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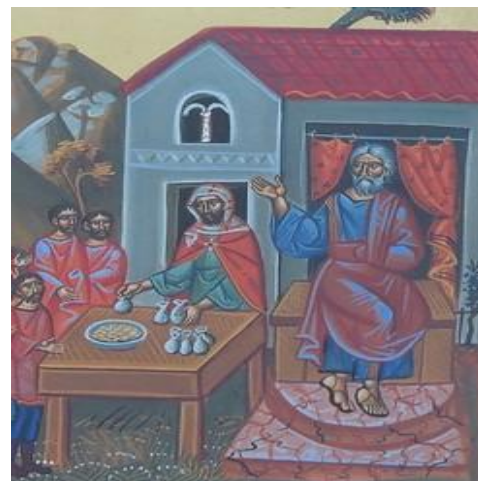
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18th Sunday in Ordinary Time C

Sunday 3rd August

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

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

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

Monday 4th August

Saint John Mary Vianney, Priest

No Mass

Tuesday 5th August

Dedication of the

Basilica of Saint Mary Major

12.10pm Mass (Ch) (*Nigel Fountaine*)

Wednesday 6th August

Feast of the Transfiguration
of the Lord

12pm Mass (Cor) (*Mary Jones*)

Thursday 7th August

Weekday in Ordinary Time

12.10pm Mass (Ch) (*Mary B Harte*)

Followed by Eucharistic Adoration

Friday 8th August

Saint Dominic, Priest

12.10pm Mass (Ch)

Saturday 9th August

Feast of Saint Teresa Benedicta
of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr,
Patron of Europe

2-4.15pm Eucharistic Adoration (Ch)

4.15pm-4.45pm (Sat) Confessions

4.45pm Benediction (Ch)

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time C

Sunday 10th August

5pm (Sat) Vigil Mass (Ch)

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

with Children's Liturgy

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

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME C

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 Parish Mass at 7pm followed by drinks and nibbles. Do make this a coming together of all of St Mary's family. Mass will be celebrated at 12noon in Corsham for the holyday.

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 our secondary school? Saint Joseph's Catholic College, Swindon have an exciting vacancy for a Lay Chaplain from September 2025. The role is fulltime and during term times only, but we'll also consider candidates interested in part time and flexible working options. Please see the Eteach link 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. Deadline for applications is Monday 22nd September. www.eteach.com/job/lay-chaplain-149872

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.

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

MIDDLEFIELDS COMMUNITY CAFÉ CHIPPENHAM This café is intended to support Christians who are involved in caring or are being cared for in the community. It is held on every second Tuesday of the month, and our next café will be on Tuesday 12th August, from 2-3:30pm in our Activity Room. We would love to invite anyone who would benefit from fellowship and companionship with others in a similar situation. Please see the poster at both churches.

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.

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.

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.

BISHOP BOSCO – PATRON OF ALABARE Alabaré, a homelessness charity supporting people across the South West and Wales, is delighted to announce that Bishop Bosco MacDonald has been appointed as a patron. Bishop Bosco said: "I am delighted to be joining Alabaré at such an important time, and I'm keen to learn more about their work and the benefits they're bringing to some of the most vulnerable and marginalised people in our society". Alabaré also has its roots in Christianity, having been founded in Salisbury by a church community motivated to support one homeless man, Bob, in 1991, and growing its reach and impact over the last 35 years.

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.

Please note that the Parish Office will be open on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday next week.

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: Maureen Knight, Maurice Chave, Jose Manuel Marti.

Recently Departed: Nigel Fountaine (*Fr Michael's brother*), Barbara Else, Mary Jones (*Funeral at St Patrick's on Thursday 14th August*)

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 Mary, 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.

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 EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

First reading

A reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes

Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23

Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

Sometimes a person who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave everything to be enjoyed by someone who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What has a man from all the toil and

striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun? For all his days are full of sorrow, and his work is a vexation. Even in the night his heart does not rest. This also is vanity.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 90(89)

*O Lord, you have been our refuge,
from generation to generation.*

You turn man back to dust,
and say, 'Return, O children of Adam.'
To your eyes a thousand years
are like yesterday, come and gone,
or like a watch in the night.

You sweep them away like a dream,
like grass which is fresh in the morning.
In the morning it sprouts and is fresh;
by evening it withers and fades.

Then teach us to number our days,
that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Turn back, O LORD! How long?
Show pity to your servants.

At dawn, fill us with your merciful love;
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.
Let the favour of the LORD our God be upon us;
give success to the work of our hands.
O give success to the work of our hands.

Second reading

Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

A reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Colossians

Brothers and Sisters: If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death, therefore, what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.
Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 12:13-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

At that time: Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.' But he said to him, 'Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?' And he said to them, 'Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of one's possessions.' And he told them a parable, saying, 'The land of a rich man produced plentifully, and he thought to himself, "What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?" And he said, "I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.'" But God said to him, "Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich towards God.'

The Gospel of the Lord