

# THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF CHIPPENHAM & CORSHAM

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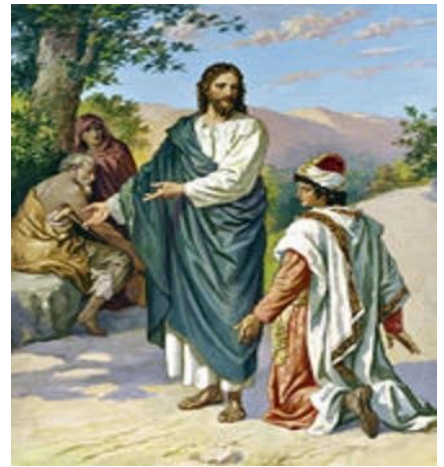
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## TWENTY- EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME B

5pm (Sat) Vigil Mass (*John Osbourne*)

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

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

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October

Weekday in Ordinary Time

No Mass

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October

St Teresa of Jesus (of Avila), Virgin,  
Doctor of the Church

12.10pm Mass (Ch) (*Bridget Whitaker*)

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October

Solemnity of the Anniversary of the  
Dedication of Parish Churches

12pm Mass (Cor) (*Our Parishes*)

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October

St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop, Martyr

12.10pm Mass (Ch)

(*Vocations to the Priesthood*)

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October

Feast of Saint Luke, Evangelist

11am Mass with children from  
St Patrick's School Yr 3/4 (Cor)

(*Our Schools*)

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October

Weekday in Ordinary Time

2- 4.45pm Eucharistic Adoration (Ch)

4.15 - 4.45pm (Sat) Confessions (Ch)

## TWENTY- NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME B

5pm (Sat) Vigil Mass ( )

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

with Children's Liturgy of the Word

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

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

**PRISONERS WEEK** Today is Prisoners' Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> October, the Catholic Church encourages everyone to reflect on and pray for prisoners and their families. For more information go to: [Prisoners Sunday - Prison Advice and Care Trust](#)

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS** Journey in faith continues this Wed at 7pm in the office at St Mary's, entitled 'The Existence of God'. There is still time to join!

**THIRD TUESDAY LUNCH CLUB AT ST PATRICK'S** Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October in the Parish Hall after the 12.10pm Mass. All are most welcome.

**ST MARY'S ALTAR SERVERS** We're looking for temporary (or even permanent) servers over the Christmas period as several of our servers will be away this year. Please contact Fr Michael, Rodney our MC or the Office.

**CORSHAM HOSPITALITY ROTA** Please join our hospitality Rota. If you can help, please sign the sheet in the hall after Mass. We thank all those who faithfully serve in this way week by week.

**SACRISTY CHIPPENHAM** If anyone is interested in helping out the sacristans at St Mary's from November to January, there will be a get together on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October at 12pm in the sacristy. All are welcome.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2025** If you would like your child (school year 3 and above) to join the 2025 programme, please collect an application form in person from Fr Michael or the Parish Administrator after Mass at either church on Saturday/Sunday and have a chat. A vital part of preparation for this sacrament is the weekly attendance at Mass.

**OPPOSING ASSISTED SUICIDE** On Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> October, the House of Commons will hear the first reading of a new bill on assisted suicide tabled by Labour MP Kim Leadbeater. This is another attempt to legalise assisted suicide, and we ask you to contact your MP to voice your opposition. Righttolife.org has suggested that parishioners could watch the BBC documentary, [Better Off Dead?](#), for more information.

**CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY & MISSIO – WORLD MISSION SUNDAY** You can still donate via the Dona machines in church by selecting 'CAFOD Family Fast Day'. Or via the envelopes. Next weekend is Missio/World Mission Sunday, also with a retiring collection.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD** continues in our parishes fortnightly. Space is very tight in the office at Chippenham; therefore, we kindly ask that just one parent accompanies their child, if necessary, together with the two Children's Liturgy leaders scheduled for the particular session only. Thank you.

**VACANCY PARISH ADMINISTRATOR ST JOHN'S, TROWBRIDGE** We are seeking a positive, self-motivated and organised individual with excellent interpersonal skills for the role of Parish Administrator. The successful candidate will play a vital role in supporting the Parish Priest by overseeing all the administrative aspects of running the parish. The position requires a good foundation in office management and IT skills. It is a multi-faceted role that also involves being the first point of contact for both parishioners as well as external parties, and dealing with queries and concerns sympathetically, discreetly and professionally. Hours: Tues-Fri 9am-2pm. Salary: £12.50-£14 per hour. A DBS check will be required for this role. A job description and application form can be downloaded from the parish website <https://www.stjohnthebaptisttrowbridge.co.uk/> Deadline for applications: 8<sup>th</sup> November.

**CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT** St Patrick's Hall Fri 18th Oct 6pm. BYO 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!

**ALL SAINTS DAY PARTY** Children's fancy dress 5pm-7pm, Fri 1st November at St Patrick's Hall Corsham. Come dressed as your favourite saint! Party games, party food as well as a prize for best dressed saint! 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.

**STARTING SCHOOL?** If you have a child born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021, now is the time to apply for a place at a primary school for September 2025 onwards. Complete an application form 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 provide a baptism certificate to the school. Please ensure you apply by the closing date of 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

**CLEANERS** The next meeting of St Mary's cleaners Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October at 9am in the Church. Thank you.

**EDUCATION MASS** Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November at 6pm. This Mass, bringing all our school community members together as a diocesan family to celebrate Catholic education. Light Refreshments will be available.

**OCCASIONAL CARDS** Mathew Hendricks-Birtles would like to thank parishioners for their old cards. He will not need anymore. Sadly, he has been unable to sell cards for months as all the outlets, even the Dementia homes, want £20 - £30 for a table to sell them. Mathew has raised over £13k for Alzheimer's Support.

**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.

#### **PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK**

**The Sick:** Corsham: Richard Keat, Sheila Taylor, Christopher Browl, 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 suffering with Coronavirus, all in our hospitals, nursing homes and those who care for them.

**Recently Departed:** Fr Ray Matus, Fr Michael Derek.

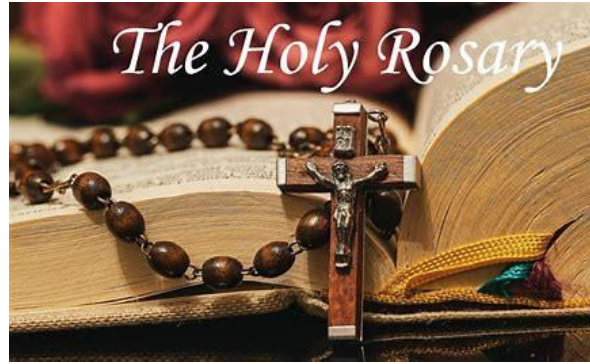
**RIP Anniversaries:** Lewis Harlowe, Tony Tilbury, Geoffrey Marshall, Steve Arthur, Derek Chappell

**The Holy Father's Pray October Intention:** We pray that the Church continue to sustain in all ways a Synodal lifestyle, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, the communion and the mission shared among priests, religious and lay people.

**Diocesan Prayer Link:** Our Lady, St Mary of Glastonbury, Glastonbury, St Michael, Shepton Mallet, Our Lady Queen of the Apostles, Cheddar, St Joseph and St Teresa, Wells.

*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 7<sup>th</sup>, 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

*Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son was made known by the message of an Angel, may, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, by his Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of his Resurrection. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. 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

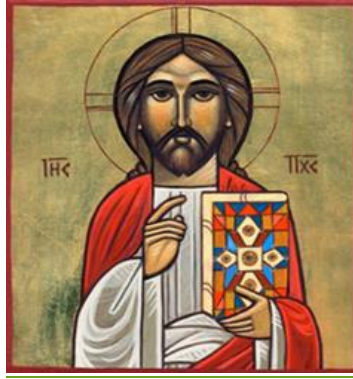
## A Prayer for Ukraine



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 EIGHTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (YEAR B)



### First reading

Wisdom 7:7-11

*A reading from the book of Wisdom*

I prayed, and understanding was given me;  
I entreated, and the spirit of Wisdom came to me.  
I esteemed her more than sceptres and thrones;  
compared with her, I held riches as nothing.  
I reckoned no priceless stone to be her peer,  
for compared with her, all gold is a pinch of sand,  
and beside her silver ranks as mud.  
I loved her more than health or beauty,  
preferred her to the light, since her radiance never sleeps.  
In her company all good things came to me,  
at her hands riches not to be numbered.

The word of the Lord.

### Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 89(90):12-17

*Fill us with your love so that we may rejoice.*

Make us know the shortness of our life  
that we may gain wisdom of heart.  
Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?  
Show pity to your servants.

In the morning, fill us with your love;  
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.  
Give us joy to balance our affliction  
for the years when we knew misfortune.

Show forth your work to your servants;  
let your glory shine on their children.  
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:  
give success to the work of our hands.

*A reading from the letter to the Hebrews*

The word of God is something alive and active: it cuts like any double-edged sword but more finely: it can slip through the place where the soul is divided from the spirit, or joints from the marrow; it can judge the secret emotions and thoughts. No created thing can hide from him; everything is uncovered and open to the eyes of the one to whom we must give account of ourselves.

The word of the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Blessed are you, Father,  
Lord of heaven and earth,  
for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom  
to mere children.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel****Mark 10:17-30**

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark*

Jesus was setting out on a journey when a man ran up, knelt before him and put this question to him, 'Good master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: You must not kill; You must not commit adultery; You must not steal; You must not bring false witness; You must not defraud; Honour your father and mother.' And he said to him, 'Master, I have kept all these from my earliest days.' Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him, and he said, 'There is one thing you lack. Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' But his face fell at these words and he went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth.

Jesus looked round and said to his disciples, 'How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!' The disciples were astounded by these words, but Jesus insisted, 'My children,' he said to them 'how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.' They were more astonished than ever. 'In that case' they said to one another 'who can be saved?' Jesus gazed at them. 'For men' he said 'it is impossible, but not for God: because everything is possible for God.'

Peter took this up. 'What about us?' he asked him. 'We have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'I tell you solemnly, there is no one who has left house, brothers, sisters, father, children or land for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not be repaid a hundred times over, houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and land – not without persecutions – now in this present time and, in the world to come, eternal life.'

The Gospel of the Lord.