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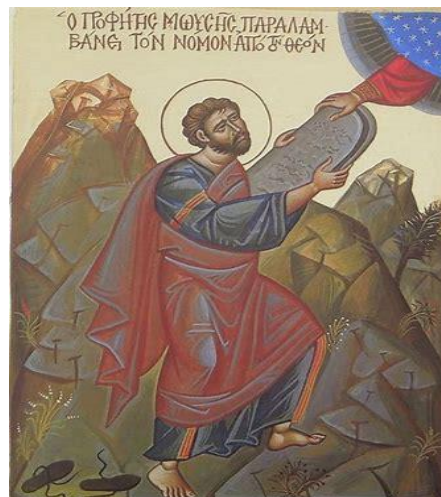
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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME B

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

9am (Cor) Sung Mass (*N & J Griffin*)

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

Monday 2nd September

Weekday in Ordinary Time

No Mass

Tuesday 3rd September

Feast of Saint Gregory the Great,
Pope, Doctor of the Church

12.10pm Mass (Ch) (*Kathleen Power*)

Wednesday 4th September

Saint Cuthbert, Bishop

12pm Mass (Cor)

Thursday 5th September

Weekday in Ordinary Time

12.10pm Mass

Followed by Eucharistic Adoration

Friday 6th September

Weekday in Ordinary Time

No Mass

Saturday 7th September

Weekday in Ordinary Time

2- 4.45pm Eucharistic Adoration (Ch)

4.15 - 4.45pm (Sat) Confessions (Ch)

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME B

5pm (Sat) Vigil Mass (*S & J Boyd*)

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

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

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME B

HARVEST SUPPER St Patrick's & St Mary's on Friday 27th September at 6.30pm in St Patrick's Hall. Everyone welcome, bring your own drinks. Admission free, by obtaining a ticket at either Church. Donations gratefully received on the night. Proceeds to Wiltshire's Julia's House Children's Hospice.

SACRISTY CHIPPENHAM From November to January, one of our sacristy team will be away on vacation. We are looking for someone to help in the sacristy for this period and also give some help afterwards. Please have a word with Fr Michael or Teresa Gosling. All necessary training will be given. This is an urgent request as it includes the Advent/Christmas period.

'TASTE AND SEE' EVENING In the autumn we begin our new 'Journey in Faith' for adults 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 Jesus and his Church. You are warmly invited to a 'Taste and See' evening to discover more about this exciting journey and ask any questions you may have about the Faith. Baptisms and Receptions into the Catholic church usually 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. We ask the congregations to encourage people and invite them to 'taste and see.' If possible, please let Teresa, our administrator, know if you can come along for purposes of catering.

CONGRATULATIONS to Rhia and Donal who were married on Saturday at Saint Mary's. We wish them every blessing as they begin their married life.

YOUNG CATHOLIC ADULTS AND CATHOLICS During the weekend of the 26th-27th October 2024, Young Catholic Adults and the Traditional English Association of Catholic History will be organising a pilgrimage to Catholic York, including a visit to St Margaret Clitherow's Shrine, the Bar Convent and St Mary's

Bishophill – the oldest Church in York. This event is aimed at Young Catholic Adults and Catholics interested in history. For details of how to book onto this free weekend and for more info see: <https://bookwhen.com/youngcatholicadults-yorkpilgrimage2024>.

ACCOMMODATION WANTED A Catholic female parishioner seeks studio accommodation to rent inclusive of bills in Chippenham. Please contact Fr Michael or Teresa if you have any spare accommodation for rent.

THANK YOU to those who have offered help with the altar linens and sacristy at Saint Patrick's. It is much appreciated.

MINISTRY OF WELCOME We are looking to establish a rota of people who would be happy to take on the ministry of welcome at St Patrick's. This involves greeting people on Sunday before Mass at the door, especially visitors and to be available to help with questions and offer Mass Cards etc to those who need them. It is always good for people to be greeted by a friendly face.

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.

MARCH FOR LIFE Sat 7th September. The annual March for Life takes place on Saturday 7th September. The march will begin at 1.30pm at The Emmanuel Centre and will finish at Parliament Square. Morning events will be at The Emmanuel Centre and there will be a Mass at St George's Cathedral, Southwark. For more details see www.marchforlife.co.uk

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

ALL SAINTS DAY PARTY Children's fancy dress All Saints Day party – 5pm- 7pm 1st November at St Patrick's Hall Corsham. Party games and party food as well as a prize for best dressed saint! Friends and family welcome.

PROPARENT HUB Come and listen to talk about family life and meet other parents in the area on Saturday 26th October at 3pm in St Patrick's Parish Hall. The subject of the talk is 'Navigating Parenting Challenges'.

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)

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, Sue Sheehan. Pray for all in our hospitals, nursing homes and those who care for them.

RIP Anniversaries: Claudio Fernandes, Bob Kucharek, June Broom, John Naylor, Lottie Grogan, Mary Snow, Antonio Checchia.

The Holy Father's Prayer September Intention: We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care of the world in which we live.

Diocesan Prayer Link: St Gerard Majella, Knowle; Christ the King, Knowle West.

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.

September – The Month of Our Lady of Sorrows



Over the centuries there grew a custom of devoting certain months of the year to specific spiritual themes. September became known as the month of “Our Lady of Sorrows.” Initially this might seem like a strange designation, as Our Lady of Sorrows is usually connected to Jesus’ crucifixion, which in the Church’s liturgical year is celebrated in March or April. However, early on a feast developed on 14 September named “The Exaltation of the Holy Cross.” Originally this feast celebrated the finding of the Holy Cross by St Helena and the consecration, on 14 September, 335, of the basilicas built by Constantine on the sites of the Holy Sepulchre and Calvary at Jerusalem. This brought into September a particular meditation on the cross of Jesus Christ, and by the 17th century there developed a complementary Marian feast on 15 September. In the 17th century the Servites celebrated a solemn feast of the Seven Sorrows of Our Lady, which in 1817 was extended to the whole Church by Pope Pius VII as a memorial of his sufferings in exile and captivity and of his deliverance through the Blessed Virgin’s intercession. Furthermore, Pope St Pius X transferred this feast from the third Sunday of September to this octave-day of Our Lady’s Nativity (8 September), in 1912.” Originally this feast was more concerned with Mary’s sufferings throughout her early life, excluding the Passion of Jesus, her Son, but over time it has come to represent all of Mary’s suffering.

Collect for Our Lady of Sorrows

O God, who willed that, when your Son was lifted high on the Cross,
his Mother should stand close by and share his suffering,
grant that your Church, participating with the Virgin Mary in the Passion of Christ,
may merit a share in his Resurrection.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

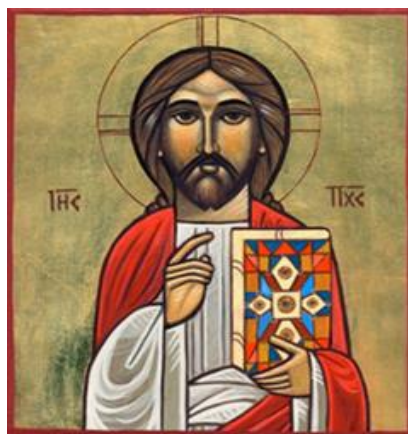
A Prayer for Ukraine



Loving God,
We pray for the people of Ukraine,
for all those suffering or afraid,
that you will be close to them and protect them.
We pray for world leaders,
for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices.
We pray for the world that in this moment of crisis,
we may reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters in need.
May we walk in your ways so that peace and justice
become a reality for the people of Ukraine
and for all the world.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE WORD THIS WEEK

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME B



First reading

Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-8

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people: 'Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them, and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know of all these laws they will exclaim, "No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation." And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God is to us whenever we call to him? And what great nation is there that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 14(15):2-5

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?
He who walks without fault;
he who acts with justice
and speaks the truth from his heart;
he who does not slander with his tongue.

He who does no wrong to his brother,
who casts no slur on his neighbour,
who holds the godless in disdain,
but honours those who fear the Lord.

He who keeps his pledge, come what may;
who takes no interest on a loan
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.
Such a man will stand firm for ever.

Second reading

James 1:17-18,21-22,27

A reading from the letter of St James

It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created.

Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves.

Pure, unspoilt religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the marketplace they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?' He answered, 'It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture:

This people honours me only with lip-service,
while their hearts are far from me.
The worship they offer me is worthless,
the doctrines they teach are only human regulations.

You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.'

He called the people to him again and said, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men's hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within and make a man unclean.'

The Gospel of the Lord.