

THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF CHIPPENHAM & CORSHAM

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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME B

5pm (Sat) Vigil Mass (*Millett Family*)

9am (Cor) Sung Mass (*Pro Populo*) with
Children's Liturgy;

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

Monday 26th August

Blessed Dominic

of the Mother of God (Barberi) Priest

No Mass

Tuesday 27th August

Saint Monica

12.10pm Mass (Ch)

(*Our retired Church Cleaners*)

Wednesday 28th August

St Augustine, Bishop,

Doctor of the Church

12pm Mass (Cor) (*Viktoria Kiss*)

Thursday 29th August

Passion of Saint John the Baptist

12.10pm Funeral Mass of

Jenny Coates (Ch)

No Eucharistic Adoration

Friday 30th August

St Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line

and Margaret Ward, Martyrs

12pm Mass (Cor) (*Jozsef Horvath*)

Saturday 31st August

Saint Aiden, Bishop,

and Saints of Lindisfarne

12pm Nuptial Mass of

Donal Williams and Rhia Read

2- 4.45pm Eucharistic Adoration (Ch)

4.15 - 4.45pm (Sat) Confessions (Ch)

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*)

21ST 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.

'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 Thanks to the cleaners who came along on Saturday to find out about their new ministry for the church. The first session for the new cleaners will be on Saturday 31st August at 9am. Teresa will meet you at the church, and those who were unable to attend last Saturday.

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.

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. Training will be given. Please see 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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION Pope St John Paul II: “Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the Living Heart of each of our parishes.” Join us at St Mary’s on Saturday from 2pm to 5pm as we pray for our political leaders and anyone you know who has lost a job or is looking for one.

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

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.

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’.

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>

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

RIP Anniversaries: Geraldine Salako, Ed Johnstone, Rosemary Buddle, Kath Hewer, Ken Vaz.

Recently Departed: Sarah Harvey

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 Teresa of the Child Jesus, Filton; St Vincent de Paul, Southmead, 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.

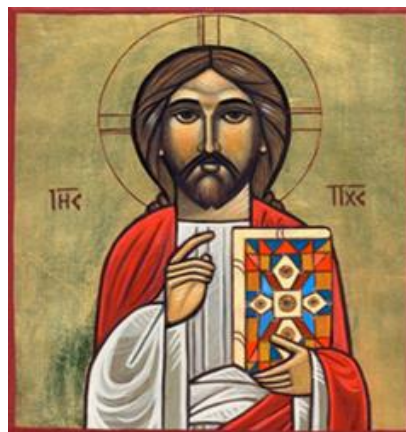
August still has three Marian celebrations — the Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major (also remembering Our Lady of the Snows) on 5th Aug. the Assumption on 15th Aug. the Queenship of Mary on 22nd Aug.

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 TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME B



First reading

Joshua 24:1-2,15-18

A reading from the book of Joshua

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people, 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.'

The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord and serving other gods! Was it not the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed? What is more, the Lord drove all those peoples out before us, as well as the Amorites who used to live in this country. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalms 33(34):2-3,16-23

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.

The Lord turns his face against the wicked
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.
The Lord turns his eyes to the just
and his ears to their appeal.

They call and the Lord hears
and rescues them in all their distress.
The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save.

Many are the trials of the just man
but from them all the Lord will rescue him.
He will keep guard over all his bones,
not one of his bones shall be broken.

Evil brings death to the wicked;
those who hate the good are doomed.
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.
Those who hide in him shall not be condemned.

Second reading

Ephesians 5:21-32

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord, since as Christ is head of the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives to their husbands, in everything. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body – and we are its living parts. For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body. This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

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

John 6:60-69

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, "This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?" Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, "Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before?"

"It is the spirit that gives life,
the flesh has nothing to offer.
The words I have spoken to you are spirit
and they are life.

"But there are some of you who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, "This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him." After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him.

Then Jesus said to the Twelve, "What about you, do you want to go away too?" Simon Peter answered, "Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God."

The Gospel of the Lord.