

# THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF CHIPPENHAM & CORSHAM

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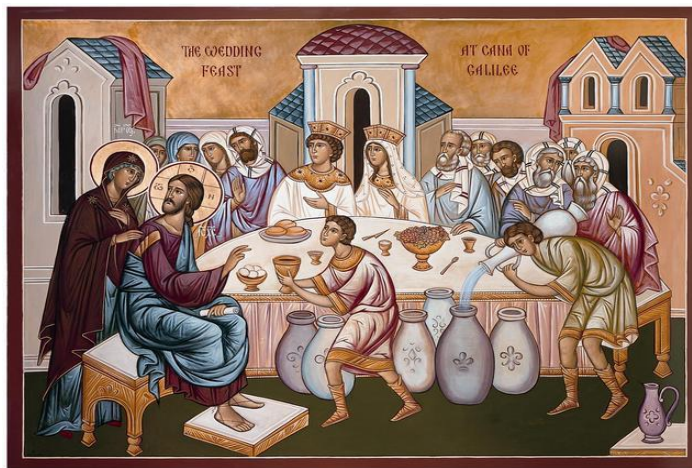
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## SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME C

5pm (Sat) (Ch) Vigil Mass (*Pro Populo*)

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

11am (Ch) Sung Mass (*Moyra O'Donnell*)

*with Children's Liturgy*

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January

Weekday in Ordinary Time No Mass

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January

Saint Agnes, Virgin, Martyr

12.10pm (Ch) Mass (*Christian Unity*)

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January

Weekday in Ordinary Time

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

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January

Weekday in Ordinary Time

12.10pm Funeral Mass

of John Cavacuiti (Ch)

*No Eucharistic Adoration*

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January

Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop,

Doctor of the Church

12pm Mass (Cor)

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January

Feast of the Conversion

of Saint Paul, Apostle

4.15pm-4.45pm Confessions (Ch)

4.15pm Eucharistic Adoration (Ch)

4.45pm Benediction (Ch)

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5pm (Sat) (Ch) Vigil Mass (*Pro Populo*)

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

*with Children's Liturgy*

11am (Ch) Sung Mass

(*John Steve Dawber*)

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**2025 JUBILEE YEAR** Pope Francis has named 2025 Jubilee Year, Pilgrims of Hope. There's a new page on the Clifton Diocese website to share news about the jubilee year, resources to deepen your prayer life and point towards celebrations in 2025. Pope Francis is also encouraging us to rediscover the ancient practice of pilgrimage during 2025. All are invited to join our diocesan pilgrimages, such as the Clifton Diocese Pilgrimage to Rome, with Bishop Bosco and 27th September to 2nd October 2025, our annual pilgrimage to Lourdes and our Diocesan Glastonbury pilgrimage, which takes place on 7th September 2025.

**A YEAR OF HOPE: AN INTRODUCTION TO THE JUBILEE YEAR WITH CAFOD** 2025 is a Jubilee year, but what does that mean? Catholic talk show host and author Nana Churcher, and CAFOD's Simon Giarchi will be hosting Fr Jan Nowotnik (Director of Mission for the Bishops' Conference), Christine Allen (CAFOD's Director) and Kayode Akintola (CAFOD's Head of Africa) and more for lively start to the Jubilee. With a special appearance by Catholic band Ooberfuse. Saturday 18th January, 10:30am-12noon, online. All welcome. <https://cafod.org.uk/news/events/a-year-of-hope-an-introduction-to-the-jubilee-year>

**OCTAVE OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY** This worldwide week of prayer encourages Christians to pray that all be one as Christ desires. We pray that all may be one at the Eucharistic table of the Lord and we rejoice in our shared baptismal unity. Resources are available at [Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2025 - CTBI/](#) For 2025, materials were prepared by the ecumenical community at Bose in Northern Italy. As we celebrate 1,700 years since the Council of Nicaea and the resources reflect the Nicene Creed.. We are invited to meditate on the story of Martha's confession of faith in Jesus as narrated in John 11:17-27. Each is called to sit with Jesus' provocative question to Martha: "Do you believe this?"

**RCIA - JOURNEY IN FAITH** continues this Wed, 22<sup>nd</sup> January, at 7pm in the office at St Mary's Chippenham. Please keep those from both our parishes who journey to Baptism at the Easter Vigil your prayers, together with those to be received into the full communion of the Catholic Church.

**THE CATENIANS** are an International Association of Catholic men who meet monthly in groups (Circles) for prayers and a meal. We also arrange regular social events with families and friends. Bath Circle gather on the third Monday of the month at the Limpley Stoke Hotel, Bath and we are keen to recruit new members. Contact: Phil Jose – [philjose@hotmail.com](mailto:philjose@hotmail.com). Further information about the Association can be found at <https://thecatenians.uk>

**JOINT PARISH COUNCIL** The next Joint Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday 7pm at St Mary's Parish Office. Any AOB to the Administrator please, 48 hours in advance of our meeting please.

**ALTAR SERVERS AT CHIPPENHAM** we still urgently need more altar servers at St Mary's, particularly for the 11am Sung Mass on Sunday. Children who have made first communion are welcome as are women and men. Please speak to Father Michael asap. No experience necessary as formation will be given.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION FOR CORSHAM & CHIPPENHAM 2025** The next session for children is Sat 25<sup>th</sup> January at 4pm. The most important part of preparation for the first Holy Communion is the weekly celebration of Sunday Mass each week. Parents, please ensure that the children's participation cards are signed each week.

**CHOIRS IN OUR PARISHES** As we move towards Holy Week and Easter, we are looking for more singers to swell the ranks. If you like to sing, then please do join us. You will receive a warm welcome in both churches.

**PEACE SUNDAY** Pax Christi promotes Peace Sunday with the support of the International Affairs Department of the Bishops' Conference. This year, Peace Sunday falls on the 19<sup>th</sup> January and the theme is the theme chosen by Pope Francis is 'Forgive us our trespasses: Grant us your peace'. The message speaks of how we must listen to the 'pleas of an endangered humanity', how the year of Jubilee inspires us to seek the liberating justice of God in our world and how by 'opening our hearts to our brothers and sisters, we will restore God's justice on earth' and 'move forward to achieve the goal of peace'. You can make donations at: [www.paxchristi.org.uk](http://www.paxchristi.org.uk).

**REGISTRATION** If you have recently moved, or you have a new telephone number please could you let the Parish Office know so that records can be updated. Also, if you are new to the parish and would like to register, then please do so via the parish website (see front of the bulletin), or ask Teresa, our administrator, for a registration form.

**ENCOUNTER 2025** is a Diocesan wide programme between Easter and Pentecost. It will empower parishioners to have a better understanding of the Holy Spirit, a closer relationship with God and to be able to explain the reasons for their faith. For more information, email [pentecost@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:pentecost@cliftondiocese.com).

**WORKSHOP ON DOMINICAN CHANT** Combining theory and practice this workshop invites us to learn about Dominican Chant on Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, 10:30am - 4:30pm, St James' Priory, 1 Whitson Street, Bristol, BS1 3NZ. We will celebrate mass together and the hands-on exercise allows people to immerse themselves into the beautiful tradition of Dominican chant, elevating their prayer life and understanding the offices, whilst learning about the Dominican Lay community in the South-West.

**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: David Lunt, Michael Kenny, Mike Merry, Nic Pollastrone, Chris Rosario, Victoria Kiss, Pamela Naylor, Anne Martin. Pray for all suffering with Coronavirus, all in our hospitals, nursing homes and those who care for them.

**RIP Anniversaries:** Sheelagh Farrell, Gerry Arthur, Timothy Bishop, Graham Masters.

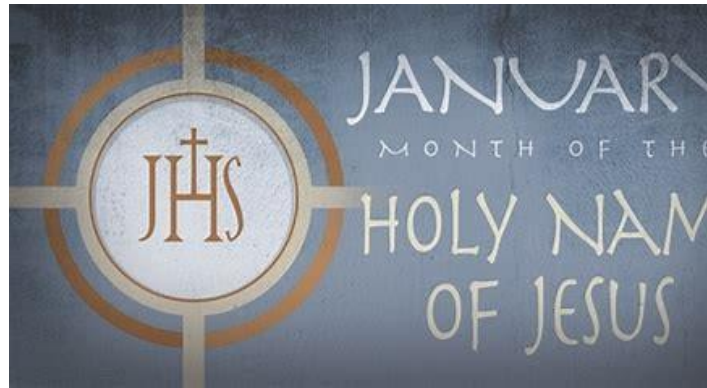
**Peace in the Holy Land and in Ukraine**

**The Holy Father's Prayer January Intention:** Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

**Diocesan Prayer Link:** St Peter, Gloucester.

*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.*

## January – The Month of the Holy Name of Jesus



January is the month of the Holy Name of Jesus, and it's an ideal time to strengthen our connection to the beautiful name of our Lord. In fact, all names are to be treated with respect. Do you know the meaning of your own name? It's interesting to discover. A name is an emblem of one's dignity but the name of Jesus in particular should be held in the highest regard; spoken and heard only in a sacred way. The beautiful name "Jesus" means, "God saves." So the name of Jesus is not only the name of our Saviour but also, by its meaning, states the purpose of His existence, reminding us of the incredible blessing of salvation. Let us therefore give that name great honour! Also, let us remember that Jesus's name in Aramaic is "Yeshua" So that is what Jesus was called in his own native language (the name Joshua is derived from this name, too).

You may wish to adopt the pious practice (that used to be more widely practiced and is so meaningful and fitting) of bowing your head whenever you say or hear the name of Jesus. Scripture tells us: "At the name of Jesus every knee should bend of those in heaven, on earth, and under the earth" (Phil 2:10). The Council of Lyons in 1274 stated: "Each should fulfill in himself that which is written for all, that at the Name of Jesus every knee should bow; whenever that glorious Name is recalled, especially during the sacred Mysteries of the Mass, everyone should bow the knees of his heart, which he can do even by a bow of his head."

### Philippians 2:9-11

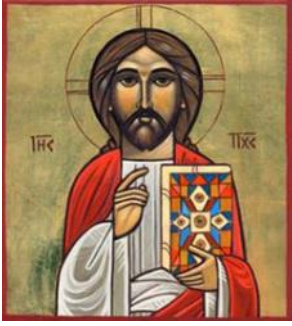
"Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

### Collect of the Most Holy Name of Jesus

O God, who founded the salvation of the human race on the Incarnation of your Word, give your peoples the mercy they implore, so that all may know there is no other name to be invoked but the Name of your Only Begotten Son.  
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

### Finding Comfort in the Holy Name of Jesus

Lord Jesus, when the storms of life rage and troubles surround me, I find comfort in Your holy name. Your presence brings solace and peace to my troubled heart. In times of distress, I turn to You, knowing that You are my refuge and strength. Your name is a source of unending comfort and assurance, and I am grateful for the peace it provides.



## THE WORD THIS WEEK

### THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (C)

#### First reading

Isaiah 62:1-5

*A reading from the prophet Isaiah*

For Sion's sake I will not keep silent,  
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet,  
until her righteousness goes forth as brightness,  
and her salvation as a burning torch.  
The nations shall see your righteousness,  
and all the kings your glory,  
and you shall be called by a new name  
that the mouth of the LORD will give.  
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,  
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.  
You shall no more be termed Forsaken,  
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate,  
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,  
and your land Married;  
for the LORD delights in you,  
and your land shall be married.  
For as a young man marries a young woman,  
so shall your sons marry you,  
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,  
so shall your God rejoice over you.

The word of the Lord.

#### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 96(95):1-2a. 2b-3. 7-8a. 9-10ac. R3

*Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples.*

O sing a new song to the LORD;  
sing to the LORD, all the earth.  
O sing to the LORD; bless his name.

Proclaim his salvation day by day.  
Tell among the nations his glory,  
and his wonders among all the peoples.

Ascribe to the LORD, you families of peoples,  
ascribe to the LORD glory and power;  
ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name.

Worship the LORD in holy splendour.  
O tremble before him, all the earth.  
Say to the nations, 'The LORD is king.'  
He will judge the peoples in fairness.



*A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians*

Brothers and Sisters: There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

The word of the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia.

God called us through the gospel,  
so that we may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
Alleluia

**Gospel****John 2: 1-11**

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to John*

At that time: There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.'

Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding seventy or one hundred litres. Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. And he said to them, 'Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast.' So they took it. When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now.'

This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.