

THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF CHIPPENHAM & CORSHAM

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17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME C

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Sunday 27th July

5pm (Sat) Vigil Mass (Ch) (*Millet family*)

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

with Children's Liturgy

11am (Ch) Sung Mass (*Pro Populo*)

Monday 28th July

Weekday in Ordinary Time

No Mass

Tuesday 29th July

Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus

12.10pm Mass (Ch)

Wednesday 30th July

Weekday in Ordinary Time

12pm Mass (Cor) (*Brendan McDonald*)

Thursday 31st July

Saint Ignatius Loyola, Priest

12.10pm Mass (Ch) (*N & J Griffin*)

Followed by Eucharistic Adoration

Friday 1st August

Saint Alphonsus Mary Liguori,

Bishop, Doctor of the Church

12.10pm Mass (Ch)

Saturday 2nd August

Our Lady on Saturday

2-4.15pm Eucharistic Adoration (Ch)

4.15pm-4.45pm (Sat) Confessions

4.45pm Benediction (Ch)

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time C

Sunday 3rd August

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

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

11am (Ch) Sung Mass (*Merle Vanspall*)

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS As our schools break up for summer, we wish all our students and teachers a well-earned break and we look forward to welcoming them back in September. We pray for all those who are awaiting exam results, that their efforts will be crowned with success.

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (Holyday of Obligation) is celebrated on Friday 15th August. It is the Feast of Title in Chippenham and there will be a Sung Mass at 7pm followed by drinks and nibbles.

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.

ST PATRICK'S ALTAR SERVERS We are looking for new altar servers, both young and older people to assist at the 9am Sunday Mass as our current team are going to university in the autumn. Please see Fr Michael or Diane if you can help. It would be lovely to see some of our first communicants take up this ministry.

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.

CATHOLIC MOTHERS BATH & WEST WILTSHIRE meet next in St John's parish hall Bath on Monday 11th August after the 9.30am Mass and then again on Monday 1st September. Contact Amy on 07872382979 to find out more.

GIFT REALLY MAKES A DIFFERENCE TO OUR PARISHES Gift Aid is a UK Government initiative that allows tax relief on money donated to UK charities. Gift Aid increases the value of your donations and means that St Mary's and St Patrick's parishes can benefit even more at no extra cost to you! If you're a UK taxpayer, add Gift Aid whenever you make a donation and we can reclaim the basic rate of tax on your gift,

currently 25p for every £1 you give. If you would like to become a Gift Aid donor please complete a simple Gift Aid declaration available from the Parish Office or from our treasurers.

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.

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

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.

GLASTONBURY PILGRIMAGE The theme of this year's pilgrimage is 'Mary, Woman of Hope' and it will be on Sunday 7th September. Please see the poster in the porch. If you are interested in going on the pilgrimage and you would like to be an altar server, or a pilgrim, please contact Teresa who has more detailed information for you.

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, Agnes Tegner. Pray for all in our hospitals, nursing homes and those who care for them.

RIP Anniversaries: Pam Walsh, Giuseppe Pollastrone, Helen Baggs, Kath Hewer, Alan Colesby, Noel Buddle, Judith Harris, Kathleen Quince, Desmond McKenna.

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 John the Evangelist, 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



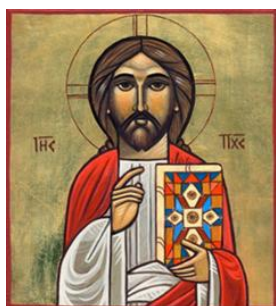
The month of July is dedicated to the Precious Blood. The feast of the Precious Blood of our Lord was instituted in 1849 by Pius IX, but the devotion is as old as Christianity. The early Fathers say that the Church was born from the pierced side of Christ, and that the sacraments were brought forth through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

First reading

A reading from the Book of Genesis

Genesis 18:20-32

In those days: The LORD said, 'Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great and their sin is very grave, I will go down to see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me. And if not, I will know.' So the men turned from there and went towards Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the LORD.

Then Abraham drew near and said, 'Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city. Will you then sweep away the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to put the righteous to death with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?' And the LORD said, 'If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will spare the whole place for their sake.' Abraham answered and said, 'Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking. Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?' And he said, 'I will not

destroy it if I find forty-five there.' Again he spoke to him and said, 'Suppose forty are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of forty I will not do it.' Then he said, 'Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak. Suppose thirty are found there.' He answered, 'I will not do it, if I find thirty there.' He said, 'Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.' Then he said, 'Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak again but this once. Suppose ten are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 138(137)

On the day I called, you answered me, 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.
For you have exalted over all
your name and your promise.
On the day I called, you answered me;
you increased the strength of my soul.

The LORD is high, yet he looks on the lowly,
and the haughty he knows from afar.
You give me life though I walk amid affliction;
you stretch out your hand against the anger of my foes.

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

Colossians 2:12-14

A reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Colossians

Brothers and Sisters: You have been buried with Christ in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God who raised him from the dead. And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by cancelling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.
You have received the Spirit of adoption as sons,
by whom we cry, 'Abba! Father!'
Alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 11:1-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.' And he said to them, 'When you pray, say: 'Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation.'

And he said to them, 'Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, "Friend, lend me three loaves, for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey and I have nothing to set before him"; and he will answer from within, "Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything"? I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs. And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. What father among you,

if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

The Gospel of the Lord