

THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF CHIPPENHAM & CORSHAM

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SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

(Last Sunday in Ordinary Time)

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

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

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

with Children's Liturgy of the Word

Monday 25th November

St Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin M

No Mass

Tuesday 26th November

Weekday in Ordinary Time

12.10pm (Ch) (*O'Neill Family*)

Wednesday 27th November

Weekday in Ordinary Time

12pm Mass (Cor) (*Fr Bernard Carpenter*)

Thursday 28th November

Weekday in Ordinary Time

12.10pm Requiem Mass for all whose
funerals were held in the parishes this
past year. (Ch)

Followed by Eucharistic Adoration

Friday 29th November

Weekday in Ordinary Time

12pm Mass (Cor) (*Private Intention*)

Saturday 30th November

Feast of Saint Andrew, Apostle

2- 4.45pm Eucharistic Adoration (Ch)

4.15 - 4.45pm (Sat) Confessions (Ch)

4.45pm Benediction (Ch)

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT C

5pm (Sat) Vigil Mass

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

With Holy Baptism

and Children's Liturgy of the Word

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

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CHRIST THE KING On the last Sunday of each liturgical year, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Christ the King. Pope Pius XI instituted this feast in 1925 with his encyclical *Quas Primas* ("In the first") to respond to growing nationalism and secularism. He recognized that these related societal ills would breed increasing hostility against the Church. His encyclical reminds the faithful that while governments and philosophies come and go, Christ reigns as king forever.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD A reminder to all ministers of the Word, that we begin to use the new translation of the Lectionary at Mass from next Sunday (Advent 1 Year C & Midweek Readings Year 1) 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 making Christ present in the proclamation of the Word. If you have not yet purchased a new Missal, readings are available at www.universalis.com You may purchase a Missal on line via CTS or Redemptorist Publications.

'WALK WITH ME' BOOKLETS for the Advent Season are available in both churches at a cost of £1.

ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL – URGENT this bill will have its second reading in the House of Commons on 26th November. If you have not already done so, email your MP using the link at <https://righttolife.org.uk/> We are a community that values life as God's gift.

BAPTISM PREPARATION We are still looking for 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.

ADVENT RETREAT The Diocese is offering three sessions to prepare for Advent by reflecting from Scripture on the virtue of hope, as we enter into the Jubilee Year 'Pilgrims of Hope.' The sessions begin at 7.30pm on a

Thursday evening on: 5th December 12th December & 19th December. To register click on this link: [Meeting Registration](#)

- Zoom

RCIA Journey in Faith continues Wednesday 27th November at 7pm in the office at St Mary's. Please continue to keep our candidates in your prayers.

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 15th December 2024 (Advent 3).

CHIPPENHAM SVP would like to thank all of you that have donated money to us, either in our red box at the back of the Church or through DONA. Your donations will be used this Christmas to go towards food vouchers for those in our parish. If anyone would like to become a member of our group, please ask Teresa for more details.

THE HAPPY LIFE OF VIRTUE - We have seven sessions to discover the virtues of faith, hope, charity, prudence, justice, fortitude and temperance, keys to a holy and happy life, in communion with God and in imitation of Our Blessed Mother Mary. The sessions take place every second Friday of the Month, at 7.30 pm, and begin on the 13 December 2024. (13 December - 1: Faith; 10 January - 2: Hope; 14 February - 3: Charity; 14 March - 4: Prudence; 11 April - 5: Justice; 9 May - 6: Fortitude; 13 June - 7: Temperance). This course is designed for the Catholic Women's Association and is open to everyone. Register here.

TRAINING FOR CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD The Dominican Sisters of Saint Joseph are offering a training session to equip leaders and helpers of the Children's Liturgy of the Word in their parish. They will look at essential principles, offer models, and recommend resources. The session takes place on 14th December, 9am to 12noon. please sign up at <https://www.lightoftruth.uk/join>

OPENING OF THE JUBILEE YEAR At the 11.15am Mass at Clifton Cathedral on 29 December, Bishop Bosco will formally open the 2025 Jubilee Year Pilgrims of Hope. All are welcome to inaugurate this special year.

ST PATRICK'S – MISSING One dark forest green tall glass vase (Approx 15"/38 cm in height) from the flower sacristy. It is one of a matching pair used most frequently at Christmas time! If it was borrowed, please urgently return it to St Patrick's or to Teresa (Parish Administrator), or if you have any information contact Maureen on 01225 704059.

CHARITY CONCERT FOR DOROTHY HOUSE on Wednesday 27th November at St Mary's Church, Julian Road, Bath, 7.30pm. An evening of jazz, swing and Latin music by Bath Community Big Band. Tickets £10/under 18 £5, plus a free drink in the Parish Centre afterwards. www.bathcommunitybigband.com

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

Recently Departed: Pat Booker.

RIP Anniversaries: Bernard Cavaciuti, Guisepe Checchia, Frances Davis, Maria Woropay, Vera Gough, Kay Telford, Brenda Burrowes.

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: Immaculate Conception, Clevedon with Yatton; St Francis of Assisi, Nailsea; St Joseph, Portishead.

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 1st 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 2nd 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 2nd 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

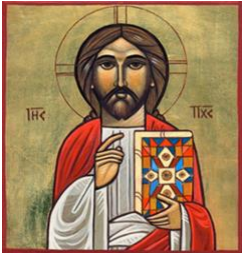


God of justice and peace
We bring before you the Israeli and Palestinian people
in all their need, pain and fear.
Bring an end to humiliation and injustice, corruption and violence.
Prosper those who work for peace with justice.
May all peoples enjoy security and prosperity.
We ask this through your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

SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE (YEAR B)

First reading

Daniel 7:13-14

A reading from the prophet Daniel

I gazed into the visions of the night.
And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven,
one like a son of man.
He came to the one of great age
and was led into his presence.
On him was conferred sovereignty,
glory and kingship,
and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants.
His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty
which shall never pass away,
nor will his empire ever be destroyed.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 92(93):1-2,5

The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed.

The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed;
the Lord has robed himself with might,
he has girded himself with power.

The world you made firm, not to be moved;
your throne has stood firm from of old.
From all eternity, O Lord, you are.

Truly your decrees are to be trusted.
Holiness is fitting to your house,
O Lord, until the end of time.

Second reading

Apocalypse 1:5-8

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the First-Born from the dead, the Ruler of the kings of the earth. He loves us and has washed away our sins with his blood, and made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God and Father; to him, then, be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen. It is he who is coming on the clouds; everyone will see him, even those who pierced him, and all the races of the earth will mourn over him. This is the truth. Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega' says the Lord God, who is, who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 18:33-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

‘Are you the king of the Jews?’ Pilate asked. Jesus replied, ‘Do you ask this of your own accord, or have others spoken to you about me?’ Pilate answered, ‘Am I a Jew? It is your own people and the chief priests who have handed you over to me: what have you done?’ Jesus replied, ‘Mine is not a kingdom of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, my men would have fought to prevent my being surrendered to the Jews. But my kingdom is not of this kind.’ ‘So you are a king then?’ said Pilate. ‘It is you who say it’ answered Jesus. ‘Yes, I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.’

The Gospel of the Lord.