

THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF CHIPPENHAM & CORSHAM

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER C

5pm (Sat) Vigil Mass (Ch) (Pope Leo XIV)

9am (Cor) Sung Mass (Pro Populo)

with Children's Liturgy

11am (Ch) Sung Mass (Pro Populo)

Monday 19th May

Saint Dunstan, Bishop

No Mass

Tuesday 20th May

Weekday of Easter

12.10pm Mass (Ch) (Fr Millet)

Wednesday 21st May

Weekday of Easter

12pm Mass (Cor) (Private Intention)

Thursday 22nd May

Weekday of Easter

12.10pm Mass (Ch) (Our Schools)

followed by Eucharistic Adoration

Friday 23rd May

Weekday of Easter

No Mass (Ch)

Saturday 24th May

Saint Aldhelm, Bishop

2-4.15pm Eucharistic Adoration (Ch)

4.15pm-4.45pm (Sat) Confessions

4.45pm Benediction

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER C

5pm (Sat) Vigil Mass (Ch)

9am (Cor) Sung Mass (Pro Populo)

11am (Ch) Sung Mass (Pro Populo)

with Children's Liturgy

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER C Stewardship Sunday 1

Please note the changes to mass times this week.

STEWARDSHIP Over the next few weeks in our parishes, we will focus on Christian stewardship within the family of the Church. We are called to be 'good stewards' of all that God has given us, including the gift of life itself. How do we sacrificially and proportionately give back to God something of what he has lavished on us? This is not simply about fundraising. It is about the Christian way of life, our loving response to the love of God. In the light of this, we are asked to look the '3 T's' our Time, our Talents and our Treasure. This weekend and the following weeks we focus on Treasure. On Sunday 22nd June, we will begin to concentrate on our Time and Talents. Stewardship leaflets are available after each Mass.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY SPONSORED WALK

Congratulations to the children of Saint Patrick's who took part in a sponsored walk last weekend and raised £405 for charity. The children decided that they wanted to buy a cow for CAFOD (£150), and the rest has been given to the Church restoration fund. A fantastic effort!

THIRD WEDNESDAY LUNCH CLUB AT ST PATRICK'S will be held on Wednesday 21st May in the Hall after the 12pm Mass. All are most welcome.

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD is celebrated on Thursday 29th May and is Holyday of Obligation when we should attend Mass. Mass is celebrated at 12.10pm at St Mary's Chippenham and 6pm at St Patrick's, Corsham.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION Our next First Communion preparation is 4pm on Saturday 7th June in St Mary's Church Hall. First Communion Albs for boys and girls have been ordered. Parents, please ensure that the Mass participation cards are signed each week as attendance at Mass and the Catechetical sessions are naturally a prerequisite of making First Holy Communion.

MINISTRY OF PROCLAIMING THE WORD – READING AT MASS We would like to see more readers at our Sunday Masses. Teresa, the Parish Administrator, is preparing the new rotas for both parishes in the next few weeks. Please speak to Fr Michael or Teresa if you are interested in taking up this ministry. There will be a meeting for all new and existing readers once the rota has been prepared. We would be delighted to hear from you.

FAMILY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION The first period of Family Adoration last Saturday was a great success. It was wonderful to see so many families coming to adore Christ present in the Blessed Sacrament. The next Family Adoration will be advised shortly.

DIOCESAN CELEBRATION OF THE JUBILEE Bishop Bosco warmly invites you to join him on Saturday 19th July for the Diocesan Jubilee Celebration of Hope at Downside School & Abbey. There will be three keynote speakers for the adult programme (details can be found on the diocesan website), as well as a children's & young people's programme throughout the day. Bookings are filling up fast so don't miss out on this opportunity, there are only a limited number of tickets left for the day. jubileedayofhope.eventbrite.co.uk.

RCIA - JOURNEY IN FAITH A new programme will start in the Autumn for adults who wish to know Jesus Christ and his Church. This is for those enquiring about the faith leading to the possibility of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist next Easter. Now is the time to mention this to your family and friends who may wish to join us on this exciting journey.

REFRESHMENTS AFTER SUNDAY MASS We are hoping to recommence refreshments of wine and soft drinks after the 11am Mass at St Mary's on Sunday. This gives us the opportunity to meet as a family and chat with one another for a short time after Mass. If you are able to help to serve drinks and nibbles (provided by the parish) please have a word with Teresa in the office. Refreshments are also served on a weekly basis at St Patrick's after the 9am Sunday Mass. Help to serve refreshments is also needed. It's always good to see people gather after this Mass for coffee and a chat. If you haven't yet joined us, please do this Sunday. All welcome.

REGINA COELI is sung after the 11am Mass in honour of Our Lady in this her month of May and before all midweek masses. The Regina Coeli replaces the Angelus during Eastertide.

VOCATION OF THE CATECHIST On Monday 23rd June the Diocese is holding a *Teams* online information session at 7pm on the [Vocation of the Catechist](https://adult.education@cliftondiocese.com). A link to the session can be obtained by emailing: adult.education@cliftondiocese.com. Details can be found on the Clifton Diocese website: <https://cliftondiocese.com/news/the-vocation-of-the-catechist/> Our parishes would like to encourage new catechists to join our team to prepare enquirers for Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist and Marriage.

RETRouvaille Alone or bored in your marriage? Considering separation or are already divorced? If you are open to try again – Retrouvaille could be the solution. We have helped thousands of couples get back on track. Call to find out more www.retrouvaille.org.uk +44 797 338 0443

LGBT+ MASS A monthly celebration of the Eucharist for LGBT+ Catholics, family and friends, Sunday 18TH May at 3pm at St Nicholas of Tolentino RC Church, Bristol. All are welcome. A Clifton Diocese initiative.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION Confessions are heard in Corsham after the weekday mass and in Chippenham on Saturday 4.15-4.45pm.

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, Sue Sheehan, Patrick Adams. Pray for all in our hospitals, nursing homes and those who care for them.

RIP Anniversaries: Richard Surawy, Jeremiah McCarthy, Martha Haus, Baby Tallulah Threlfall, Baby Chloe Rooney, Sheila Gadsden.

For Peace: in Ukraine, Gaza and all the places of warfare throughout the world.

The Holy Father's May Intention: Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfilment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanised.

Diocesan Prayer Link: Corpus Christi/Our Lady of Lourdes/St Joseph, Weston-Super-Mare.

*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.*

May – The Month of the Blessed Virgin Mary

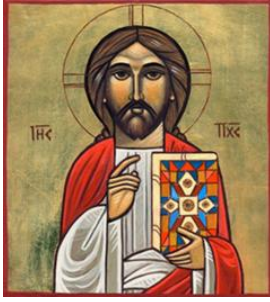


“I want to encourage everyone to rediscover the beauty of praying the Rosary at home in the month of May.” Pope Francis

The month of May is traditionally considered the month of Mary, a month especially dedicated to devotion to Our Lady, the Mother of God and the Mother of all of us. We spend a whole month celebrating especially the Mother, who is model of all mothers, the Mother God chose for His own Son.

This is a month to grow in devotion to Mary as Our Mother. At the foot of the cross, Jesus said to His mother, who was standing with the beloved disciple (who represents each one of us), “Woman, behold your son.” And then to the beloved disciple—and to each of us--“Behold your mother.” And then, the Gospel tells us, “From that hour the disciple took her into his home.” (John 19:26-27) In the month of May, Jesus invites us in a special way to take Mary into our homes, to show her a special honour, to receive her as our Mother in the spiritual life, and to let her lead us closer to the heart of Jesus.

O Mary,
You shine continuously on our journey
as a sign of salvation and hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who, at the foot of the cross,
were united with Jesus’ suffering,
and persevered in your faith.
“Protectress of the Roman people”,
you know our needs,
and we know that you will provide,
so that, as at Cana in Galilee,
joy and celebration may return
after this time of trial.
Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to conform ourselves to the will of the Father
and to do what Jesus tells us.
For he took upon himself our suffering,
and burdened himself with our sorrows
to bring us, through the cross,
to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.
(Pope Francis)



THE WORD THIS WEEK

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER C

First reading

Acts 14:21-27

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

In those days: Paul and Barnabas returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch, strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and saying that through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God. And when they had appointed elders for them in every church, with prayer and fasting they committed them to the Lord in whom they had believed.

Then they passed through Pisidia and came to Pamphylia. And when they had spoken the word in Perga, they went down to Attalia, and from there they sailed to Antioch, where they had been commended to the grace of God for the work that they had fulfilled. And when they arrived and gathered the church together, they declared all that God had done with them, and how he had opened a door of faith to the Gentiles.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 145 (144)

I will bless your name for ever, my God and king.

The LORD is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in mercy.
How good is the LORD to all,
compassionate to all his creatures.

All your works shall thank you, O LORD,
and all your faithful ones bless you.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign,
and declare your mighty deeds.

To make known your might to the whole human race,
and the glorious splendour of your reign.
Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom;
your rule endures for all generations.

Second reading

Revelation 21:1-5a

A reading from the Book of Revelation

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain any more, for the former things have passed away.' And he who was seated on the throne said, 'Behold, I am making all things new.'

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

A new commandment I give to you, says the Lord,
that you love one another, just as I have loved you.
Alleluia.

Gospel

John 13:31-33, 34-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

When Judas had gone out from the upper room, Jesus said, ‘Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and glorify him at once. Little children, yet a little while I am with you.

‘A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.’

The Gospel of the Lord.