

THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF CHIPPENHAM & CORSHAM

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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*)

Monday 7th October

Our Lady of the Rosary No Mass

Tuesday 8th October

Weekday in Ordinary Time

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

Wednesday 9th October

Feast of Saint John Henry Newman

12pm Mass (Cor) (*Our New Catechumens*)

Thursday 10th October

Weekday in Ordinary Time

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

Friday 11th October

Saint John XXIII, Pope

12pm Mass (Cor) (*Intentions of V. Kiss*)

Saturday 12th October

Saint Wilfred, Bishop

2- 4.45pm Eucharistic Adoration (Ch)

4.15 - 4.45pm (Sat) Confessions (Ch)

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

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME B

ANNUAL MASS COUNT Over 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!

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS It was lovely to see so many at our 'Taste and See' evening last Wednesday. The first session of the journey in faith starts this Wednesday at 7pm in the parish office at St Mary's, and is entitled 'The Search for Happiness; the impossibility of sitting still, What is happiness?, How to press the pause button'. There is still time to join us if you were unable to come last week and would like to learn more about Jesus and his Church, with the possibility of baptism / reception at the Easter Vigil.

SECOND TUESDAY LUNCH CLUB AT ST MARY'S will be held on Tuesday 8th October in the Rotary Hall after the 12.10pm Mass. All are most welcome.

REFRESHMENTS There will be refreshments after the 11am Mass at St Mary's this weekend.

JOINT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 7pm at St Patrick's Hall.

ST MARY'S ALTAR SERVERS We're looking for temporary (or even permanent) servers over the Christmas period as a number of our servers will be away for Christmas this year. If anyone is interested in helping during Christmas they should get in contact Fr Michael, Rodney our MC or the Office. Thank you.

HOSPITALITY ROTA St Patrick's would like to start a hospitality rota. Full instruction will be given regarding the boilers/ dish washer etc. If you feel you would like to help with this welcome ministry, please sign up on the sheet in the hall after Mass. We thank all those who faithfully serve in this way week by week. Thank you.

SACRISTY CHIPPENHAM From November to January, one of our sacristy team will be away on vacation. We are looking for help in the sacristy for this period and also perhaps to 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 Friday 4th October. There will be a second collection for this at all Masses this weekend. Daniel, a young man in Democratic Republic of the Congo, is carving a better future for his family with carpentry skills

he learned in a CAFOD-funded training centre. Give to CAFOD and you'll fund training, tools, equipment and safe spaces so more people like Daniel can learn new skills and fulfil their God-given potential. Use the envelope in church or give online at cafod.org.uk/envelope.

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. 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.

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.

EDUCATION MASS Bishop Bosco celebrates Mass for all involved in any way in Catholic education, at Clifton Cathedral on Thursday 21st November at 6pm. This Mass, bringing all our school community members together as a diocesan family to celebrate Catholic education. This year's choir will be St Peter's High School, Gloucester. The Mass offers an opportunity for all those connected with Catholic education, teachers, staff, governors, pupils and parents, in Clifton Diocese to renew their commitment to Catholic education. Light Refreshments will be available.

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 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 suffering with Coronavirus, all in our hospitals, nursing homes and those who care for them.

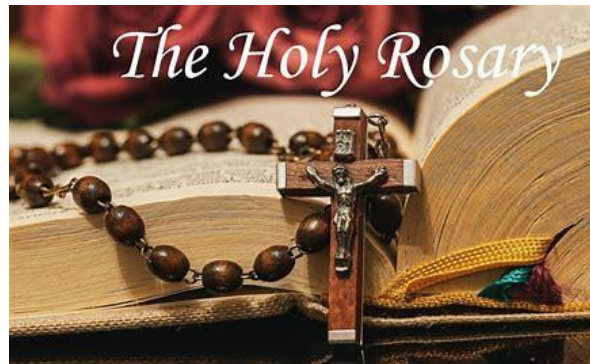
RIP Anniversaries: Mike Liston, Bryn Rees, Robert Connor, Teresa Arthur, Tom O'Neill, Patrick O'Neill, Mary Bridewell.

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: English Martyrs, Chard, with Crewkerne and Ilminster.

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

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

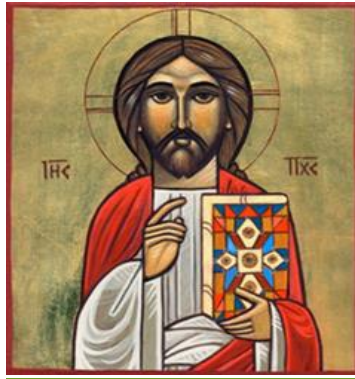
A Prayer for Ukraine



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 SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (YEAR B)



First reading

Genesis 2:18-24

A reading from the book of Genesis

The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate.' So from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them; each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord God built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed:

'This at last is bone from my bones,
and flesh from my flesh!
This is to be called woman,
for this was taken from man.'

This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 127(128)

*May the Lord bless us
all the days of our life.*

O blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper.

Your wife like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table.

Indeed thus shall be blessed
the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion
in a happy Jerusalem
all the days of your life!
May you see your children's children.
On Israel, peace!

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and splendour because he submitted to death; by God's grace he had to experience death for all mankind.

As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his sons into glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through whom everything exists, should make perfect, through suffering, the leader who would take them to their salvation. For the one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock; that is why he openly calls them brothers.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Jn17:17

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

Gospel

Mark 10:2-16

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?' They were testing him. He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' 'Moses allowed us' they said 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.' Then Jesus said to them, 'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.' Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them, 'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too.'

People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' Then he put his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing.

The Gospel of the Lord.