

THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF CHIPPENHAM & CORSHAM

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19th Sunday in Ordinary Time C

Sunday 10th August

5pm (Sat) Vigil Mass (Ch)

(Michael Wholley)

9am (Cor) Sung Mass (Pro Populo)

with Children's Liturgy

11am (Ch) Sung Mass (Pro Populo)

Monday 11th August

Saint Clare, Virgin No Mass

Tuesday 12th August

Weekday in Ordinary Time

12.10pm Mass (Ch) (Private Intention)

Wednesday 13th August

Weekday in Ordinary Time

12pm Mass (Cor)

(Prayer Intentions of Peter Roberts)

Thursday 14th August

Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Pr Mr

12.10pm Mass (Ch) (Nigel Fountaine)

followed by Eucharistic Adoration

2pm Funeral of Mary Jones RIP (Cor)

Friday 15th August

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION

OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

(Feast of Title in Chippenham)

(Holyday of Obligation)

12pm Mass (Cor) (Pro Populo)

7pm Sung Mass (Ch) (Pro Populo)

followed by refreshments

Saturday 16th August

Weekday in Ordinary Time

2-4.15pm Eucharistic Adoration (Ch)

4.15pm-4.45pm (Sat) Confessions

4.45pm Benediction (Ch)

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time C

Sunday 17th August

5pm (Sat) Vigil Mass (Ch) (Fr Millett)

9am (Cor) Sung Mass (Pro Populo)

with Holy Baptism

11am (Ch) Sung Mass (Pro Populo)

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME C

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (Holyday of Obligation)

is celebrated on Friday 15th August. This is Mary's heavenly birthday. After the course of her earthly life was ended, Mary was assumed body and soul into heaven. This is the Feast of Title in Chippenham and there will be a Sung Parish Mass at 7pm followed by drinks and nibbles. Do make this a coming together of all the St Mary's and St Patrick's family. Mass will also be celebrated at 12noon in Corsham for the holyday. This is a holiday when all able Catholics should participate in the Mass.

ST MARY'S SANCTUARY CARPET is being fitted and is taking a little longer than expected. If this has not been completed by this weekend, please take care in the altar area. Our new altar frontals and hangings will also be fitted next Saturday morning. They are being made in all four liturgical colours.

CLIFTON ANNUAL DIOCESAN FORMATION DAY will take place on 11th October at St Brendan's College, Brislington, with Mgr John Armitage as the keynote speaker. He will be reflecting on the theme of 'Being an Evangelist Today: the tools required to be a joyful witness of Jesus.' There will also be several workshop options for people to attend. More information to follow.

PARENT HUB Come and listen to a talk about the joys and challenges of family life and meet other parents in the area. The next Parent Hub will take place at 3pm on Saturday 20th September at St Patrick's Hall in Corsham. Parents are most welcome to attend with their children. Tea/coffee and cake will be provided. Any enquiries, contact Sarah & Sam: 07907732997

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.

STOP ASSISTED SUICIDE – ACTION NEEDED! The Leadbeater assisted suicide Bill is expected to have its Second Reading in the House of Lords on Friday 12 September. Right To Life UK has launched an *EasyAction* tool to help you write to a few Peers with a tailored message to highlight key concerns with the Bill. Please visit www.righttolife.org.uk/aspeers to ask Peers to oppose assisted suicide - it takes just 30 seconds!

MARCH FOR LIFE – LONDON, SATURDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER We particularly encourage this act of witness, at a time when our government is intensifying attacks on the sanctity of life. Our own Bishop Bosco will be celebrating Mass at Westminster Cathedral at 10:30am, prior to the march. More information can be found here: <https://www.marchforlife.co.uk/>

SPUC Last month brought some of the most distressing developments we've seen in decades for the protection of life in the UK. In just one week, Parliament voted to decriminalise abortion up to birth and to legalise assisted suicide - a double blow that threatens the most vulnerable in our society. The devastating defeats of the last few months need to be a turning point where we fight back to build a culture of life. That's why SPUC has launched a national **Join the Fightback** campaign - to urgently mobilise support, build resistance, and grow a stronger pro-life presence across the country. Please take a postcard, so you can join the campaign.

MARRIAGE HELP - Retrouvaille helps couples find hope and healing for their marriage. Next date: 17th-19th Oct www.retrouvaille.org.uk Tel: 0788 7296983.

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 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.

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.

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

RIP Anniversaries: Archie Smith, Peter Frostick, Fr Benignus Millett, Eileen Byrne, Howard Evans, Christian Taduch, Bishop Mervyn Alexander, Patrick Greaney, Peter Donegan.

Recently Departed: Patrick Adams

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

The Holy Father's August Intention: Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious or ideological reasons.

Diocesan Prayer Link: St Thomas More, Bradford on Avon.

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.

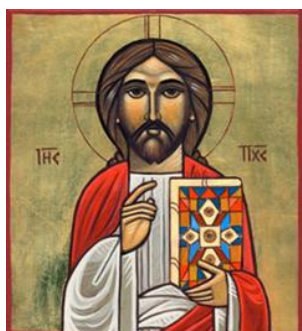
August – Month of the Immaculate Heart of Mary



We know that traditionally May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary, October to the Holy Rosary and Our Lady of the Rosary. Now it's time to also remember something little realised or often forgotten. August is the month traditionally dedicated by to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. In fact, August once saw the celebration of the feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. In 1944 Venerable Pope Pius XII set this feast to be celebrated on 22nd Aug as the Octave of the Assumption. Two years earlier he had consecrated the Christian family and whole human race to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on the 25th anniversary of the Fatima apparitions. Then in 1969, St Pope Paul VI moved the date to the Saturday after the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus). August still has three Marian celebrations — the Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major (also remembering Our Lady of the Snows) on 5th August, the Assumption on 15th August and the Queenship of Mary on 22nd August. Well before August came to be dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary she was celebrated as such for centuries. In fact the roots of the devotion to Mary's Heart are in Scripture, where on two occasions reference is made to Mary's heart by St Luke. Luke 2:19 "Mary treasured all these things and reflected on them in her heart," and Luke 2:51 "His mother (Mary) meanwhile kept all these things in memory, meaning in her heart."

Collect of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Lord our God, you made the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary the home of your eternal Word and the sanctuary of the Holy Spirit. Give us a heart that is free from sin and attentive to your will, that, faithful to your commandments, we may love you above all things and seek to help others in their need. 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 NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

First reading

A reading from the Book of Wisdom

Wisdom 18:6-9

That night of our liberation was made known beforehand to our fathers, so that they might rejoice in sure knowledge of the oaths in which they trusted. The deliverance of the righteous and the destruction of their enemies were expected by your people. For by the same means by which you punished our enemies you called us to yourself and glorified us. For in secret the holy children of good people offered sacrifices and with one

accord agreed to the divine law, that the saints would share alike the same things, both blessings and dangers; and already they were singing the praises of the fathers.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 33(32)

Blessed the people the LORD has chosen as his heritage.

Ring out your joy to the LORD, O you just;
for praise is fitting from the upright.
Blessed the nation whose God is the LORD,
the people he has chosen as his heritage.

Yes, the LORD's eyes are on those who fear him,
who hope in his merciful love,
to rescue their soul from death,
to keep them alive in famine.

Our soul is waiting for the LORD.
He is our help and our shield.
May your merciful love be upon us,
as we hope in you, O LORD.

Second reading

Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

Brothers and Sisters: Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. For by it the people of old received their commendation.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, of whom it was said, 'Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.' He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.
Stay awake and be ready,
for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.
Alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 12:32-48

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with money bags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.'

‘Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks. Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for service, and have them recline at table, and he will come and serve them. If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them awake, blessed are those servants! But know this, that if the master of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have left his house to be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.’

Peter said, ‘Lord, are you telling this parable for us or for all?’ And the Lord said, ‘Who then is the faithful and wise manager, whom his master will set over his household, to give them their portion of food at the proper time? Blessed is that servant whom his master will find so doing when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will set him over all his possessions. But if that servant says to himself, “My master is delayed in coming”, and begins to beat the male and female servants, and to eat and drink and get drunk, the master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he does not know, and will cut him in pieces and put him with the unfaithful. And that servant who knew his master’s will but did not get ready or act according to his will, will receive a severe beating. But the one who did not know, and did what deserved a beating, will receive a light beating. Everyone to whom much was given, of him much will be required, and from him to whom they entrusted much, they will demand the more.’

The Gospel of the Lord