

# THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF CHIPPENHAM & CORSHAM

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## THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME B

(Remembrance Sunday)

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

9am (Cor) Solemn Requiem Mass  
with Act of Remembrance (*The Fallen*)

11am (Ch) Solemn Requiem Mass  
with Act of Remembrance (*The Fallen*)

*No Children's Liturgy of the Word today*

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November

Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop

No Mass

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November

Saint Josaphat, Bishop, Martyr

12.10pm Funeral Mass

of Betty Hobson (Ch)

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November

Weekday in Ordinary Time

12pm Mass (Cor) (*D. McMillar*)

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November

Beatified Martyrs of the Diocese

11am Mass (Ch) (*McWilliams family*)

with children from St Mary's School Years 5/6()

*There is no Eucharistic Adoration*

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November

Weekday in Ordinary Time

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

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November

Saint Edmund of Abingdon, Bishop

2- 4.45pm Eucharistic Adoration (Ch)

4.15 - 4.45pm (Sat) Confessions (Ch)

4.45pm Benediction (Ch)

## THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY

IN ORDINARY TIME B

5pm (Sat) Vigil Mass (*Seres & Czank*)

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

with Holy Baptism and Children's Liturgy

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

## 32<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME B

**REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY** A Requiem Mass with Act of Remembrance for the Fallen will be celebrated this Sunday at 9am (Corsham) and 11am (Chippenham) Masses. There will be no Children's Liturgy on Remembrance Sunday. Those who hold medals for service to their country are most welcome to wear them. We pray for all who gave their lives that we might live and continue to pray for the peace of the world.

**ST MARY'S** You may notice that the stained-glass windows are letting in more light. We have replaced the discoloured perspex with a new polyurethane covering which is stronger and clearer. The window frames have also been painted and cleaned.

**BOOKS OF REMEMBRANCE** are available in both churches for names of the faithful departed for November for the month of the Holy Souls.

**NOVEMBER MASSES FOR THE DEPARTED** If you would like Mass offered for family, friends or loved ones during this month of the Holy Souls, envelopes are available in Church.

**RCIA** Journey in Faith continues Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm in the office at St Mary's. Please continue to keep our candidates in your prayers.

**MASS FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED** Mass will be offered at St Mary's for those who have died during the past year at 12.10pm on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November. Families and friends of those whose funerals have taken place in the parishes this past year are warmly welcome to come and remember their departed loved ones.

**HOLY HOUR FOR THE DIGNITY OF THE HUMAN PERSON** 13<sup>th</sup> NOV. During the Bishops' Plenary Assembly in November, there will be a Holy Hour for prayer to promote the dignity of the human person and the culture of life in our countries in the face of the assisted suicide legislation before the UK Parliament. This takes place at 5.30pm on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November. Bishop Bosco has asked parishes to hold Holy Hours at the same time the Bishops will be at prayer. By showing solidarity with our Bishops, we will be able to create a powerful moment of prayer in our lands promoting the intrinsic dignity of every person. A Holy Hour will take place at St Patrick's Corsham 5.30-6.30pm on 13<sup>th</sup> November. Please do try to join this moment of national prayer.

**ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL** will have its second reading in the House of Commons on 26<sup>th</sup> November. Please email your MP using the link at <https://righttolife.org.uk/> Let's show the world we are pro Life!

**PARISH LUNCH CLUBS** There is no Tuesday Lunch Club at St Mary's this month but watch this space for a Christmas get-together. The next Wednesday Lunch Club at St Patrick's is 20<sup>th</sup> November after 12pm Mass.

**FLAME 2025** 25<sup>th</sup> March at Wembley Arena. This is a gathering for young people aged 14 to university age. The parishes would like to send and sponsor a group to attend <https://www.cymfed.org.uk/> Contact the Parish Administrator. The theme: 'Unstoppable: Fan the Flame of Hope.'

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2025** If you would like your child (school year 3 and above) to join the 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. The closing date for applications to be received is 15<sup>th</sup> December 2024 (Advent 3)

**ST PATRICK'S LINEN ROTA** Thank you to those who have volunteered to help with the linen rota. Please could you email Teresa Gosling with your details so she can put together a new rota. Any other offers of help would be most welcome.

**CLERGY WELFARE OFFICE PART-TIME** 15 hours per week. The Curia team is recruiting a new position to support and assist priests who are approaching retirement and those already in retirement or on sick leave. The role is mainly based in the Curia Offices in Bristol with travel within the Diocese as required. For further info [www.cliftondiocese.com/diocese/working-for-us/](http://www.cliftondiocese.com/diocese/working-for-us/) Closing date for applications: 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2024.

**CLIFTON DIOCESE TRUSTEES** There is a current educational vacancy to join the Board. Suitable applicants should have in depth knowledge and experience of education within the UK and knowledge of the Catholic sector would be advantageous. Contact Alessia Dini, St Ambrose, North Rd, Leigh Woods, Bristol BS8 3PW or by email to [Alessia.Dini@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:Alessia.Dini@cliftondiocese.com) by 29<sup>th</sup> November.

**ROME PILGRIMAGE** The next Diocesan Pilgrimage will be to Rome in 2025 with Bishop Bosco. Please see the attached link, and the poster in the churches <https://www.jcjourneys.com/clifton-diocese-rome>. This is a great opportunity for the people of Clifton Diocese to experience the Jubilee Year, 'Pilgrims of Hope' in Rome. Places are limited to 55 so please sign up as soon as possible to ensure that they do not miss out.

**LGBT+ MASS** A monthly celebration of Mass for LGBT+ Catholics, family and friends, Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November at 3pm at St Nicholas of Tolentino RC Church, Bristol. All are welcome. A Clifton Diocese initiative.

**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, Hyacinth Fernandes, Paul Gosling, Pat Booker, Anne Martin, Sue Sheehan. Pray for all in our hospitals, nursing homes and those caring for them.

**RIP Anniversaries:** Robert Gardner, Sunday Salako, Leslie Wilkins, Gary Pearce, Immaculata La Donna, Rosemary Ashby

**The Holy Father's Pray November Intention:** We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.

**Diocesan Prayer Link:** St Catharine, Chipping Camden, Our Lady and St Kenelm, Stow-on-the-Wold.

*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.*

## November – The Month of the Holy Souls



*Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his faithful ones.” Psalm 116:15*

The month of November each year is dedicated to commemorating those who have died and departed to their heavenly home. It begins with All Saints Day celebrated on November 1<sup>st</sup> to remember all the numerous holy souls who died and are believed to have entered into Heaven. As only some of the popular saints have specific dates dedicated as feasts for remembering them, this day is celebrated to mainly honour all those holy souls that have entered into Heaven and do not have any specific day dedicated in their honour.

November 2<sup>nd</sup> is celebrated as the Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (All Souls Day) to remember all who have gone before us in the faith. This practice of remembering all the dead is believed to have been instituted by St Odilo of Cluny in the year 1030. He was the fifth Benedictine Abbot of Cluny and is believed to have instituted the annual commemoration of all the faithful departed on November 2<sup>nd</sup> every year in Cluny and his monasteries. He called for the day to be observed by the members of his community with almsgiving, prayers and sacrifices for the relief of the suffering souls in purgatory. This was eventually added to the calendar of the Catholic Church and today is celebrated to honour all the dead.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church says “*Each man receives his eternal retribution in his immortal soul at the very moment of his death, in a particular judgement that refers his life to Christ: either entrance into the blessedness of heaven- through purification or immediately, or immediate and everlasting damnation.*” (CCC:1022). Hence those who have lived in God’s grace and friendship and are perfectly purified enter into Heaven immediately on death whilst those who die in God’s grace and friendship but still are imperfectly purified will eventually enter Heaven but will undergo purification prior to that. The Church gives the name ‘Purgatory’ to this final purification of the elect. This month is dedicated to these holy souls who are in Purgatory and are being purified. We who are on earth can help these holy souls in their purification by praying for them. The Church from very beginning has always honoured the memory of the dead by offering Holy Masses and prayers, through almsgiving, indulgences and works of penances undertaken for the dead.

Let us dedicate ourselves to praying for the souls of all our departed loved ones as well as those who have no one to pray for them on earth.

Listen kindly to our prayers, O Lord,  
and, as our faith in your Son, raised from the dead, is deepened,  
so may our hope of resurrection for your departed servants also find new strength.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
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

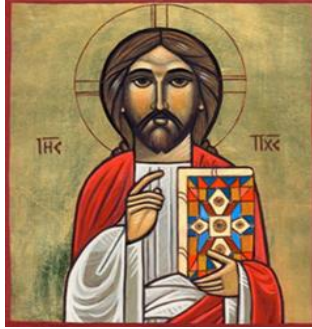


Loving God,  
We pray for the people of Ukraine, for all those suffering or afraid,  
that you will be close to them and protect them.  
We pray for world leaders,  
for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices.  
We pray for the world that in this moment of crisis,  
we may reach out in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

## THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (YEAR B)

*(The readings at 9am and 11am Masses this weekend will be of the Requiem for Remembrance Sunday. Please contact the Parish Office if you would like a copy in advance)*



### First reading

1 Kings 17:10-16

*A reading from the first book of the Kings*

Elijah the Prophet went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks; addressing her he said, 'Please bring me a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. 'Please' he said 'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives,' she replied 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.' But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel:

“Jar of meal shall not be spent,  
jug of oil shall not be emptied,  
before the day when the Lord sends  
rain on the face of the earth.”

The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

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

Hebrews 9:24-28

*A reading from the letter to the Hebrews*

It is not as though Christ had entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began. Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since men only die once, and after that comes judgement, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him.

The word of the Lord.

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!  
How happy are the poor in spirit:  
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
Alleluia!

## Gospel

Mark 12:38-44

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark*

In his teaching Jesus said, 'Beware of the scribes who like to walk about in long robes, to be greeted obsequiously in the market squares, to take the front seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets; these are the men who swallow the property of widows, while making a show of lengthy prayers. The more severe will be the sentence they receive.'

He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the treasury, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.'

The Gospel of the Lord.