

# THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF CHIPPENHAM & CORSHAM

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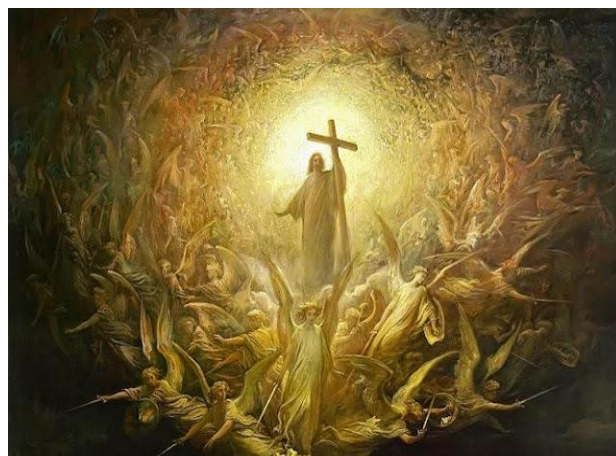
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## THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME B

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*)

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November

Dedication of the Basilicas of

Ss Peter & Paul, Apostles

No Mass

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November

Weekday in Ordinary Time

12.10pm (Ch) (*Opie Family*)

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November

Weekday in Ordinary Time

12pm Mass (Cor) (*John Bogie*)

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November

Presentation of

the Blessed Virgin Mary

11am Mass (Ch) (*David McMillar*)

*Followed by Eucharistic Adoration*

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November

Saint Cecelia, Virgin, Martyr

12pm Mass (Cor) (*McDonald Family*)

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November

Weekday in Ordinary Time

2- 4.45pm Eucharistic Adoration (Ch)

4.15 - 4.45pm (Sat) Confessions (Ch)

4.45pm Benediction

## SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE (Last Sunday in Ordinary Time)

5pm (Sat) Vigil Mass (*David Delaney*)

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

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

## 33<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME B

**CHRIST THE KING** Next weekend is the last Sunday of our liturgical year and concludes on a high note, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. We then move into the beautiful season of hope and expectancy, Advent.

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD** Thank you to those readers from both our parishes who came along to the preparation day last week to introduce the new translation of the Lectionary. A reminder to all minister of the Word, that we begin to use this new translation from Advent Sunday. Please ensure that you have prepared the reading from the new lectionary in advance, as the language will sound somewhat different from our present translation. Preparation is essential to good proclamation.

**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/> URGENT ACTION is now needed by all our parishioners please. We are a community that values life as God's gift.

**RED WEDNESDAY** 20th November is Aid to the Church in Need's (national and international) day for persecuted Christians. This year, ACN is focusing on the suffering of young Christians in priority countries, many of whom are orphaned and displaced due to targeted attacks against their Christian communities. Can you donate to help provide material and spiritual hope to displaced children in places like Nigeria, Lebanon, Syria, Burkina Faso and Mozambique? All individual gifts and 'team fundraising' donations will be doubled to the value of £250,000, thanks to generous benefactors! To donate, to sign our Advocacy petition and to find out how to be part of Team Red this year, visit [www.acnuk.org](http://www.acnuk.org)

**BAPTISM PREPARATION** Tom, the leader of our Baptismal preparation course for parents of children to be baptized has moved to Ireland. We thank Tom for all his hard work in this area. We now need a volunteer(s) to take up this ministry. Please have a word with Fr Michael if you feel that you may be able to help or would like more information.

**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 28th 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.

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

**RCIA Journey in Faith** continues Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm in the office at St Mary's. Please continue to keep our candidates in your prayers.

**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 [www.cymfed.org.uk/](http://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 which should begin now. 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. Many thanks.

**LUNCH CLUB** at St Patrick's: Wed 20<sup>th</sup> November after 12pm Mass. Do join us after the 12noon Mass.

**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.

**CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING WITH JASON CHAREWICZ** Wed 20th November at St Mary's Parish Centre, Bath BA1 2SQ 6.30pm refreshments, 7.00-8.30pm.

**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 [www.jcjourneys.com/clifton-diocese-rome](http://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.

**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. Pray for all in our hospitals, nursing homes and those caring for them.

**Recently Departed:** Fr Bernard Carpenter (Parish Priest of St Patrick's 1978)

**RIP Anniversaries:** Lucrezia White, Audrey Ward, Vince Donegan, Bill Tovey, Teresa Martin, Kaz Melchert, Richard Pierce, Liberato Pollastrone.

**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 Peter, Cirencester, St Aldhelm, Malmesbury, St Michael, Tetbury.

*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



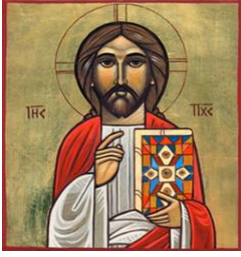
God of justice and peace  
We bring before you the Israeli and Palestinian people  
in all their need, pain and fear.  
Bring an end to humiliation and injustice, corruption and violence.  
Prosper those who work for peace with justice.  
May all peoples enjoy security and prosperity.  
We ask this through 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

33<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

(YEAR B)

### First reading

Daniel 12:1-3

*A reading from the prophet Daniel*

‘At that time Michael will stand up, the great prince who mounts guard over your people. There is going to be a time of great distress, unparalleled since nations first came into existence. When that time comes, your own people will be spared, all those whose names are found written in the Book. Of those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth many will awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting disgrace. The learned will shine as brightly as the vault of heaven, and those who have instructed many in virtue, as bright as stars for all eternity.’

The word of the Lord.

### Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 15(16):5,8-11

*Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you..*

O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;  
it is you yourself who are my prize.  
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:  
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm.

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;  
even my body shall rest in safety.  
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,  
nor let your beloved know decay.

You will show me the path of life,  
the fullness of joy in your presence,  
at your right hand happiness for ever.

### Second reading

Hebrews 10:11-14,18

*A reading from the letter to the Hebrews*

All the priests stand at their duties every day, offering over and over again the same sacrifices which are quite incapable of taking sins away. He, on the other hand, has offered one single sacrifice for sins, and then taken his place forever, at the right hand of God, where he is now waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for him. By virtue of that one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying. When all sins have been forgiven, there can be no more sin offerings.

The word of the Lord.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Stay awake and stand ready,  
because you do not know the hour

when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!

## **Gospel**

**Mark 13:24-32**

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven.

'Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you when you see these things happening: know that he is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

'But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.'

The Gospel of the Lord.