

THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF CHIPPENHAM & CORSHAM

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16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME C

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Sunday 20th July

5pm (Sat) Vigil Mass (Ch)

(Private Intention)

9am (Cor) Sung Mass (Pro Populo)

11am (Ch) Sung Mass (Pro Populo)

Monday 21st July

Weekday in Ordinary Time

No Mass

Tuesday 22nd July

Feast of St of Saint Mary Magdalene,

Apostle to the Apostles

12.10pm Mass (Ch) (Tim Dawber)

Wednesday 23rd July

Feast of St Bridget of Sweden,

Religious, Patroness of Europe

12pm Mass (Cor)

Thursday 24th July

Weekday in Ordinary Time

12.10pm Mass (Ch) (Richard & Clotilde Bird

60th Wedding anniversary)

Followed by Eucharistic Adoration until 1.30pm

2.30pm Funeral Liturgy of

Teresa Turisci

Friday 25th July

Feast of St James, Apostle

12.10pm Mass (Ch) (A,D & J Harte)

Saturday 26th July

Saints Joachim and Anne,

Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

2-4.15pm Eucharistic Adoration (Ch)

4.15pm-4.45pm (Sat) Confessions

4.45pm Benediction (Ch)

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time C

Sunday 27th July

5pm (Sat) Vigil Mass (Ch)

9am (Cor) Sung Mass (Pro Populo)

with Children's Liturgy

11am (Ch) Sung Mass (Pro Populo)

OUR STEWARDSHIP Thank you to those people who have responded to our Stewardship Campaign with a focus on our Time and Talents. Teresa, our Parish Administrator, will be in touch with those who have offered their time and talents to the community. There are still time and talents leaflets in Church. If you have not yet made a commitment, then please do complete a leaflet with your details and give them to Teresa.

BISHOP'S CHARITABLE FUND This weekend's second collection is for the Bishop's Charitable Fund. This annual collection enables the Bishop to respond to the many charitable causes that make appeal to him. It enables the Bishop to be charitable on behalf of the Diocese and to respond both immediately and at his discretion to those who seek his help. Payments can be made on the card machines in the Church as well as on the website.

CERTIFICATE IN CATECHESIS The certificate in Catechesis is for new or experienced Catechists who wish to gain a greater understanding of their mission in the Church and of the mysteries of faith which they transmit to others. The course begins each September and is online on Tuesday evenings from 7-9pm. For more information: www.cliftondiocese.com/news/certificate-in-catechesis/

ST PATRICK'S CHILDRENS' LITURGY OF THE WORD is continuing fortnightly throughout the summer. Thanks to our liturgists for the work that they do for the parish. St Mary's CLOW is on its summer break, resuming in September.

DONA MACHINES – You will notice that St Mary's has two new black DONA machines. The payment system has changed to Stripe, which means that if gift aiding your donations you need to re-enter your information the first time you use the machine. After that, the machine will remember your details and you don't need to input them again. Many thanks for your donations.

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 (or reception into the full communion of the Church) next Easter. Now is the time to mention this to your family and friends who may wish to join us on this exciting journey in faith.

NEW SANCTUARY CARPET There has been a delay in fitting of the new carpet at St Mary's, but we hope to have it in place in August. We hope to have our new altar frontals, tabernacle veils and

hangings in place for August ready for our Feast of title on 15th August, the Solemnity of the Assumption of the BVM, which we will celebrate at 7pm with a Sung Mass followed by drinks.

THE CLIMATE COALITION On the same day as Pope Leo celebrated the first Mass for Care of Creation saying “many people do not recognise the urgency of caring for our common home”, Catholic and Christian groups joined a mass lobby of parliament on the 9th July as part of The Climate Coalition to tell our MPs to tackle climate change and protect the natural world in line with moral responsibility, human dignity and the stewardship of creation. Cafod was heavily involved and took children from many Catholic schools. For more information and ways to get involved please see www.climatecoalition.org

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AT ST MARY’S Prayer before the Holy Eucharist gives us moments to cherish bringing us into the presence and peace of the risen Lord. May the Jubilee year encourage you to come into our Lord’s presence this week. Please do sign up for Eucharistic Adoration on Thursday 24th and Saturday 26^h July on the porch list.

SAINT VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY (SVP) is very grateful for everyone's kind donations whether it be through our red box, which is in the Church porch, DONA or by cash in our SVP envelopes. If anyone would like to know more of the work of SVP and to join us visiting people in the Parish etc, please contact Charlotte Gardner at secretaryBo40314@svp.org.uk. Please note the change of email address from last week.

LEGALISATION OF ABORTION UP TO BIRTH AND ASSISTED SUICIDE The Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child has launched a campaign to fight against the new legislation which allows for abortion for any reason up to birth. Postcards are available in each church to sign up to ‘Join the Fightback’.

SAINT JOSEPH’S CATHOLIC COLLEGE, LAY CHAPLAIN VACANCY Could you or someone you know have a calling to support the Catholic life and mission of a local secondary school? Saint Joseph’s Catholic College, Swindon have an exciting vacancy for a Lay Chaplain effective to start from September 2025. Please see the Eteach link here for the full recruitment pack or contact our HR team for further information at HR@stjosephscollege.net or by phone on (01793) 236053. We are happy to arrange an informal visit in advance of applications too. Deadline for applications is Monday 22nd September. www.eteach.com/job/lay-chaplain-1498725

JUNIOR CHOIR DIRECTOR, CLIFTON DIOCESE The Diocese Music department are seeking to expand the team by appointing a full-time, term-time colleague to initiate the National Schools Singing Programme and be committed to both schools and choral music. The Director will be based at the Cathedral Church of SS Peter and Paul, Clifton, Bristol and importantly, travel to schools across our large diocese. Reporting to the Director of Schools and Colleges, candidates will require an enhanced DBS check and current UK driving licence with access to a car.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION Corsham after weekday mass. Chippenham on Sat 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: Jessie Kent, Elena Alberti, Tim Dawber, Dorothy Hughes, Kathleen Davies, Brendan Hughes, Mary Conway.

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

The Holy Father’s July Intention: Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.

Diocesan Prayer Link: St Peter and St Paul, Bath.

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.

July - The Month of the Precious Blood



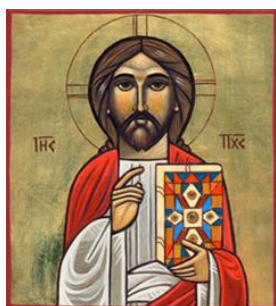
The month of July is dedicated to the Precious Blood. The feast of the Precious Blood of our Lord was instituted in 1849 by Pius IX, but the devotion is as old as Christianity. The early Fathers say that the Church was born from the pierced side of Christ, and that the sacraments were brought forth through His Blood.

"The Precious Blood which we venerate is the Blood which the Saviour shed for us on Calvary and reassumed at His glorious Resurrection; it is the Blood which courses through the veins of His risen, glorified, living body at the right hand of God the Father in heaven; it is the Blood made present on our altars by the words of Consecration; it is the Blood which merited sanctifying grace for us and through it washes and beautifies our soul and inaugurates the beginning of eternal life in it."

One of the oldest documents, outside of sacred scripture, from the first century of the Christian era of Pope St Clement I, dated about 96 A.D. says: "Let us fix our gaze on the Blood of Christ and realize how truly precious It is, seeing that it was poured out for our salvation and brought the grace of conversion to the whole world."

Collect from the Mass of the Precious Blood

"O God, who by the Precious Blood of your Only Begotten Son have redeemed the whole world, preserve in us the work of your mercy, so that ever honouring the mystery of our salvation, we may merit to obtain its fruits. Through Our Lord. Amen.



THE WORD THIS WEEK

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

First reading

A reading from the Book of Genesis

Genesis 18:1-10

In those days: The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth and said, 'O Lord, if I have found favour in your sight, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, while I bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on — since you have come to your servant.' So they said, 'Do as you have said.' And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, 'Quick! Three measures of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes.' And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. Then he took curds and milk, and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them. And he stood by them under the tree while they ate. They said to him, 'Where is Sarah your wife?' And he said, 'She is in the

tent.' The LORD said, 'I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son.'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 15(14)

O Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?

Whoever walks without fault;
who does what is righteous,
and speaks the truth from his heart;
whoever does not slander with his tongue.

Who does no wrong to a neighbour,
who casts no slur on a friend,
who looks with scorn on the wicked,
but honours those who fear the Lord.

Who lends no money at interest,
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.
Such a one shall never be shaken.

Second reading

Colossians 1:24-28

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Colossians

Brothers and Sisters: Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body — that is, the Church — of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known — the mystery hidden for ages and generations, but now revealed to his saints.

To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.
Blessed are those who hold fast to the word of God
in an honest and good heart,
and bear fruit with patience.
Alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 10:38-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

At that time: Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me.' But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her.'

The Gospel of the Lord