

THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF CHIPPENHAM & CORSHAM

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25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

21st September

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

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

with Children's Liturgy

11am (Ch) Sung Mass (*Fr Millett*)

Monday 22nd September

Weekday in Ordinary Time No Mass

Tuesday 23rd September

Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

12.10pm Mass (Ch)

Wednesday 24th September

Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham

11am Mass (Cor)

with years 5/6 of St Patrick's School

Thursday 25th September

Weekday in Ordinary Time

12.10pm Mass (Ch) (*David Oram*)

followed by Eucharistic Adoration

Friday 26th September

Weekday in Ordinary Time

12.10pm Mass (Ch)

Funeral Mass of Ray Johnson

Saturday 27th September

Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest

2-4.15pm Eucharistic Adoration (Ch)

4.15pm-4.45pm (Sat) Confessions

4.45pm Benediction (Ch)

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

28th September

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

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

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

25TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR C

TODAY IS EVANGELII GAUDIUM SUNDAY This year, the Church has been celebrating a significant anniversary. It's 1,700 years since the Council of Nicaea. This great gathering of Bishops from around the Church began the work to formulate the creed we proclaim Sunday by Sunday. It is the content of this creed that is our mission, so that we may know and love God in this life, in order to be happy with him forever in the next. The creed begins with a profound proclamation, "I believe..." This is the theme for *Evangelii Gaudium Sunday* 2025. You will find resources to help you celebrate this day. The [main reflection](#) comes from Abbot Hugh Allen O'Praem, Director of Mission for the Bishops' Conference.

A SECOND COLLECTION will also be taken today to support the work of the Bishops' Conference Mission Directorate.

JOINT PARISHES INTERNATIONAL HARVEST SUPPER

Friday 26th September at 7pm at St Patrick's Hall. If you are able to help, or you can contribute a hot or cold dish, please contact Teresa, or put your name down on the volunteer list which will be in both churches. It would be lovely to have food to share from every nationality represented in our parishes!

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

Wednesday 24th September. The feast day commemorates the veneration of Mary, under the title of Our Lady of Walsingham. This title is linked to a vision experienced in 1061 by Lady Richeldis de Faverches, who was instructed to build a replica of the Holy House of Nazareth in Walsingham, Norfolk, England. This site became a major pilgrimage destination in medieval England. In 2024, the Vatican elevated the observance of Our Lady of Walsingham from an obligatory memorial to a formal feast day, reflecting its importance in the Church in England and Wales. This change aims to strengthen the devotion to Our Lady of Walsingham and encourage more pilgrims to visit the shrine. Please note that Mass is at 11am on Wednesday and we are joined by children from St Patrick's School.

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. There will be a 'Taste and See' Evening on Wednesday 1st October in the parish office at St Mary's. Please call the office for more details and register your interest.

ANNUAL MASS COUNT takes place in both of our parishes during the last two Sundays of September and the first two Sundays of October.

CHIPPENHAM DOORWAY asks for donations for their annual Harvest collection to make up the food take-out bags they give out each week and contributes to the hot meals they serve in sessions. Food is central to their services, being both a lifeline and a way of providing consistent welcome, comfort and warmth to our guests. They are always so grateful for the generous donations they receive. Please see the poster in the porch of St Mary's showing what items they want.

CAFOD RESPONSE IN GAZA Your donations to Gaza since the start of the conflict have been a vital lifeline. Right now, CAFOD's partner, Caritas Jerusalem, is delivering essential medical treatment to displaced people and providing medicines to treat chronic illnesses. We have helped 1,400 households with cash to buy supplies in the last month and we are currently feeding 2,000 people with new stocks of flour and rice. Despite the restrictions on aid coming into Gaza, CAFOD's local partners are working tirelessly to help people. And with your ongoing support, they will do all in their power to keep doing so. You can find out more about how you can make a difference in Gaza at cafod.org.uk. Thank you for backing our work through holding collections for our Family Fast Day appeals and for continuing to [pray for peace](#) in the Middle East.

VACANCY FOR A CHAPLIN St Peter's R.C. High School & Sixth Form Centre school require an excellent and committed Chaplain. St Peter's is a mixed 11–18 school with 1500 pupils on roll. Details can be found here: <https://www.eteach.com/job/chaplain-1502649>.

LGBT+ MASS A monthly celebration of the Eucharist for LGBT+ Catholics, family and friends, Sunday 21st September at 3pm at St Nicholas of Tolentino RC Church, Bristol. All are welcome. A Clifton Diocese initiative.

PRIMARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS FOR 2026-27 If you have a child born between 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022, now is the time to apply for a school place for admission from September 2026 onwards. You must complete the application form that is available from the School Admissions team of Wiltshire County council to access their online 2026-27 Reception Intake online application form (or contact them to request a paper form). Catholics should also provide a copy of the baptism certificate to your preferred Catholic school. Please ensure you apply by the closing date of 15th January 2026.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION Corsham after weekday mass. Chippenham on Sat 4.15-4.45pm.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

The Sick: Corsham: Mo Brinn, Richard Keat, Anne Keat, Sheila Taylor, Christopher Brawl, Lindsay Price, Robert Wilkins. Chippenham: Ann Sutton, David Lunt, Michael Kenny, Mike Merry, Nic Pollastrone, Victoria Kiss, Pamela Naylor, Anne Martin, Agnes Tegner, Michael Millard, Mary McIver. Pray for all in our hospitals, nursing homes and those who care for them.

RIP Anniversaries: Elsie Tovey, Eric Rosario, Helen Cooper, Maria Checchia, Gus Wojtecki, Brian Naylor, Norah English, Ferruccio Fossacecco.

Recently Departed: Chris Rosario. Michaela Finn (White) (Funeral Tues 30th September 12.10pm)

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

The Holy Father's September Intention: Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

Diocesan Prayer Link: St Mary-on-the-Quay, Bristol, with St James Priory.

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.

September – The Month of Our Lady of Sorrows

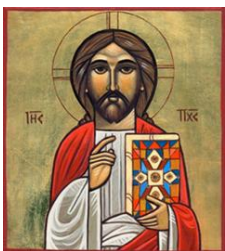


Over the centuries there grew a custom of devoting certain months of the year to specific spiritual themes. September became known as the month of “Our Lady of Sorrows.” Initially this might seem like a strange designation, as Our Lady of Sorrows is usually connected to Jesus’ crucifixion, which in the Church’s liturgical year is celebrated in March or April. However, early on a feast developed on 14 September named “The Exaltation of the Holy Cross.” Originally this feast celebrated the finding of the Holy Cross by St Helena and the consecration, on 14 September, 335, of the basilicas built by Constantine on the sites of the Holy Sepulchre and Calvary at Jerusalem. This brought into September a particular meditation on the cross of Jesus Christ, and by the 17th century there developed a complementary Marian feast on 15 September.

In the 17th century the Servites celebrated a solemn feast of the Seven Sorrows of Our Lady, which in 1817 was extended to the whole Church by Pope Pius VII as a memorial of his sufferings in exile and captivity and of his deliverance through the Blessed Virgin’s intercession. Furthermore, Pope St Pius X transferred this feast from the third Sunday of September to this octave-day of Our Lady’s Nativity (8 September), in 1912.” Originally this feast was more concerned with Mary’s sufferings throughout her early life, excluding the Passion of Jesus, her Son, but over time it has come to represent all of Mary’s suffering.

Collect for Our Lady of Sorrows

O God, who willed that, when your Son was lifted high on the Cross,
his Mother should stand close by and share his suffering,
grant that your Church, participating with the Virgin Mary in the Passion of Christ,
may merit a share in his Resurrection.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.



THE WORD THIS WEEK

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First reading

A reading from the book of Amos

Amos 8:4-7

Hear this, you who trample on the needy and bring the poor of the land to an end, saying, ‘When will the new moon be over, that we may sell grain? And the Sabbath, that we may offer wheat for sale, that we may make the ephah small and the shekel great and deal deceitfully with false balances, that we may buy the poor for silver, and the needy for a pair of sandals, and sell the chaff of the wheat?’

The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: ‘Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.’

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm**Ps 113(112)***Praise the LORD, who raises the poor.*

Praise, O servants of the LORD,
praise the name of the LORD!
May the name of the LORD be blest
both now and for evermore!

High above all nations is the LORD,
above the heavens his glory.
Who is like the LORD, our God,
who dwells on high,
who lowers himself to look down
upon heaven and earth?

From the dust he lifts up the lowly,
from the ash heap he raises the poor,
to set them in the company of princes,
yes, with the princes of his people.

Second reading**1 Timothy 2:1-8***A reading from the first letter of Saint Paul to Timothy*

Beloved: First of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Saviour, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time.

For this I was appointed a preacher and an Apostle — I am telling the truth, I am not lying — a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth. I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarrelling.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

Jesus Christ, though he was rich,
yet for your sake he became poor,
so that you by his poverty might become rich.
Alleluia

Gospel**Luke 16:10-13***A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke*

At that time: Jesus said to the disciples, 'One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. If then you have not been faithful with the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own? No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.'

The Gospel of the Lord.