

THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF CHIPPENHAM & CORSHAM

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SIXTH SUNDAY

IN ORDINARY TIME C

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

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

11am (Ch) Sung Mass (*Fr Millett*)

with Children's Liturgy

Monday 17th February

Weekday in Ordinary Time No Mass

Tuesday 18th February

Weekday in Ordinary Time

Funeral Mass of Maureen Fry RIP

12.10pm Mass (Ch)

Wednesday 19th February

Weekday in Ordinary Time

12pm Mass (Cor) (*Frances Hodnett*)

Thursday 20th February

Weekday in Ordinary Time

12.10pm Mass (Ch)

(*John McWilliams and John O'Neill*)

Followed by Eucharistic Adoration

Friday 21st February

Weekday in Ordinary Time

12pm Mass (Cor)

(*Arthur & Evelyn Fountaine*)

Saturday 22nd February

Feast of the Chair of Saint Peter

2pm Eucharistic Adoration (Ch)

4.15pm-4.45pm Confessions (Ch)

4.45pm Benediction (Ch)

SEVENTH SUNDAY

IN ORDINARY TIME C

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

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

with Children's Liturgy

11am (Ch) Sung Mass (*Mark Calway*)

SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (C)

2025 JUBILEE YEAR BOOKLETS are available in Church. These are lovely devotional guides to the main themes of the Jubilee Year.

JOINT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING will be held at 7pm on Tuesday 18th February at the Parish Office at St Mary's.

THIRD WEDNESDAY LUNCH CLUB AT ST PATRICK'S Wednesday 19th February in the Hall after the 12pm Mass. All are very welcome.

RCIA - JOURNEY IN FAITH There is no session this Wednesday as it is half term. The programme recommences on Wed 26th February, at 7pm in the office at St Mary's Chippenham. Please keep in your prayers those from both our parishes who journey to Baptism at the Easter Vigil, together with those to be received into the full communion of the Catholic Church.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION FOR CORSHAM & CHIPPENHAM The next session for children is Sat 1st March 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 as attendance at Mass is naturally a prerequisite of completing the course.

SOUND SYSTEM AT ST MARY'S We apologize that our sound system has not been functioning for the past few weeks. The fully new digital sound system is being installed early in March, so there is a sound at the end of the tunnel. The hearing loop system will be fully working too.

WE BELIEVE FESTIVAL We Believe is a Catholic festival celebrating 'the ultimate adventure of a life lived with God.' With worship, workshops, classes, music, theatre and more it will be a gathering 'unlike anything you've seen before.' Being held in the beautiful Oscott College from 25th – 28th July 2025 early bird tickets are now at a heavily discounted price. Please see www.webeliefefestival.com

PARENT HUB Come and listen to a talk about family life and meet other parents in the area. The next Parent Hub will take place at 3pm on Saturday 8th March at St. Patrick's Parish Hall in Corsham.

THE SEASON OF LENT A little reminder that Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, 5th March. Mass at Corsham 12pm and 6pm at Chippenham that day with the Imposition of Ashes.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER On Friday 7th March St Patrick's is hosting this event at 2 pm in the Church. Please attend and help make the service a success.

LGBT+ MASS A monthly celebration of the Eucharist for LGBT+ Catholics, family and friends, Sunday 16th February at 3pm at St Nicholas of Tolentino RC Church, Bristol. All are welcome. A Clifton Diocese initiative.

FOUNDATION GOVERNOR St Mary's School is looking to recruit Foundation Governors. These are volunteers who serve as the bishop's representative to assist in leading our Catholic schools. No experience is required as full training and ongoing support is on offer. If you are a Baptised Catholic and feel you could contribute to St Mary's school, please email: office@sm.thedcet.com or call the school on 01249 653469.

LENT LITURGIES OF RECONCILIATION Bishop Bosco will celebrate Liturgies of Reconciliation during Lent at five venues across the diocese. The closest to our parishes is on Thursday 20th March at 7pm at St Peter's, Swindon. Please see the poster for more information. There will be priests available for individual confessions.

LENT RETREAT DAY Reconciliation as the Sacrament of Hope. Saturday 5th April at St Bernadette's Catholic Secondary School, Bristol. Speakers: Fr Brendan Callaghan SJ and Margaret & Barry Mizen. The day will provide conversation & reflection. We finish with a Service of Reconciliation & the opportunity for individual confession with Bishop Bosco & priests from the diocese. Refreshments from 9.30am, please bring a packed lunch, our day will end by 3.30pm. To register, please go to <https://embracingthemeracyofgod.eventbrite.co.uk> All are welcome!

LATEST NEWSLETTER The Adult Education and Evangelisation Department's Newsletter is available via the following link - <https://cliftondiocese.com/clifton-evangelist/> The Department encourages parishioners to sign up for our social media accounts ([Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#)) so you can hear about future events, opportunities for formation and other items which might be of interest.

MATHEW HENDRICKS-BIRTLES would like old occasional and Christmas cards to continue his work selling cards for Alzheimer's Support. Please leave them at the back of the church.

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, Anne Keat, Sheila Taylor, Christopher Browl, Lindsay Price, Robert Wilkins. Chippenham: Jo Naylor, David Lunt, Michael Kenny, Mike Merry, Nic Pollastrone, Chris Rosario, Victoria Kiss, Pamela Naylor, Anne Martin, Sue Sheehan. Pray for all in our hospitals, nursing homes and those who care for them.

Recently Departed: Peter Cavaciuti (Junior); William Douglas.

RIP Anniversaries: Arthur Hopper, Pat Farrant, John Jones, John McWilliams, Iris Rawlings, Jon Taylor, Joan Nowak, Nicola Bayly.

Peace in the Holy Land and in Ukraine

The Holy Father's Prayer February Intention: Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

Diocesan Prayer Link: St Thomas More, Marlborough, with Pewsey.

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.

February – The Month of the Holy Family

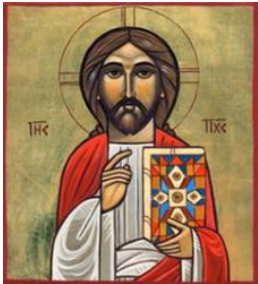


February is dedicated to the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. On 2nd Feb we see the Holy Family go to the Temple for the Presentation of Jesus. The family is together as the Holy Family. This month-dedication traces back to the 17th century. This February, let us begin to restore a little devotion to the Holy Family. It would both honour the Holy Family and at the same time become a reminder to strengthen family life. After all, the Church has taught how the Holy Family is the model, the example, for all families. So said St John Paul II called “the family of Nazareth a model for every home.” These are perfect reasons to start honoring the Holy Family this month. “The Holy Family is the beginning of countless other holy families,” St John Paul II said earlier in his *Letter to Families*. He stressed, “The history of mankind, the history of salvation, passes by way of the family.” In fact, the saintly pope

made it plain that he was trying “to show how the family is placed at the centre of the great struggle between good and evil, between life and death, between love and all that is opposed to love.”

Collect for the Feast of the Holy Family

O God, who were pleased to give us the shining example of the Holy Family, graciously grant that we may imitate them in practicing the virtues of family life and in the bonds of charity, and so, in the joy of your house, delight one day in eternal rewards. 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.



THE WORD THIS WEEK

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (C)

First reading

Jeremiah 17:5-8

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

Thus says the LORD: ‘Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength, whose heart turns away from the LORD. He is like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see any good come. He shall dwell in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. ‘Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit.’

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 1

Blessed the man who has placed his trust in the LORD.

Blessed indeed is the man
who follows not the counsel of the wicked,
nor stands in the path with sinners,
nor abides in the company of scorners,
but whose delight is the law of the LORD,
and who ponders his law day and night.

He is like a tree that is planted

beside the flowing waters,
that yields its fruit in due season,
and whose leaves shall never fade;
and all that he does shall prosper.

Not so are the wicked, not so!
For they, like winnowed chaff,
shall be driven away by the wind.
For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.

Second reading

1 Cor 15:1-11

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

Brothers and Sisters: If Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 6:23ab

Alleluia, alleluia.
Rejoice and leap for joy, says the Lord,
For behold, your reward is great in heaven.
Alleluia

Gospel

Luke 6:17, 20-26

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

At that time: Jesus came down with the Twelve and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the sea coast of Tyre and Sidon. And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said: 'Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, and revile you, and spurn your name as evil on account of the Son of Man! Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets. But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep. Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets.'

The Gospel of the Lord.