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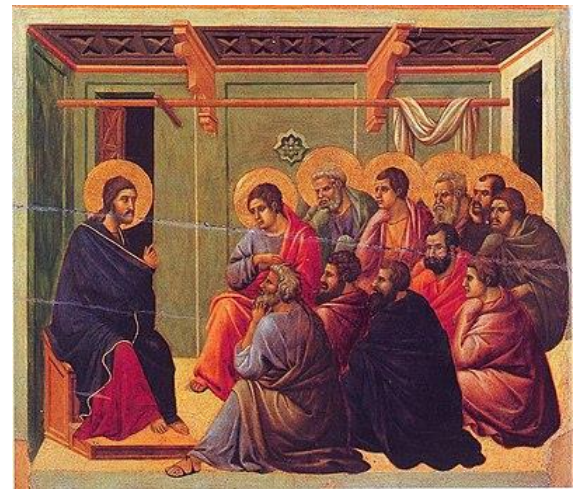
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TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME B

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

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

11am (Ch) Sung Mass (*Pro Populo*)
with Children's Liturgy of the Word

Monday 30th September

Saint Jerome, Priest,

Doctor of the Church No Mass

Tuesday 1st October

Saint Therese of the Child Jesus,

Virgin, Doctor of the Church

12.10pm Mass (Ch)

Wednesday 2nd October

Holy Guardian Angels

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

Thursday 3rd October

Weekday in Ordinary Time

12.10pm Mass

Followed by Eucharistic Adoration

Friday 4th October

Saint Francis of Assisi

12pm Mass

Saturday 5th October

Weekday in Ordinary Time

2- 4.45pm Eucharistic Adoration (Ch)

4.15 - 4.45pm (Sat) Confessions (Ch)

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME B

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

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

with Children's Liturgy of the Word

11am (Ch) Sung Mass

(*Parents of Ita Molloy*)

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME B

ANNUAL MASS COUNT Over the next four weekends we have the Mass count required by the diocese in both parishes. Many thanks to those who are kindly counting for us. Do make sure that you are counted!

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

'TASTE AND SEE' EVENING We will shortly 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 simply like 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 this 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 bring them along to 'taste and see.' If possible, please let Teresa, our administrator, know if you can come along for purposes of catering. Thank you.

NEW VOTIVE STANDS have been installed at St Mary's. These conform to safety standards and also hold more votive lights. When we light a candle we are making an offering to God of prayer and praise. The fire of the candle symbolizes ardent love. The consuming of the candle symbolizes the oblation (offering) of something of value to God: our time, our praise, our resources and so forth. The lingering quality of the candle symbolizes the fact that our prayers, praise and concerns continue in our heart even when we must leave the church. The flickering light also seems to say "Remember me, Lord, remember my prayer and those for whom I pray." New large votive lamps have also been placed beside the statues of Our Lady and the Sacred Heart. (Blue for Our Lady and red for the Sacred Heart)

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. Thank you to those who have already offered. We will contact you

for a get together in the sacristy.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY is next Friday, 4th October. CAFOD collection envelopes are available in the churches, and they will be collected next weekend.

CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT at St Patrick's Hall on Friday 18th October at 6pm. Bring your own food and drink - Tickets £5 per adult/children free, contact Guy 07720315578 psr.corsham.stpatrick@cliftondiocese.com Donations for the raffle greatly appreciated!

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'.

ALL SAINTS DAY PARTY Children's fancy dress All Saints Day party – 5pm- 7pm, Friday 1st November at St Patrick's Hall Corsham. Come dressed as you favourite Saint. Party games and party food as well as a prize for best dressed saint! Friends and family welcome. The Solemnity of All Saints is a holy day of obligation and masses will be at the usual times of 12noon in Corsham and 7pm in Chippenham.

DOORWAY HARVEST COLLECTION Doorway is asking for donations for its annual food collection. 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 1st September 2020 and 31st 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 15th January 2025.

NATIONAL DAY OF FASTING FOR LIFE On Saturday 28th September, the Vigil of the Feast of St Michael, the Good Council Network is asking people to pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia. Your prayer and fasting is urgently needed. Please invite others to join the day on Facebook and other social media.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1584168772229831/>

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 before 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 on Saturday 12th October at 9am in the Church. Many thanks for your work.

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.

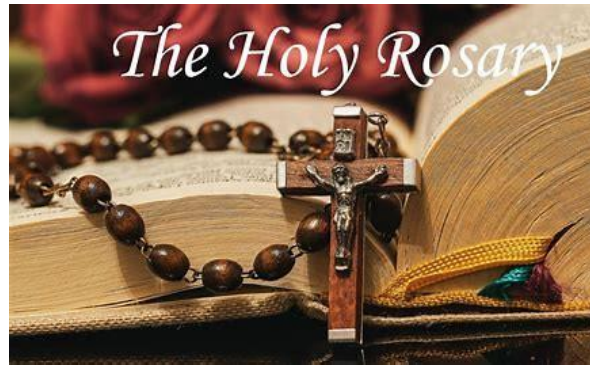
RIP Anniversaries: Eve Kilmartin, Edith O'Neill, Ann Doran, Philip Butler, Ernest Gadsden, Hilda Griffiths, John Burrowes, Janet Pordage, Salv Malia.

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: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Chippenham; St Patrick's, Corsham.

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.

October – The Month of the Holy Rosary



On October 7th, the Church celebrates the memorial of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary. The memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary, was instituted to honour the Blessed Virgin Mary for the Christian victory over the Turks at Lepanto on October 7th, 1571. Pope S. Pius V and all Christians had prayed the Rosary for victory. The Rosary, or the Psalter of the Blessed Virgin Mary, is a much loved devotion to Mary, the Mother of God. “The Rosary, though clearly Marian in character, is at heart a Christocentric prayer. In the sobriety of its elements, it has all the depth of the Gospel message in its entirety, of which it can be said to be a compendium” (St John Paul II. [Rosarium Virginis Mariae](#) – On the Most Holy Rosary). The Church invites all families to pray the Rosary for the mission of the Church and for peace.

In the gospel (Luke 11: 5-13), Jesus instructs his disciples on approach to prayers. Our persistent lifting up of our petitions to God draws us closer to God and opens our understanding of God’s actions as response to our prayers. We need to ask with expectant faith and confident trust, seek for God’s guidance and help in time of need, and persistently knock at God’s door of mercy and blessings. Together with awe, Mary teaches us today to turn our gaze upward, to trust and to entrust ourselves to the Lord. In doing this, we recognize we cannot do it on our own, that we are not the authors of our own destiny, that we are in need of others and that we are all together in need of God. The Lord never leaves us alone – he promised us this. But we must be the first to believe it by turning our gaze from the things of this earth and learning how to fix our gaze on heaven, from whence comes our help.

The trust we show by praying the Holy Rosary is a sign through which we recognize that God works through us and around us and, through Mary’s intercession, we can cultivate a “higher objective in life”. To believe is actually to give credit to the One who can do all things, to accept His help, to recognize that we cannot do everything on our own, to entrust ourselves to Him even when His plans do not correspond to ours, to the point of offering ourselves with trust: “Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word”.

Asking Mary to pray with us and for us

Our Lady of the Rosary, you entrusted this holy prayer to Saint Dominic, and through him to the world. You are always attentive to the prayers of the Rosary and never fail to pour forth God’s grace in response. Please pray for me, that I will more deeply comprehend the power of the Rosary and will never fail in my duty to pray it

. Our Lady of the Rosary, pray for me.

Jesus, I trust in You!

Amen.

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

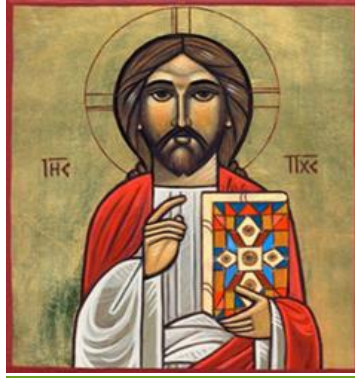
A Prayer for Ukraine



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 SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (YEAR B)



First reading

Numbers 11:25-29

A reading from the book of Numbers

The Lord came down in the Cloud. He spoke with Moses, but took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the spirit came on them they prophesied, but not again.

Two men had stayed back in the camp; one was called Eldad and the other Medad. The spirit came down on them; though they had not gone to the Tent, their names were enrolled among the rest. These began to prophesy in the camp. The young man ran to tell this to Moses, 'Look,' he said, 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' Then said Joshua the son of Nun, who had served Moses from his youth, 'My Lord Moses, stop them!' Moses answered him, 'Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 18(19):8,10,12-14

The precepts of the Lord gladden the heart.

The law of the Lord is perfect,
it revives the soul.
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,
it gives wisdom to the simple.

The fear of the Lord is holy,
abiding for ever.
The decrees of the Lord are truth
and all of them just.

So in them your servant finds instruction;
great reward is in their keeping.
But who can detect all his errors?
From hidden faults acquit me.

From presumption restrain your servant
and let it not rule me.
Then shall I be blameless,
clean from grave sin.

A reading from the letter of St James

An answer for the rich. Start crying, weep for the miseries that are coming to you. Your wealth is all rotting, your clothes are all eaten up by moths. All your gold and your silver are corroding away, and the same corrosion will be your own sentence, and eat into your body. It was a burning fire that you stored up as your treasure for the last days. Labourers mowed your fields, and you cheated them – listen to the wages that you kept back, calling out; realise that the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. On earth you have had a life of comfort and luxury; in the time of slaughter you went on eating to your heart's content. It was you who condemned the innocent and killed them; they offered you no resistance.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Your word is truth, O Lord:
consecrate us in the truth.
Alleluia!

Gospel**Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.' But Jesus said, 'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us.'

'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

'But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.'

The Gospel of the Lord.