

# THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF CHIPPENHAM & CORSHAM

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## 26<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

28<sup>th</sup> September

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

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

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

with Children's Liturgy

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September

Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel  
and Raphael, Archangels No Mass

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September

Saint Jerome, Priest,  
Doctor of the Church  
12.10pm Funeral Mass  
of Michaela Finn (Ch)

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October

Saint Therese of the Child Jesus,  
Virgin, Doctor of the Church  
12pm Mass (Cor) (*Ellen Donoghue*)

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October

The Holy Guardian Angels  
12.10pm Mass (Ch) (*Francis Pycroft*)  
followed by Eucharistic Adoration

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October

Weekday in Ordinary Time  
12.10pm Mass (Ch) (*Viktoria Kiss*)

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October

Saint Francis of Assisi  
2-4.15pm Eucharistic Adoration (Ch)  
4.15pm-4.45pm (Sat) Confessions  
4.45pm Benediction (Ch)

## 27<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5pm (Sat) Vigil Mass (Ch)

(*In Thanksgiving A.S*)

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

with Children's Liturgy

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

## 26<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR C & 27<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR C

**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 1<sup>st</sup> October** in the parish office at St Mary's. Please call the office for more details and register your interest.

**HARVEST SUPPER** We thank Jane and all who helped to make the International Harvest Supper such a lovely evening. Thank you to all who contributed the array of international food.

**ANNUAL MASS COUNT** continues during the last Sunday 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. A poster in the porch of St Mary's shows items needed.

**CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY APPEAL THIS HARVEST - WEEKEND OF 4<sup>TH</sup> AND 5<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER** Please donate to the Family Fast Day collection to share God's abundant gifts with our global neighbours as they find lasting solutions to poverty and climate challenges, building more water tanks in communities like Waré's in Ethiopia where women have to walk for hours to get water. Use the CAFOD envelope or DONA machines or donate online at [cafod.org.uk/envelope](http://cafod.org.uk/envelope). You can also text CAFOD to 70560 to donate £10.

**THE CLIFTON EVANGELISATION NEWSLETTER** can be found on our diocesan website [www.cliftondiocese.com/clifton-evangelist/](http://www.cliftondiocese.com/clifton-evangelist/)

**THE NEWMAN CATHOLIC TRUST** is recruiting a Finance Manager (4 days per week). This is a role for a finance professional who combines technical skill with service, able to give leaders clarity

and confidence as our family of schools grows. The closing date: 20th October 2025 and please apply using this link: <https://mynewterm.com/jobs/17561/EDV-2025-CNCET-13863>

## 27<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4<sup>th</sup> October

5pm (Sat) Vigil Mass (Ch)

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

with Children's Liturgy

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

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October

Saint Bruno, Priest No Mass

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October

Our Lady of the Rosary

12.10pm Mass (Ch)

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October

Weekday in Ordinary Time

12pm Mass (Cor) (*Peter Cavaciuti*)

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October

Feast of Saint John Henry Newman,

Doctor of the Church

12.10pm Mass (Ch)

*followed by Eucharistic Adoration*

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October

Saint Paulinus of York, Bishop

12.10pm Mass (Ch)

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October

Saint John XXIII, Pope

2-4.15pm Eucharistic Adoration (Ch)

4.15pm-4.45pm (Sat) Confessions

4.45pm Benediction (Ch)

## 28<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

11<sup>th</sup> October

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

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

11am (Ch) Sung Mass

with Holy Baptism (*Pro Populo*)

**THE CLIFTON DIOCESAN ANNUAL FORMATION DAY** Sat 11 Oct at St Brendan's College, Brislington, with Mgr John Armitage as keynote speaker. Theme: 'Being an Evangelist Today: the tools required to be a joyful witness of Jesus'. Workshop options are available when booking a ticket. Register Eventbrite link: <https://diocesanformationday.eventbrite.co.uk>.

**MUSIC WORKSHOP (CJM MUSIC)** Sat 4<sup>th</sup> Oct at Holy Rood Primary School, Swindon, SN3 1DH Refreshments available from 10.30am. Programme: 11am - 5:30pm; Bring a packed lunch; drinks provided. Reserve a place on the Holy Rood Swindon web site.

**PRIMARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS FOR 2026-27** If your child was born between 1st September 2021 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022, it is time to apply for a school place for admission from September 2026. Complete the application form available from the School Admissions team of Wiltshire County Council to access their online 2026-27 reception intake online (or contact them to request a paper form). Catholics should provide a copy of the baptism certificate to your preferred Catholic school. Closing date of 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

**INFANT BAPTISM** The Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis is running a Masterclass webinar on Infant Baptism Preparation on Tues 7 Oct 7.30pm. This is for clergy, catechists and baptism preparation volunteers. Registration is £5:

[www.aec.rcaos.org.uk/latest/masterclass-infant-baptism-preparation](http://www.aec.rcaos.org.uk/latest/masterclass-infant-baptism-preparation)

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

**THE PARISH OFFICE** will be closed on 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> October.

## 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:** 27<sup>th</sup> Sept: Ellen Donoghue, Alan Knighton, Krystyna Nicinska, Eve Kilmartin, Edith O'Neill, Ann Doran, Philip Butler, Ernest Gadsden, Hilda Griffiths, John Burrowes, Janet Pordage, Salv Mallia. 4<sup>th</sup> Oct: Mike Liston, Bryn Rees, Robert Connor, Teresa Arthur, Tom O'Neill, Patrick O'Neill, Mary Bridewell.

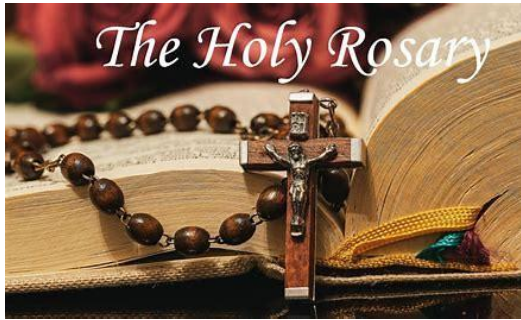
**RECENTLY DEPARTED:** John Stapleton

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

**The Holy Father's October 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:** 28<sup>th</sup> Sept: St Augustine of Canterbury, Downend; Our Lady of Lourdes and St Bernadette, Kingswood; St Lawrence, Chipping Sodbury, with St Paul, Yate, Bristol. 5<sup>th</sup> Oct: St Nicholas of Tolentino, Easton; St Joseph, Fishponds; St Patrick, Redfield, Bristol.

*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.*



# October – The Month of the Holy Rosary.

## Hail Mary, Full of Grace...

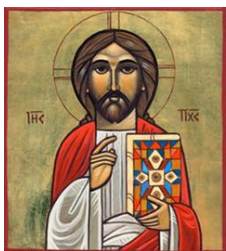
On October 7th, the Church celebrates the memorial of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary. The memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary, was instituted to honour the Blessed Virgin Mary for the Christian victory over the Turks at Lepanto on October 7<sup>th</sup>, 1571. Pope S. Pius V and all Christians had prayed the Rosary for victory. The Rosary, or the Psalter of the Blessed Virgin Mary, is a much loved devotion to Mary, the Mother of God. “The Rosary, though clearly Marian in character, is at heart a Christocentric prayer. In the sobriety of its elements, it has all the depth of the Gospel message in its entirety, of which it can be said to be a compendium” (St John Paul II. [Rosarium Virginis Mariae](#) – On the Most Holy Rosary). The Church invites all families to pray the Rosary for the mission of the Church and for peace.

In the gospel (Luke 11: 5-13), Jesus instructs his disciples on approach to prayers. Our persistent lifting up of our petitions to God draws us closer to God and opens our understanding of God’s actions as response to our prayers. We need to ask with expectant faith and confident trust, seek for God’s guidance and help in time of need, and persistently knock at God’s door of mercy and blessings. Together with awe, Mary teaches us today to turn our gaze upward, to trust and to entrust ourselves to the Lord. In doing this, we recognize we cannot do it on our own, that we are not the authors of our own destiny, that we are in need of others and that we are all together in need of God. The Lord never leaves us alone – he promised us this. But we must be the first to believe it by turning our gaze from the things of this earth and learning how to fix our gaze on heaven, from whence comes our help.

The trust we show by praying the Holy Rosary is a sign through which we recognize that God works through us and around us and, through Mary’s intercession, we can cultivate a “higher objective in life”. To believe is actually to give credit to the One who can do all things, to accept His help, to recognize that we cannot do everything on our own, to entrust ourselves to Him even when His plans do not correspond to ours, to the point of offering ourselves with trust: *“Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word”*.

## Asking Mary to pray with us and for us

*Our Lady of the Rosary, you entrusted this holy prayer to Saint Dominic, and through him to the world. You are always attentive to the prayers of the Rosary and never fail to pour forth God’s grace in response. Please pray for me, that I will more deeply comprehend the power of the Rosary and will never fail in my duty to pray it. Our Lady of the Rosary, pray for us.*



## THE WORD THIS WEEK

### 26<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME C

#### First reading

*A reading from the Prophet Amos*

**Amos 6:1a, 4-7**

Thus says the LORD, the God of hosts:

‘Woe to those who are at ease in Sion,  
and to those who feel secure on the mountain of Samaria.

‘Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory  
and stretch themselves out on their couches,  
and eat lambs from the flock  
and calves from the midst of the stall,

who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp  
and like David invent for themselves instruments of music,  
who drink wine in bowls  
and anoint themselves with the finest oils,  
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!  
Therefore, they shall now be the first of those who go into exile,  
and the revelry of those who stretch themselves out shall pass away.'

### **Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 146(145)**

*My soul, give praise to the LORD.*

It is the LORD who does justice to those who are oppressed.  
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,  
the LORD who sets prisoners free.

It is the LORD who opens the eyes of the blind,  
the LORD who raises up those who are bowed down.  
It is the LORD who loves the just,  
the LORD who protects the stranger.

The LORD upholds the orphan and the widow,  
but thwarts the path of the wicked.  
The LORD will reign for ever,  
your God, O Sion, from age to age.

### **Second reading**

**1 Timothy 6:11-16**

*A reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy*

O man of God, pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will display at the proper time — he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honour and eternal dominion. Amen.

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 16:19-31**

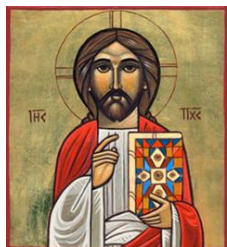
*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke*

At that time: Jesus said to the Pharisees, "There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried, and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. And he called out, "Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame." But Abraham said, "Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not do so, and none may cross from there to us." And he said, "Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house — for I have five brothers — so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment." But Abraham said, "They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them." And he said, "No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent."



He said to him, "If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead."

The Gospel of the Lord.



## THE WORD THIS WEEK

### 27<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME C

#### First reading

**Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4**

*A reading from the Prophet Habakkuk*

O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not hear? Or cry to you 'Violence!' and you will not save? Why do you make me see iniquity, and why do you idly look at wrong? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise.

And the LORD answered me: 'Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so he may run who reads it. For still the vision awaits its appointed time; it hastens to the end — it will not lie. If it seems slow, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay.

'Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him, but the righteous shall live by his faith.

#### Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 95(94)**

*O that today you would listen to his voice!  
'Harden not your hearts.'*

Come, let us ring out our joy to the LORD;  
hail the rock who saves us.  
Let us come into his presence, giving thanks;  
let us hail him with a song of praise.

O come; let us bow and bend low.  
Let us kneel before the LORD who made us,  
for he is our God, and we the people,  
the people of his pasture, the flock of his hand.

O that today you would listen to his voice!  
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,  
as on that day at Massah in the desert  
when your forebears put me to the test;  
when they tried me, though they saw my work.'

#### Second reading

**2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14**

*A reading from the Second Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy*

Beloved: I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, for God gave us a spirit not of fear, but of power and love and self-control. Therefore, do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.

The Word of the Lord.

#### Gospel Acclamation

**1 Peter 1:25**

Alleluia, alleluia.

The word of the Lord remains for ever  
and this word is the good news that was preached to you. Alleluia.

## **Gospel**

**Luke 17:5-10**

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke*

At that time: The Apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith!' And the Lord said, 'If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea", and it would obey you.'

'Will any one of you who has a servant ploughing or keeping sheep say to him when he has come in from the field, "Come at once and recline at table"? Will he not rather say to him, "Prepare supper for me, and dress properly, and serve me while I eat and drink, and afterwards you will eat and drink"? Does he thank the servant because he did what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, "We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty."'

The Gospel of the Lord.