

THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF CHIPPENHAM & CORSHAM

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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME B

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

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

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

Monday 5th August

Dedication of the

Basilica of Mary Major

No Mass

Tuesday 6th August

Feast of the Transfiguration

12.10pm Mass (Ch) (*Our Parish Catechists*)

Wednesday 7th August

Weekday in Ordinary Time

12pm Mass (Cor) (*Holy Souls*)

Thursday 8th August

Saint Dominic, Priest

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

Eucharistic Adoration

Friday 9th August

Feast of Saint Teresa Benedicta

of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr,

Patron of Europe

12pm Mass (Cor) (*Joyce Campbell*)

Saturday 10th August

Feast of Saint Lawrence,

Deacon, Martyr

2- 4.45pm Eucharistic Adoration (Ch)

4.15 - 4.45pm (Sat) Confessions (Ch)

NINETEENTH SUNDAY

IN ORDINARY TIME B

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

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

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

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME B

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY – 15TH AUGUST 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, juices and nibbles. Let's make this a lovely parish summer celebration for this holyday. Mass will also be celebrated in Corsham at 12noon.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED - RED WEDNESDAY In the lead up to Red Wednesday (20th November) we are calling for action and advocacy for young Christians around the world. The needs are huge - they need our help. For children growing up in war, conflict or with the threat of violence, the world is a fearful and dangerous place. In countries where Christians are persecuted, Christian children are collateral damage in the overall brutality – and the numbers run to millions. Your support makes you part of the ACN Team Red. So, will you, your family and networks join ACN's 50k Step Challenge? Your action will help suffering and displaced children and young people reeling from the aftermath of persecution and violence, just for being a Christian. £500K4HOPE. To learn, share the facts and find out how you and your 'team' can raise funds and awareness, visit the Red Wednesday page. More details to come over the summer. [Aid to the Church in Need | #RedWednesday: Break the Silence \(acnuk.org\)](#)

JOINT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Thursday 8th August at 7pm in St Mary's, Parish Office.

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](#)

WELCOME It was lovely to welcome Mgr Keith Newton and his wife Gill to St Mary's last weekend as they begin their retirement in Chippenham. Fr Keith was a former Anglican Bishop. He was received into the Catholic Church and ordained Priest and then appointed by Pope Benedict XVI as the first Ordinary of the Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham. The Ordinariate was

established in 2011 by Pope Benedict to allow Anglicans to enter into the full communion of the Catholic Church whilst retaining much of their heritage and traditions. Fr Keith became Ordinary Emeritus on the Episcopal Ordination of Bishop Ordinary David Waller on 22nd June. We wish Fr Keith and Gill every blessing as they settle into their new home.

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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD resumes at St Patrick's on 11th Aug and at St Mary's on 15th Sept

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

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

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 with 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.

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.

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. There are petition cards available in church.

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. 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.

Recently Departed: Jenny Coates (*Funeral Mass at St Mary's – date TBC*).

RIP Anniversaries: Maureen Knight, Maurice Chave.

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.

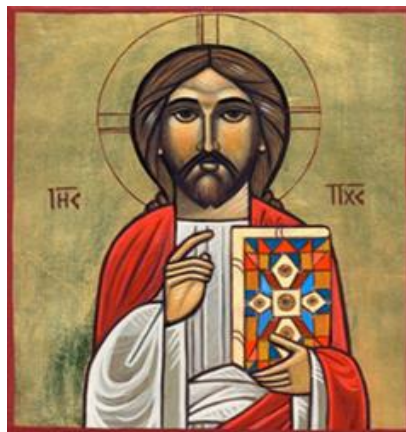
August still has three Marian celebrations — the Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major (also remembering Our Lady of the Snows) on 5th Aug. the Assumption on 15th Aug. the Queenship of Mary on 22nd Aug.

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 EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME B



First reading

A reading from the book of Exodus

Exodus 16:2-4,12-15

The whole community of the sons of Israel began to complain against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness and said to them, 'Why did we not die at the Lord's hand in the land of Egypt, when we were able to sit down to pans of meat and could eat bread to our heart's content! As it is, you have brought us to this wilderness to starve this whole company to death!'

Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Now I will rain down bread for you from the heavens. Each day the people are to go out and gather the day's portion; I propose to test them in this way to see whether they will follow my law or not.'

'I have heard the complaints of the sons of Israel. Say this to them, "Between the two evenings you shall eat meat, and in the morning, you shall have bread to your heart's content. Then you will learn that I, the Lord, am your God."

And so, it came about: quails flew up in the evening, and they covered the camp; in the morning there was a coating of dew all round the camp. When the coating of dew lifted, there on the surface of the desert was a thing delicate, powdery, as fine as hoarfrost on the ground. When they saw this, the sons of Israel said to one another, 'What is that?' not knowing what it was. 'That,' said Moses to them, 'is the bread the Lord gives you to eat.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

Psalm 77(78):3-4,23-25,54

The things we have heard and understood,
the things our fathers have told us,
we will tell them to the next generation:
the glories of the Lord and his might.

He commanded the clouds above
and opened the gates of heaven.
He rained down manna for their food,
and gave them bread from heaven.

Mere men ate the bread of angels.
He sent them abundance of food;
He brought them to his holy land,
to the mountain which his right hand had won.

Second reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

Ephesians 4:17,20-24

I want to urge you in the name of the Lord, not to go on living the aimless kind of life that pagans live. Now that is hardly the way you have learnt from Christ, unless you failed to hear him properly when you were taught what the truth is in Jesus. You must give up your old way of life; you must put aside your old self, which gets corrupted by following illusory desires. Your mind must be renewed by a spiritual revolution so that you can put on the new self that has been created in God's way, in the goodness and holiness of the truth.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord;

No one can come to the Father except through me.

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

When the people saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into boats and crossed to Capernaum to look for Jesus. When they found him on the other side, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered:

'I tell you most solemnly,
you are not looking for me because you have seen the signs
but because you had all the bread you wanted to eat.
Do not work for food that cannot last,
but work for food that endures to eternal life,
the kind of food the Son of Man is offering you,
for on him the Father, God himself, has set his seal.'

Then they said to him, 'What must we do if we are to do the works that God wants?' Jesus gave them this answer, 'This is working for God: you must believe in the one he has sent.' So they said, 'What sign will you give to show us that we should believe in you? What work will you do? Our fathers had manna to eat in the desert; as scripture says: He gave them bread from heaven to eat.' Jesus answered:

'I tell you most solemnly,
it was not Moses who gave you bread from heaven,
it is my Father who gives you the bread from heaven,
the true bread;
for the bread of God
is that which comes down from heaven
and gives life to the world.'

'Sir,' they said 'give us that bread always.' Jesus answered:

'I am the bread of life.
He who comes to me will never be hungry;
he who believes in me will never thirst.'

The Gospel of the Lord.