

# THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF CHIPPENHAM & CORSHAM

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## TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME B

5pm (Sat) Vigil Mass

*(Anne & Dominic Harte)*

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

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

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> August

Weekday in Ordinary Time

No Mass

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> August

Saint Bernard, Abbot,

Doctor of the Church

12.10pm Mass (Ch) *(Holy Souls)*

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> August

Saint Pius X, Pope

12pm Mass (Cor)

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August

Queenship of the

Blessed Virgin Mary

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

Followed by Eucharistic Adoration

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August

Weekday in Ordinary Time

12pm Mass (Cor)

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> August

Feast of Saint Bartholomew, Apostle

2- 4.45pm Eucharistic Adoration (Ch)

4.15 - 4.45pm (Sat) Confessions (Ch)

## TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME B

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

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

11am (Ch) Sung Mass

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

**‘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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 this Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> August at 9am in the church where you will be shown what tasks need doing. Teresa has contacted you separately too.

**THIRD WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH LUNCH CLUB** this Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

**ODD JOBS** Can you help with some odd jobs at St Mary’s or St Patrick’s? Occasionally there are some odd jobs /handywork that need doing in the church or hall. If you can help, please contact Teresa Gosling our Parish Administrator.

**CORSHAM FOODBANK** St Patrick’s Corsham needs a new Food Bank representative to join the Trustees. The role includes taking donated food to St Aldhelm’s on a Tuesday or Saturday and volunteering at least once month. For further information please see Ann-Marie Clapp or Fr Michael.

**SACRISTY HELP** Saint Patrick’s Church is looking for people to take a turn as Sacristan. Assistance is needed particularly before the midweek masses. Instructions will be given. Please see Fr Michael.

**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 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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.

**SEASONS OF CREATION** 1 September is the beginning of Seasons of Creation: To Hope and Act with Creation. The [Season of Creation](#) website is filled with resources which you can use in your communities and families, and will be a place where global initiatives can come together.

**ONLINE BOOK CLUB** The Department of Adult Education and Evangelisation will be holding an online book club this year. The books will be Ten Commandments for the Environment, Pope Benedict XVI Speaks Out for Creation and Justice by Woodeene Koenig-Bricker. There will be five sessions, with each one covering two of the commandments. We will offer each session twice each week – a Monday afternoon session (13.00-14.30) and a Thursday evening session (19.00-20.30). To register, please sign up at our Eventbrite to the time slot you'd like to join: Monday 2 Sept (1pm):<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/season-of-creation-book-club-tickets-983469954107> Thursday 5 Sept (7pm):<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/season-of-creation-book-club-tickets-983537827117>

**LGBT+ MASS** A monthly celebration of the Eucharist for LGBT+ Catholics, family and friends, Sunday 18 August at 3pm at St Nicholas of Tolentino RC Church, Bristol. All are welcome. A Clifton Diocese initiative.

**EDUCATION SUNDAY - 8TH SEPTEMBER 2024** Education Sunday falls on the second Sunday of September (8th September, in 2024) just as the new academic year starts. It is one of the oldest Days of Special Prayer in England and Wales, established 176 years ago in 1848, and provides an opportunity to celebrate and give thanks to all involved in making Catholic schools and universities places of enlightenment, as well as to look forward in anticipation of the year ahead. Resources for Education Sunday 2024 are now available at the link below: Education Sunday ([catholiceducation.org.uk](http://catholiceducation.org.uk))

**FUNERAL MASS OF JENNIE COATES RIP** will be celebrated at St Mary's on 29<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **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:** Patrick Greaney, Peter Donegan, Anne Bridgden, Hannah Moynihan, Fred Woropay, Austin Brownrigg, Carolina Fossacecco, Catherine Law, Jessie Kent, Patrick Harmon.

**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 Nicholas of Tolentino, Easton, St Joseph, Fishponds, St Patrick, Redfield, 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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

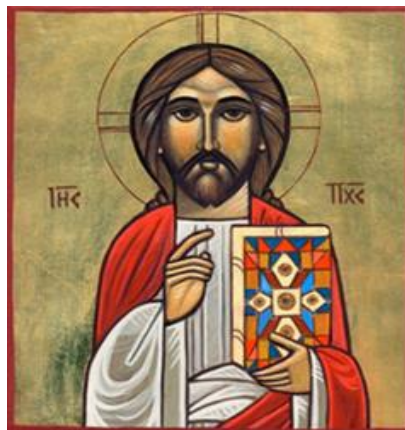
August still has three Marian celebrations — the Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major (also remembering Our Lady of the Snows) on 5<sup>th</sup> Aug. the Assumption on 15<sup>th</sup> Aug. the Queenship of Mary on 22<sup>nd</sup> Aug.

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 TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME B



## First reading

Proverbs 9:1-6

*A reading from the first book of Proverbs*

Wisdom has built herself a house,  
she has erected her seven pillars,  
she has slaughtered her beasts, prepared her wine,  
she has laid her table.  
She has despatched her maidservants  
and proclaimed from the city's heights:  
'Who is ignorant? Let him step this way.'  
To the fool she says,  
'Come and eat my bread,  
drink the wine I have prepared!  
Leave your folly and you will live,  
walk in the ways of perception.'

The word of the Lord.

## Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 33(34):2-3,10-15

*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.

Revere the Lord, you his saints.  
They lack nothing, those who revere him.  
Strong lions suffer want and go hungry  
but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

Come, children, and hear me  
that I may teach you the fear of the Lord.  
Who is he who longs for life  
and many days, to enjoy his prosperity?

Then keep your tongue from evil  
and your lips from speaking deceit.  
Turn aside from evil and do good;  
seek and strive after peace.

## Second reading

Ephesians 5:15-20

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

Be very careful about the sort of lives you lead, like intelligent and not like senseless people. This may be a wicked age, but you redeem it. And do not be thoughtless but recognise what is the will of the Lord. Do not drug yourselves with wine, this is simply dissipation; be filled with the Spirit. Sing the words and tunes of the psalms and hymns when you are together and go on singing and chanting to the Lord in your hearts, so that always and everywhere you are giving thanks to God who is our Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord.

## Gospel Acclamation

Jn1:14,12

Alleluia, alleluia!  
The Word was made flesh and lived among us:  
to all who did accept him  
he gave power to become children of God.  
Alleluia!

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to John*

Jesus said to the crowd:

‘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.’

Then the Jews started arguing with one another: ‘How can this man give us his flesh to eat?’ they said. Jesus replied:

‘I tell you most solemnly,  
if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood,  
you will not have life in you.  
Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood  
has eternal life,  
and I shall raise him up on the last day.  
For my flesh is real food  
and my blood is real drink.  
He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood  
lives in me  
and I live in him.  
As I, who am sent by the living Father,  
myself draw life from the Father,  
so whoever eats me will draw life from me.  
This is the bread come down from heaven;  
not like the bread our ancestors ate:  
they are dead,  
but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.’

The Gospel of the Lord.