

THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF CHIPPENHAM & CORSHAM

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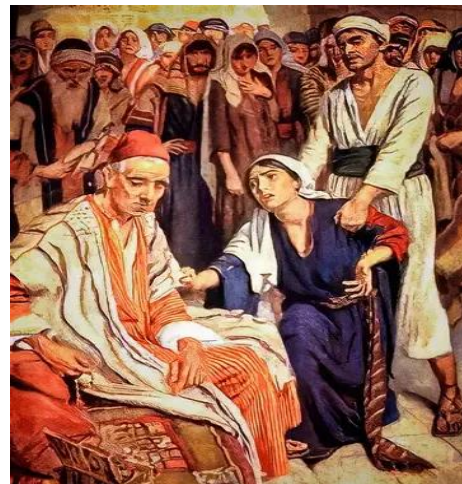
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29TH SUNDAY

IN ORDINARY TIME

19th October

5pm (Sat) Vigil Mass (Ch)

(Simon Slaughter)

9am (Cor) Sung Mass (Pro Populo)

with Children's Liturgy

11am (Ch) Sung Mass (Pro Populo)

Monday 20th October

Weekday in Ordinary Time No Mass

Tuesday 21st October

Weekday in Ordinary Time

12.10pm Mass (Ch) (Elizabieta)

Wednesday 22nd October

Saint John Paul II, Pope

11am Mass

with school years 3 & 4 (Cor)

Thursday 23rd October

Weekday in Ordinary Time

12.10pm Mass (Chris Fisher)

followed by Eucharistic Adoration

Friday 24th October

Weekday in Ordinary Time

12.10pm Mass (Ch) (John Osborne)

Saturday 25th October

Ou Lady of Saturday

2-4.15pm Eucharistic Adoration (Ch)

4.15pm-4.45pm (Sat) Confessions

4.45pm Benediction (Ch)

NB Clocks go back one hour as British
Summer Time ends.

30TH SUNDAY

IN ORDINARY TIME

26th October

5pm (Sat) Vigil Mass (Ch)

9am (Cor) Sung Mass (Pro Populo)

11am (Ch) Sung Mass (Pro Populo)

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WORLD MISSION SUNDAY Today, 19th October, is World Mission Sunday. 'Missionaries of Hope Among All Peoples' is the theme. The Holy Father invites all Catholics to support Missio (the red box charity) – his charity for world mission – through a special collection. This day of prayer, solidarity and giving unites Catholics worldwide to share the Good News of God's love which has the power to transform lives and heal our world. To donate, use the Missio envelopes, call 020 7821 9755 (office hours) or visit missio.org.uk to give, set up a Direct Debit and Gift Aid your donation if possible.

REGISTRATION Welcome to the many new members of our congregations. Please could you complete a registration form online, or in paper form, as under GDPR we are not allowed to communicate with you unless you have signed up to the register. This is especially important if you wish your child to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion next year. See announcement further on the newsletter.

READERS' FORMATION – SATURDAY 29TH NOVEMBER

We invite the readers of both parishes to a time of formation at St Patrick's Hall on Saturday 29th November from 10.30am to 3pm. This is a great opportunity for readers new and old to engage more fully in the ministry of proclamation of the Word. Please let Fr Michael or Teresa know if you are able to attend and bring a packed lunch with you. Drinks will be provided.

RCIA - JOURNEY IN FAITH Our new sessions began last week and continue this Wednesday, 22nd October at 7pm in the parish office at St Mary's. It is wonderful to see people wishing to know our Lord and his Church more fully. It is not too late to join the group, so do come along this week if you are interested. The subject this week is 'A God who speaks'.

NOVEMBER MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS All Souls Day, the Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed falls on Monday 3rd November this year, following the Sunday celebration of the Solemnity of All Saints. There will be two Requiem Masses for the departed 12noon at Corsham and 7pm at Chippenham. If you would like Mass offered for a departed loved one, family or friend during the month of November, please book you Mass early with the office or Fr Michael.

SVP LUNCH Chippenham hosts a Parish lunch on Friday 24th October after 12.10pm Mass. Everyone is welcome. Please place your name and contact details (phone number or email address) on the

sign-up sheet. We need 20 people to sign up to make this viable by Tuesday 21st October. If you would like to help us, do contact Teresa.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026 If you would like your child (school year 3 and above) to join the programme, please collect an application form from Fr Michael or the Parish Administrator after Mass after attending on Saturday/Sunday. A vital part of preparation for this sacrament is the weekly attendance at Mass. The closing date for applications is Sunday 7th December.

WORLD YOUTH SUNDAY 2025 Schools and parishes are invited to take part in World Youth Sunday 2025, a special three-day event from 21st- 23rd November, marking the Jubilee Year. This year's programme includes a Livestream for schools (formerly World Youth Funday), Social Saturday, and celebrations in parishes for World Youth Sunday and the Feast of Christ the King. Designed to support youth ministry and Catholic formation, the event offers a way to highlight the role of young people in the Church. Developed in partnership with the Jubilee for Schools project, CAFOD and others it's a valuable opportunity to strengthen links between schools, parishes, and the wider Church. For more information and registration head to <https://cymfed.org.uk/wys/>

CATECHISTS TRAINING Clifton Diocese in partnership with 'Light of Truth' are offering [Essential Training for Catechists](#). Parishioners can join us on Saturdays, 6th, 13th & 20th December, online, from 9am to 12 noon for a short course of 3 sessions, to discover the essential nature and principles of catechesis, the sources of catechesis, and the best ways to prepare and deliver it. It's open to everyone involved or interested in any kind of catechesis. Go to the Zoom link [here](#). More information on other courses & sessions run by the Sisters can be found on the following link: <https://www.lightoftruth.uk/join>.

CHAPLAINCY AND YOUTH MINISTRY MEMBER The Little Way Catholic Educational Trust are very excited to recruit Chaplaincy and Youth Ministry team members to support the primary schools within our Trust with chaplaincy and youth ministry. We are at the start of our journey into developing a team of youth ministers to work within our Trust schools across Gloucestershire. Further Details - Charlotte Blanch Telephone: 07962 521428 Email: c.blanch@lwcet.co.uk.

LGBT+ MASS A monthly celebration of the Eucharist for LGBT+ Catholics, family and friends, Sunday 19th October at 3pm at St Nicholas of Tolentino RC Church, Bristol. All are welcome. A Clifton Diocese initiative.

NEXT QUIZ NIGHT will be held at St Patrick's Hall on Sat 22nd November at 7pm. More details to follow.

NEXT JOINT PARISH PPC will be held in Chippenham on 30th October at 7pm in the office.

NEXT WEEKEND There will be an appeal by the Congregation of the Handmaids of the Holy Child Jesus at both parishes who are the Diocese's chosen Missionary for this year.

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

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

The Sick: Corsham: Nick King, Mo Brinn, Richard Keat, Anne Keat, Sheila Taylor, Christopher Browl, 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.

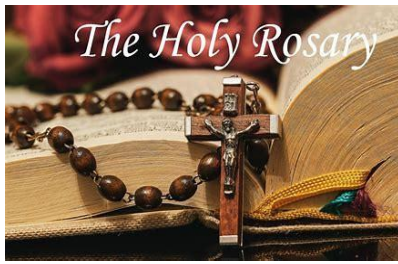
RIP Anniversaries: Derek Chappell, Suetress Allen, Jack Coggles, Eileen Evans, Betty Hobson, Almyra Tierney.

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: St Gerard Majella, Knowle; Christ the King, Knowle West.

*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...

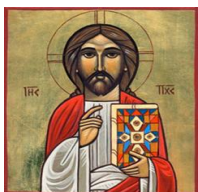
On October 7th, the Church celebrates the memorial of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary. The memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary, was instituted to honour the Blessed Virgin Mary for the Christian victory over the Turks at Lepanto on October 7th, 1571. Pope S. Pius V and all Christians had prayed the Rosary 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

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First reading

Exodus 17:8-13

A reading from the book of Exodus

In those days: Amalek came and fought with Israel at Rephidim. So, Moses said to Joshua, ‘Choose for us men, and go out and fight with Amalek. Tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the staff of God in my hand.’ So Joshua did as Moses told him, and fought with Amalek, while Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill. Whenever Moses held up his hand, Israel prevailed, and whenever he lowered his hand, Amalek prevailed. But Moses’ hands grew weary, so they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat on it, while Aaron and Hur held up his hands, one on one side, and the other on the other side. So, his hands were steady until the going down of the sun. And Joshua overwhelmed Amalek and his people with the sword.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm**Ps 121(120)**

*Our help is in the name of the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.*

I lift up my eyes to the mountains;
from where shall come my help?
My help shall come from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.

He will keep your foot from stumbling.
Your guard will never slumber.
No, he sleeps not nor slumbers,
Israel's guard.

The LORD your guard, the LORD your shade
at your right hand.
By day the sun shall not smite you,
nor the moon in the night.

The LORD will guard you from evil;
he will guard your soul.
The LORD will guard your going and coming,
both now and for ever.

Second reading**2 Timothy 3:14-4:2**

A reading from the Second Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy

Beloved: Continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

The word of God is living and active,
discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.
Alleluia.

Gospel**Luke 18:1-8**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

At that time: Jesus told his disciples a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. He said, 'In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, "Give me justice against my adversary." For a while he refused, but afterwards he said to himself, "Though I neither fear God nor respect man, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming." '

And the Lord said, 'Hear what the unrighteous judge says. And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?'

The Gospel of the Lord.