

THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF CHIPPENHAM & CORSHAM

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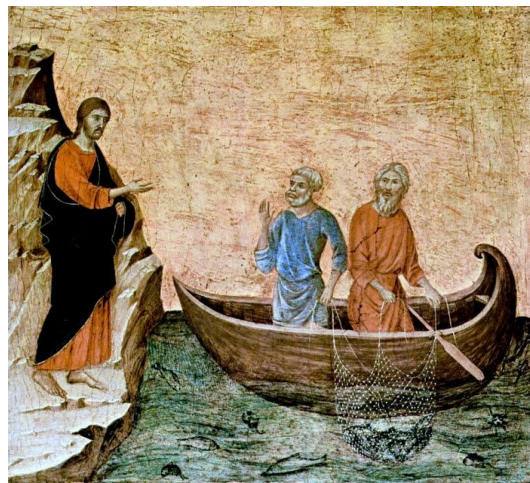
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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME C

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

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

with Children's Liturgy

11am (Ch) Sung Mass (*Eve McCarthy*)

Monday 10th February

Saint Scholastica, Virgin No Mass

Tuesday 11th February

Our Lady of Lourdes

12.10pm Mass (Ch) (*The Sick*)

Eucharistic Adoration until 2pm

Wednesday 12th February

Weekday in Ordinary Time

12pm Mass (Cor) ()

Thursday 13th February

Weekday in Ordinary Time

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

Children attend Year 4/5 from St Mary's

2.30pm Funeral Liturgy

of Elaine Ranson

No Eucharistic Adoration

Friday 14th February

Feast of Ss Cyril, Monk,

and Methodius, Bishop

12pm Mass (Cor)

Saturday 15th February

Our Lady on Saturday

2pm Eucharistic Adoration (Ch)

4.15pm-4.45pm Confessions (Ch)

4.45pm Benediction (Ch)

SIXTH SUNDAY

IN ORDINARY TIME C

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

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

11am (Ch) Sung Mass

with Children's Liturgy

FIFTH 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.

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 continues this Wed, 12th 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.

COMMUNITY OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM Could you help a new, growing, religious community? The Community of Our Lady of Walsingham seeks to establish a mission house in Walsingham where they can expand their work of spiritual accompaniment, hospitality and support for young people. www.walsinghamcommunity.org/maryshouseappeal. Thank you. (Catherine Preston from St Mary's and daughter of Stuart and Rosemary, is a member of this community).

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.

SOUND SYSTEM AT ST MARY'S We apologize that our sound system has not been functioning for the past few weeks. We now have quotes for a new digital system and hope it will be installed soon.

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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION FOR CORSHAM & CHIPPENHAM The next session for children is this Sat 8th February 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.

CHIPPENHAM FOODBANK Thanks to all the kind parishioners for their continued support of the foodbank via their donations. We need instant potato (eg Smash), rice, tinned meat, pot noodles, tinned fish, teabags and coffee. Donations can be left in the church porch as usual or taken straight to the Salvation Army Hall in Foghamshire on a Tuesday or a Friday between 9.30am and 11.15am.

CORSHAM LENT GROUP St Patrick's usually hosts an ecumenical Lent group on a Thursday morning 10-12 in the hall, for the first 5 weeks of lent. If we are to continue with this, we need volunteers to run this group, and people to volunteer to lead a session- even if it's only 1 session. Please contact Ann-Marie on rnclapp@icloud.com if you are able and willing to help in any way. Thank you.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER On Friday 7th March St Patrick's is hosting this event at 2 pm in the Church. We need readers, helpers etc. Please contact Ann-Marie or Lorna if you are to attend and help make the service a success.

LENT LITURGIES OF RECONCILIATION Bishop Bosco is to celebrate Liturgies of Reconciliation during the Season of Lent at five venues across the diocese. The closest to our parishes is on Thursday 20th March starting at 7pm at St Peter's, Swindon. Please see the poster for more information. Building upon the beautiful gatherings during Lent he is inviting our diocesan community to gather with him in celebration of God's merciful love as part of our Lenten journey. There will be priests available at each venue to celebrate sacramental reconciliation.

MARRIAGE WEEK - 7-14th FEBRUARY 2025 Please see the links below for information on this year's Marriage Week. <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/marriage-week/> Bishop's Message - <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/bishops-message-for-marriage-week> Novena - <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/novena-for-marriage-week-2025> Prayer - <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/marriage-week-prayer/> 2024 materials - <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/marriage-week-2024/>

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 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: Teodor Stadnyk, Sadie Mossman, Iolanda Dysak, Nico Ruggiero, Joyce Hooper, Bill Canning, Nuala Clinton, Fran Canning, Shaun O'Donnell.

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 Bernadette, Whitchurch; St Dunstan, Keynsham.

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.

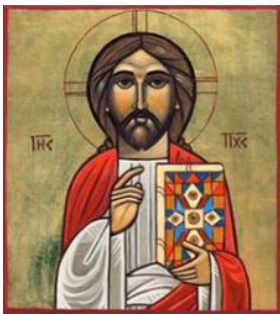
February – The Month of the Holy Family



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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (C)

First reading

Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the Temple. Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings. And one called to another and said:

‘Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory!’

And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. And I said: 'Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!'

Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth and said: 'Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.'

And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' Then I said, 'Here I am! Send me.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 138(137):1-2a. 2bc, 3. 4-5. 7c-8. R1c

In the presence of the angels I praise you, O Lord.

I thank you, LORD, with all my heart;
you have heard the words of my mouth.
In the presence of the angels I praise you.
I bow down towards your holy Temple.

I give thanks to your name
for your merciful love and your faithfulness.
On the day I called, you answered me;
you increased the strength of my soul.

All earth's kings shall thank you, O LORD,
when they hear the words of your mouth.
They shall sing of the ways of the LORD,
'How great is the glory of the LORD!'

With your right hand you save me;
the LORD will accomplish this for me.
O LORD, your merciful love is eternal;
discard not the work of your hands.

Second reading

15:1-11

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

I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you — unless you believed in vain.

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the Twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the Apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the Apostles, unworthy to be called an Apostle, because I persecuted the Church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 4:19

Alleluia, alleluia.
Follow me, says the Lord,
and I will make you fishers of men.
Alleluia

Gospel

Luke 5:1-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

At that time: The crowd was pressing in on Jesus to hear the word of God. He was standing by the lake of Gennesaret, and he saw two boats by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch.' And Simon answered, 'Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets.' And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking. They signalled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, 'Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord.' For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken, and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men.' And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

The Gospel of the Lord.