

# THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF CHIPPENHAM & CORSHAM

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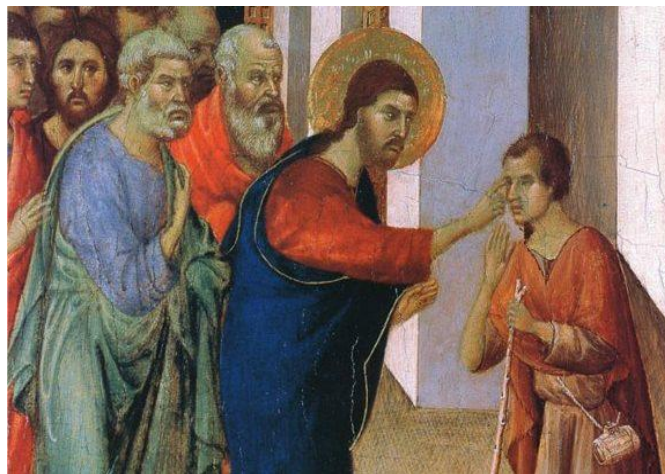
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## TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME B

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

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

with Childrens' Liturgy of the Word

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

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September

Weekday in Ordinary Time

No Mass

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September

Weekday in Ordinary Time

12.10pm Mass (Ch)

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September

Weekday in Ordinary Time

No Mass (Cor)

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September

Most Holy Name of Mary

12.10pm Mass

Followed by Eucharistic Adoration

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September

Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop

12pm Funeral Mass of Sarah Harvey

(Cor)

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September

Feast of the Exaltation

of the Holy Cross

2- 4.45pm Eucharistic Adoration

(Ch)

4.15 - 4.45pm (Sat) Confessions (Ch)

## TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME B

5pm (Sat) Vigil Mass

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

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

## THE 23<sup>RD</sup> & 24<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAYS OF THE YEAR IN ORDINARY TIME B

**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.

**EDUCATION SUNDAY** Today, just as the new academic year starts, we observe Education Sunday. 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 are now available at the link below: Education Sunday ([catholiceducation.org.uk](http://catholiceducation.org.uk)).

**REFRESHMENTS AT ST MARY'S** will resume this Sunday 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.

**LUNCH CLUBS** There is no lunch club at St Mary's this month, but the Third Wednesday Lunch Club will meet on 18<sup>th</sup> September after 12pm Mass at St Patrick's.

**TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME B**

5pm (Sat) Vigil Mass

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

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

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September

Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian,  
Bishop, Martyrs  
No Mass

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September

Saint Edith of Wilton, Virgin  
12.10pm Mass (Ch)

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September

Weekday in Ordinary Time  
12pm Mass (Cor)

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September

Weekday in Ordinary Time  
12.10pm Liturgy of the Word  
followed by Eucharistic Adoration  
(Ch)

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September

Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest,  
Paul Chong Ha-sang and  
Companions, Martyrs  
No Mass (Cor)

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September

Feast of Saint Matthew,  
Apostle and Evangelist  
2- 4.45pm Eucharistic Adoration (Ch)  
4.15 - 4.45pm (Sat) Confessions (Ch)

**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME B**

5pm (Sat) Vigil Mass

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

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

**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](mailto:psr.corsham.stpatrick@cliftondiocese.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.

**THE PARISH OFFICE & BULLETIN** will be closed next week and will re-open on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2024. Please note that this is a double bulletin covering two weekends.

**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 21<sup>st</sup> September at 9am in the Church.

**LOST KEYS** Two keys with an Australia-shaped keyring were left in the church last Saturday. 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:** Fr Denis Kavanagh, Pat Porter, Gary Willcox, Michael Riby, John Byrne, Teresa Boyd, Ann Hanratty, Steve Dawber, Ladda Chave, Lyn James, Muriel Cavaciuti, Bridget Smith, Canon Millett, Ann Jones, Elsie Tovey, Eric Rosario.

**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:** Week 8<sup>th</sup> September: Our Lady of the Rosary, Lawrence Weston, St Bernard, Shirehampton.  
Week 15<sup>th</sup> September: St Patrick, Brockworth; Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Churchdown

*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

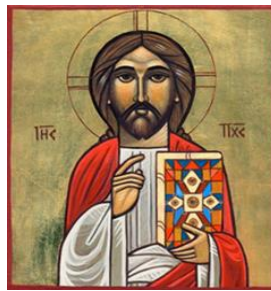


Loving God,  
We pray for the people of Ukraine, for all those suffering or afraid,  
that you will be close to them and protect them.  
We pray for world leaders,  
for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices.  
We pray for the world that in this moment of crisis,  
we may reach out in 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-THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (YEAR B)

*(Please note that there we have not reproduced the readings for the 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year as the Diocese had not sent them out before this was published)*



#### First reading

Isaiah 35:4-7

*A reading from the prophet Isaiah*

Say to all faint hearts,  
'Courage! Do not be afraid.'

Look, your God is coming,  
vengeance is coming,  
the retribution of God;  
he is coming to save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
the ears of the deaf unsealed,  
then the lame shall leap like a deer  
and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy;

for water gushes in the desert,  
streams in the wasteland,  
the scorched earth becomes a lake,  
the parched land springs of water.

The word of the Lord.

### **Responsorial Psalm**

Psalm 145(146):7-10

*My soul, give praise to the Lord.*

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,  
who is just to those who are oppressed.  
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,  
the Lord, who sets prisoners free.

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,  
who raises up those who are bowed down.  
It is the Lord who loves the just,  
the Lord, who protects the stranger.

The Lord upholds the widow and orphan  
but thwarts the path of the wicked.  
The Lord will reign for ever,  
Zion's God, from age to age.

### **Second reading**

James 2:1-5

*A reading from the letter of St James*

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats'; then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that?

Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

The word of the Lord.

### **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:  
you have the message of eternal life.

Alleluia!

## **Gospel**

**Mark 7:31-37**

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark*

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

The Gospel of the Lord.