

THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF CHIPPENHAM & CORSHAM

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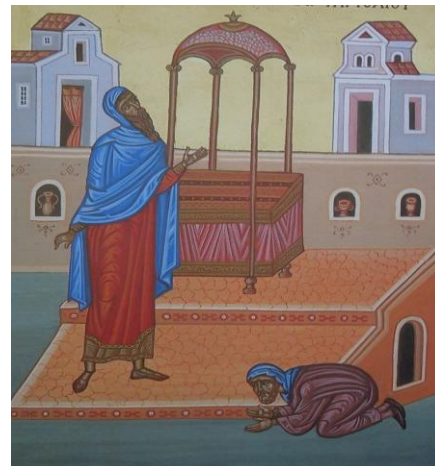
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30TH SUNDAY

IN ORDINARY TIME

26th October

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

5pm (Sat) Vigil Mass (Ch)

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

11am (Ch) Sung Mass (*Pro Populo*)
with Children's Liturgy

Monday 27th October

Weekday in Ordinary Time No Mass

Tuesday 28th October

Feast of Saints Simon and Jude,
Apostles

12.10pm Mass (Ch) (*Mass for the donors*)

Wednesday 29th October

Weekday in Ordinary Time

12.00pm Mass (Cor)

Thursday 30th October

Weekday in Ordinary Time

12.10pm Mass ()

followed by Eucharistic Adoration

Friday 31st October

Weekday in Ordinary Time

12.10pm Mass (Ch) (*Fr Millett*)

Saturday 1st November

Ou Lady of Saturday

2-4.15pm Eucharistic Adoration (Ch)

4.15pm-4.45pm (Sat) Confessions

4.45pm Benediction (Ch)

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

2nd November

5pm (Sat) Vigil Mass (Ch)

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

with Children's Liturgy

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

with Holy Baptism

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MISSIONARY APPEAL This weekend we welcome a sister from the Congregation of the Handmaids of the Holy Child Jesus who will be speaking at the conclusion of our Masses this weekend.

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS is celebrated next Sunday, transferred from Saturday 1st. The Church honours all saints, both those formally canonized and others who have attained heaven. These saints are people who have lived lives of faith and dedication to God, serving as role models for Christians. Whether officially recognized by the Church or not, these saints have played a significant role in spreading Christianity and leading others toward holiness. This great cloud of witnesses prays for us and with us. We pray that we may also attain the same crown of glory in heaven.

ALL SAINTS CHILDRENS PARTY Saint Patrick's Hall on Saturday 1st November at 3pm. This is open to children from both our parishes, and we invite them to come along dressed as their favourite saint. They are also invited to come to Mass next weekend for the celebration of All Saints in their saints' costumes!

NOVEMBER MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS All Souls Day, the Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed falls on Monday 3rd November this year. 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.

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.

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. To enrol for first communion, please ensure that you are attending Mass with your child each week. Closing date for applications is Sunday 7th Dec.

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. 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. There will be a bring and share lunch and time to socialise with other ministers. Drinks will be provided.

RCIA - JOURNEY IN FAITH Wednesday, 29th 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. Subject this week is 'The Holy Spirit and the Church'.

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

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

WORLD YOUTH SUNDAY 2025 Schools and parishes are invited to take part in World Youth Sunday 2025, from 21st- 23rd November, marking the Jubilee Year. The programme includes a Livestream for schools, 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 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](#). 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>.

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE CELEBRATION Bishop Bosco is celebrating Mass in the Cathedral on Sat 14th Feb (12 noon) and invites all families to join him to acknowledge the joys & challenges of family life. We will also celebrate those couples with significant anniversaries in 2026. If you are, or know of a couple, celebrating a special anniversary during 2026 do let us know by sending names to: adult.education@cliftondiocese.com so that a personal invitation can be sent out from the bishop. Please include the number of years celebrating. You can also let Teresa know and she will pass on the information.

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 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.

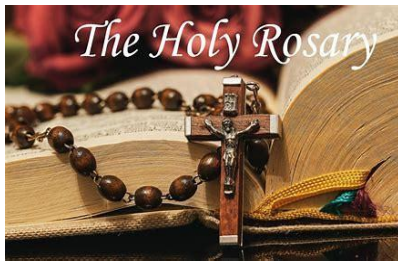
RIP Anniversaries: Kitty Witts, Beryl Beames, Leah Shrimpton, Susan Connor, Veronica Francome, Larry O'Toole, Baby Art Gartland, Dahlia Masters.

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: Our Lady of the Rosary, Lawrence Weston; St Bernard, Shirehampton.

*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...

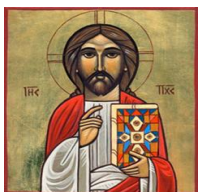
On October 7th, the Church celebrates the memorial of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary. The memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary, was instituted to honour the Blessed Virgin Mary for the Christian victory over the Turks at Lepanto on October 7th, 1571. Pope S. Pius V and all Christians had prayed the Rosary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

A reading from the Book of Sirach

Sirach 35:15-17, 20-22

The Lord is the judge, and with him is no partiality. He will not show partiality in the case of a poor man; and he will listen to the prayer of one who is wronged. He will not ignore the supplication of the orphan or the widow when she pours out her story. He whose service is pleasing to the Lord will be accepted, and his prayer will reach to the clouds. The prayer of the humble pierces the clouds, and he will not be consoled until it reaches the Lord; he will not desist until the Most High visits him and does justice for the righteous and executes judgement. And the Lord will not delay.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm**Ps 34(33)***The lowly one called, and the LORD heard him.*

I will bless the LORD at all times,
praise of him is always in my mouth.
In the LORD my soul shall make its boast;
the humble shall hear and be glad.

The LORD turns his face against the wicked
to cut off their remembrance from the earth.
When the just one cries out, the LORD hears,
and rescues him in all his distress.

The LORD is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save.
The LORD ransoms the souls of his servants.
All who trust in him shall not be condemned.

Second reading**2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18***A reading from the Second Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy*

Beloved: I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me, but also to all who have loved his appearing.

At my first defence no one came to stand by me, but all deserted me. May it not be charged against them! But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed, and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself,
and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.
Alleluia.

Gospel**Luke 18:9-14***A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke*

At that time: Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and treated others with contempt: 'Two men went up into the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: "God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get." But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!" I tell you; this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.'

The Gospel of the Lord.