you help with some odd jobs at St Mary's or St Patrick's? Occasionally there are some odd jobs /handy work that need doing in the church or hall. If you can help, please contact Teresa Gosling.

SECOND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH LUNCH CLUB Tuesday 13th August at the Rotary Hall in Chippenham after 12.10pm. All very welcome.

THIRD WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH LUNCH CLUB next Wednesday, 21st August, 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.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING (CST) refers to the official teachings of the Catholic Church on matters of public life, including politics, society, and economics: it's been called 'our best-kept secret'. Now Jason Charewicz of our Diocese's Department for Adult Education and Evangelisation has recently recorded a brief (9-minute) introduction to CST, which he likens to a stool with three legs: you can watch it at [Catholic Social Teaching | Clifton Diocese](#)

MARCH FOR LIFE UK LONDON 2024 The drama abortion inflicts on women alone should be enough to make us pro-life. Around 90% of abortions are through pills and studies have shown as many as 1 in 17 women using these abortion pills end up in hospital due to complications. If this doesn't sound like healthcare to you, that's because it isn't, and this is why we march. Pregnancy isn't a disease, and preborn children aren't disposable. There are many reasons why abortion isn't healthcare, the primary one being that healthcare doesn't kill!! The March will be on Saturday the 7th September at 1.30pm starting from the Emmanuel Centre and ending at Parliament Square at 4.30pm. Prior to the march, there will be a Mass at St. George's Cathedral, Southwark at 1pm celebrated by Bishop John Sherrington.

ST MARY'S REFRESHMENTS will resume on 8th September after the 11am Mass in the Parish Office.

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

MISSIO BOXES If you have a Missio box that needs emptying and you don't have a collector, please could you bring it to the church and leave it in the office for Teresa who will arrange for the money to be counted, banked and your box returned to you.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY - DIOCESAN DAY due to a clash in Bishop Bosco's diary, the date for Diocesan Day next year has been moved to Saturday 19th July 2025.

FUNERAL MASS OF JENNIE COATES RIP will be celebrated at St Mary's on 29th August at 12.10pm.

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.

THE PARISH OFFICE will be closed on Tuesday 13th August and re-open on Thursday 15th August.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

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

RIP Anniversaries: Eileen Byrne, Howard Evans, Christian Taduch, Bishop Mervyn Alexander.

The Holy Father's Prayer August Intention: We pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and for the common good, especially caring for the poor and those who have lost their jobs.

Diocesan Prayer Link: St Augustine of Canterbury, Downend; Our Lady of Lourdes & St Bernadette, Kingswood, St Lawrence, Chipping Sodbury with St Paul, Yate, Bristol.

For the People of Ukraine & For Peace and Reconciliation on the Holy Land.

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.

August – Month of the Immaculate Heart of Mary



We know that traditionally May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. October to the Holy Rosary, and Our Lady of the Rosary. Now it's time to also remember something little realised or often forgotten. August is the month traditionally dedicated by to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

In fact, August once saw the celebration of the feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. In 1944 Venerable Pope Pius XII set this feast to be celebrated on 22nd Aug as the Octave of the Assumption. Two years earlier he had consecrated the Christian family and whole human race to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on the 25th anniversary of the Fatima apparitions.

Then in 1969, St. Pope Paul VI moved the date to the Saturday after the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (celebrated on the Friday before; the celebrations are next to each other). It means the Immaculate Heart of Mary feast falls on the third Saturday after Pentecost.

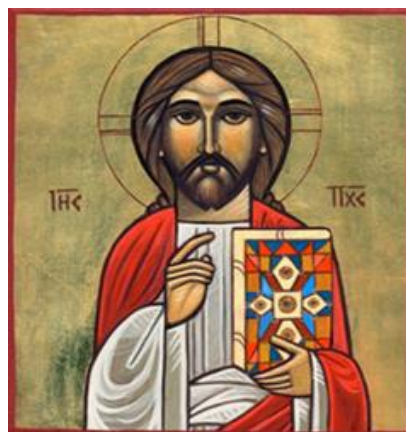
August still has three Marian celebrations — the Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major (also remembering Our Lady of the Snows) on 5th Aug. the Assumption on 15th Aug. the Queenship of Mary on 22nd Aug.

Well before August came to be dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary she was celebrated as such for centuries. In fact the roots of the devotion to Mary's Heart are in Scripture, where on two occasions reference is made to Mary's heart by St Luke. Luke 2:19 "Mary treasured all these things and reflected on them in her heart," and Luke 2:51 "His mother (Mary) meanwhile kept all these things in memory, meaning in her heart."

Collect of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Lord our God, you made the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary the home of your eternal Word and the sanctuary of the Holy Spirit. Give us a heart that is free from sin and attentive to your will, that, faithful to your commandments, we may love you above all things and seek to help others in their need. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

THE WORD THIS WEEK NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME B



First reading

1 Kings 19:4-8

A reading from the first book of Kings

Elijah went into the wilderness, a day's journey, and sitting under a furze bush wished he were dead. 'O Lord,' he said 'I have had enough. Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors.' Then he lay down and went to sleep. But an angel touched him and said, 'Get up and eat.' He looked round, and there at his head was a scone baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again. But the angel of the Lord came back a second time and touched him and said, 'Get up and eat, or the journey will be too long for you.' So he got up and ate and drank, and strengthened by that food he walked for forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 33(34):2-9

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad.

Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us praise his name.
I sought the Lord and he answered me;
from all my terrors he set me free.

Look towards him and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.
This poor man called, the Lord heard him
and rescued him from all his distress.

The angel of the Lord is encamped
around those who revere him, to rescue them.
Taste and see that the Lord is good.
He is happy who seeks refuge in him.

Second reading

Ephesians 4:30-5:2

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God who has marked you with his seal for you to be set free when the day comes. Never have grudges against others, or lose your temper, or raise your voice to anybody, or call each other names, or allow any sort of spitefulness. Be friends with one another, and kind, forgiving each other as readily as God forgave you in Christ.

Try, then, to imitate God as children of his that he loves and follow Christ loving as he loved you, giving himself up in our place as a fragrant offering and a sacrifice to God.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
If anyone loves me he will keep my word,
and my Father will love him,
and we shall come to him.
Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

The Jews were complaining to each other about Jesus, because he had said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' 'Surely this is Jesus, son of Joseph' they said. 'We know his father and mother. How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?' Jesus said in reply, 'Stop complaining to each other.

'No one can come to me
unless he is drawn by the Father who sent me,
and I will raise him up at the last day.
It is written in the prophets:
They will all be taught by God,
and to hear the teaching of the Father,
and learn from it,
is to come to me.
Not that anybody has seen the Father,
except the one who comes from God:
he has seen the Father.
I tell you most solemnly,
everybody who believes has eternal life.
'I am the bread of life.
Your fathers ate the manna in the desert
and they are dead;
but this is the bread that comes down from heaven,
so that a man may eat it and not die.
I am the living bread which has come down from heaven.
Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever;
and the bread that I shall give is my flesh,
for the life of the world.'

The Gospel of the Lord.