

# THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF CHIPPENHAM & CORSHAM

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## TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME B

5pm (Sat) Vigil Mass (*F Davis*)

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

*with Children's Liturgy of the Word*

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

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September

Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

No Mass

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September

Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham

No Mass (Ch)

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September

Weekday in Ordinary Time

12pm Mass (Cor) (*Ellen Donoghue*)

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September

Weekday in Ordinary Time

12.10pm Mass

Followed by Eucharistic Adoration

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September

Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest

11am Mass (Cor)

With Years 5 & 6

of St Patrick's School

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September

Weekday in Ordinary Time

2- 4.45pm Eucharistic Adoration (Ch)

4.15 - 4.45pm (Sat) Confessions (Ch)

## TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME B

5pm (Sat) Vigil Mass

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

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

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

**THANK YOU** to Fr Ian McCarthy who celebrated Mass in both parishes. Mgr Keith Newton will be celebrating Masses this weekend.

**CHILDRENS' LITURGY OF THE WORD** is celebrated at St Patrick's this Sunday at the 9am Mass and next Sunday at the 11am Mass at St Mary's.

**REFRESHMENTS AT ST MARY'S** after the 11am Sung Mass today. All are very welcome.

**HARVEST SUPPER** St Patrick's & St Mary's on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> 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 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. 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.

**CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT** at St Patrick's Hall on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October at 6pm. Bring your own food and drink - Tickets £5 per adult/children free, contact Guy 07720315578 [psr.corsham.stpatrick@cliftodiocese.com](mailto:psr.corsham.stpatrick@cliftodiocese.com)

Donations for the raffle greatly appreciated!

**MINISTRY OF WELCOME** We are looking to establish a rota of people 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.

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

**ALL SAINTS DAY PARTY** Children's fancy dress All Saints Day party – 5pm- 7pm, Friday 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.

**JOB OPPORTUNITY** Middlefields House in Chippenham is looking for a full-time Activities and Community Engagement Facilitator at £13.65ph. Please see the poster and click on the QR code for details.

**DOORWAY HARVEST COLLECTION** Doorway is asking for donations for its annual food collection. As many of you know, the food Doorway receives at harvest time is sorted into date order and tends to keep them in good supply for much of the year to follow. It also contributes to the hot food we serve in sessions. Food is such a vital part of our service, as aside from the obvious need it's a way of showing care for our guests through difficult times. To be able to source much of this directly from our community means our resources otherwise can stretch that bit further, so we are always extremely grateful for any support. Please see the posters for details of foodstuffs that they require.

**STARTING SCHOOL?** If you have a child born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021, then now is the time to apply for a place at a primary school for admission from September 2025 onwards. You must complete an application form that is available from the school admissions team of Wiltshire Council. If your child has been baptised and you are applying for a Catholic school, you must also provide a copy of the baptism certificate to the school. Please ensure you apply by the closing date of 15 January 2025.

**VISIT OF THE RELICS OF ST GERARD MAJELLA** From the 8th-10th October, the church of Holy Rood in Swindon will be hosting a Triduum in honour of St Gerard Majella. Mass each night at 6pm, and plenty of opportunity to pray in front of the relic, receive a blessing, and go to confession.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION - CONFESSIONS** are heard at St Mary's on Saturday between 4.15 pm and 4.45pm and at St Patrick's after the weekday masses or by prior arrangement with Fr Michael.

**CLEANERS** The next meeting of St Mary's cleaners will be this Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September at 9am in the Church.

**LOST KEYS** Two keys with an Australia-shaped keyring were left in the church on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> August. Please go to the Sacristy to claim them.

#### **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, Sue Sheehan. Pray for all suffering with Coronavirus, all in our hospitals, nursing homes and those who care for them.

**RIP Anniversaries:** Helen Cooper, Maria Checchia, Gus Wojtecki, Brain Naylor, Norah English, Ferruccio Fossacecco, Alan Knighton, Krystyna Nicinska.

**The Holy Father's Pray 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 for the world in which we live.

**Diocesan Prayer Link:** St Edmund, Calne and St Anthony of Padua, Melksham

*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.

### Prayer for Reconciliation and Peace in the Holy Land



God of justice and peace  
We bring before you the Israeli and Palestinian people  
in all their need, pain and fear.  
Bring an end to humiliation and injustice, corruption and violence.  
Prosper those who work for peace with justice.  
May all peoples enjoy security and prosperity.  
We ask this through your Son, the Prince of peace,  
Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

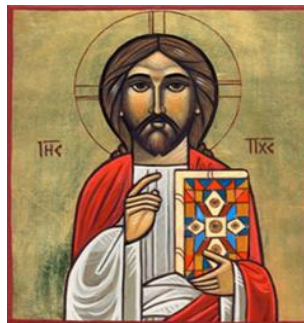
## A Prayer for Ukraine



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-FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (YEAR B)



## First reading

Wisdom 2:12,17-20

*A reading from the book of Wisdom*

The godless say to themselves:

‘Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us  
and opposes our way of life,  
reproaches us for our breaches of the law  
and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing.

‘Let us see if what he says is true,  
let us observe what kind of end he himself will have.  
If the virtuous man is God’s son, God will take his part  
and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies.  
Let us test him with cruelty and with torture,  
and thus explore this gentleness of his  
and put his endurance to the proof.  
Let us condemn him to a shameful death  
since he will be looked after – we have his word for it.’

The word of the Lord.

## Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 53(54):3-6,8

*The Lord upholds my life.*

O God, save me by your name;  
by your power, uphold my cause.  
O God, hear my prayer;  
listen to the words of my mouth.

For proud men have risen against me,  
ruthless men seek my life.  
They have no regard for God.

But I have God for my help.  
The Lord upholds my life.  
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart  
and praise your name for it is good.

## Second reading

James 3:16-4:3

*A reading from the letter of St James*

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness.

Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn’t it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven’t got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don’t have what you want is because you don’t pray for it; when you do pray and don’t get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

The word of the Lord.

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;  
anyone who follows me will have the light of life.  
Alleluia!

## **Gospel**

**Mark 9:30-37**

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark*

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house, he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So, he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

The Gospel of the Lord.