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Sunday 18th January

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5pm (Sat) Vigil Mass (Ch) *(Patrick Mollaghan)*

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

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

with Children's Liturgy

Monday 19th January

Saint Wulstan, Bishop No Mass

Tuesday 20th January

Weekday in Ordinary Time

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

Wednesday 21st January

Saint Agnes, Virgin, Martyr

12pm Mass (Cor) *(Canon Vincent Ryan RIP)*

Thursday 22nd January

Weekday in Ordinary Time

12.10pm Mass (Ch)

Friday 23rd January

Weekday in Ordinary Time No Mass

Saturday 24th January

Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop,

Doctor of the Church

3-4.15pm Eucharistic Adoration (Ch)

4.15pm-4.45pm (Sat) Confessions

4.45pm Benediction (Ch)

Sunday 25th January

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday of the Word of God

5pm (Sat) Vigil Mass (Ch)

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

with Children's Liturgy

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

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OCTAVE OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY today and concludes on the 25th, the Feast of the Conversion of St Paul. This worldwide week of prayer encourages all Christians to pray that all be one as Christ desires. Let us pray that one day, all may be one at the Eucharistic table of the Lord and rejoice in our shared baptismal unity. A booklet can be downloaded with prayers and reflections <https://ctbi.org.uk/resources/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2026/> or for further information please see: <https://cte.org.uk/wpcu2026/>.

THIRD WEDNESDAY LUNCH CLUB AT ST PATRICK'S will be held on Wednesday 21st January in the Hall after the 12pm Mass. All are most welcome.

READERS FORMATION The rescheduled session will take place on Saturday 7th February starting at 10.30am at St Patrick's hall in Corsham and will end just after lunch. There will be a 'bring and share' lunch and time to socialise with other ministers. Drinks provided. Our readers will be commissioned in a liturgy of blessing after lunch. Please could you let them know as soon as possible if you are able to attend if you haven't already done so.

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE celebration of Mass in the Cathedral on Saturday 14th February at 12 noon. Bishop Bosco invites families to celebrate the joys & challenges of family life. We also celebrate couples with significant anniversaries in 2026. If you are celebrating a special anniversary, please let us know: adult.education@cliftondiocese.com with an address so that a personal invitation can be sent from the bishop. Please include the number of years celebrating.

MARRIAGE WEEK The Feast of St Joseph, 19 March 2026, will be the tenth anniversary of Pope Francis' Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation *Amoris Laetitia* – "On Love in the Family." To prepare for this anniversary, we invite you from the beginning of National Marriage Week, 7-14 February until 19 March 2026, to reflect on the central role that marriage and

family life play in our Church and in wider society. To aid us in this reflection the Bishops' Conference offer us some resources to guide us including a Novena with daily petitions: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/marriage-week/>

RCIA - JOURNEY IN FAITH continues on Wednesday 21st January at 7pm in St Mary's Office. Please keep those who journey on the path of faith in your prayers.

RITE OF ELECTION This year's Rite of Election takes place in our Cathedral at 11am on Saturday 21st February. On this first Saturday of Lent, as at the start of every Lent, our diocesan family will gather at the cathedral together with our bishop to celebrate the Rite of Election, where those who are journeying towards becoming part of our Catholic community are presented to Bishop Bosco. Please pray for our people who are making this commitment. Please do join our diocesan family as we welcome to our Cathedral both catechumens and candidates. All are most welcome to attend!

REGISTRATION If you have recently moved or have a new phone number, please could you let the Parish Office know so that records can be updated. Also, if you are new to the parish and would like to register, then please do so via the parish website, or ask Teresa, our administrator, for a registration form.

ST MARY'S CHURCH We had a visit from the Diocesan surveyor this week, and we are delighted to report that the church does not have subsidence. Now we can go-ahead with quotes to replaster the church walls and begin to look at re-decorating.

LENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE Bishop Bosco invites you to join him during this season of Lent to celebrate the abundant mercy of God through the [Sacrament of Reconciliation](#). Join him at one of the five venues across our diocese as part of your Lenten Pilgrimage. The nearest one to us is take place on Tuesday 10th March at the Immaculate Conception, Devizes and will start at 7pm.

THANK YOU to all who stayed after last weekends Sunday masses to take down trees, cribs and decorations. It was much appreciated.

OLD CHRISTMAS AND OCCASIONAL CARDS Please could you bring to Church cards for Mathew Hendricks-Birtles who will reuse them to make new cards and raise money for Alzheimer's Support.

SPUC – WHITE FLOWER COLLECTION will take place this weekend. The White Flower Appeal is held by the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children to raise awareness and support for the pro-life cause. This appeal is inspired by the White Rose Movement during World War II, which opposed the Nazi regime. The appeal aims to protect unborn children and promote the right to life in society. It involves handing out white flowers and postcards after Mass, stressing the importance of life from conception until natural death. The appeal encourages supporters to join the fight against abortion and assisted suicide, emphasising the need for a culture of life.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION Confessions are heard in Corsham after weekday mass and in Chippenham on Saturday 4.15-4.45pm.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

The Sick: Corsham: Kath McDonald, Linda Scott, Nick King, Mo Brinn, Richard Keat, Anne Keat, Sheila Taylor, Christopher Brawl, Lindsay Price, Robert Wilkins. Chippenham: 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.

Recently Departed: Jo Lambert.

RIP Anniversaries: Sheelagh Farrell, Gerry Arthur, Timothy Bishop, Graham Masters.

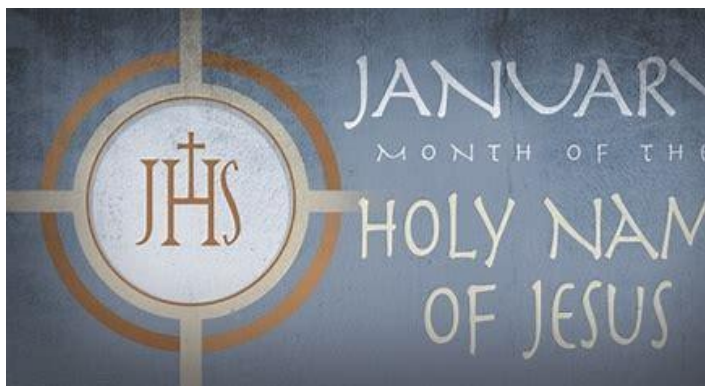
For Peace: in Ukraine, Gaza and all the places of warfare throughout the world.

The Holy Father's January Intention: Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

Diocesan Prayer Link: St Francis of Assisi, Nailsea/St Joseph, Portishead.

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.

January – The Month of the Holy Name of Jesus



January is the month of the Holy Name of Jesus, and it's an ideal time to strengthen our connection to the beautiful name of our Lord. In fact, all names are to be treated with respect. Do you know the meaning of your own name? It's interesting to discover. A name is an emblem of one's dignity but the name of Jesus in particular should be held in the highest regard; spoken and heard only in a sacred way. The beautiful name "Jesus" means, "God saves." So the name of Jesus is not only the name of our Saviour but also, by its meaning, states the purpose of His existence, reminding us of the incredible blessing of salvation. Let us therefore give that name great honour! Also, let us remember that Jesus's name in Aramaic is "Yeshua" So that is what Jesus was called in his own native language (the name Joshua is derived from this name, too).

You may wish to adopt the practice (that used to be more widely practiced and is so meaningful and fitting) of bowing your head whenever you say or hear the name of Jesus. Scripture tells us: "At the name of Jesus every knee should bend of those in heaven, on earth, and under the earth" (Phil 2:10). The Council of Lyons in 1274 stated: "Each should fulfill in himself that which is written for all, that at the Name of Jesus every knee should bow; whenever that glorious Name is recalled, especially during the sacred Mysteries of the Mass, everyone should bow the knees of his heart, which he can do even by a bow of his head."

Philippians 2:9-11

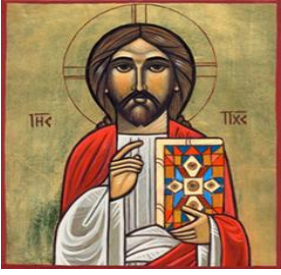
"Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

Collect of the Most Holy Name of Jesus

O God, who founded the salvation of the human race on the Incarnation of your Word, give your peoples the mercy they implore, so that all may know there is no other name to be invoked but the Name of your Only Begotten Son. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Finding Comfort in the Holy Name of Jesus

Lord Jesus, when the storms of life rage and troubles surround me, I find comfort in Your holy name. Your presence brings solace and peace to my troubled heart. In times of distress, I turn to You, knowing that You are my refuge and strength. Your name is a source of unending comfort and assurance, and I am grateful for the peace it provides.



THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

First reading

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant,
Israel, in whom I will be glorified.'
And now the LORD says,
he who formed me from the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him,
and that Israel might be gathered to him —
for I am honoured in the eyes of the LORD,
and my God has become my strength —
he says:
'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
to raise up the tribes of Jacob
and to bring back the preserved of Israel;
I will make you as a light for the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.'

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Behold, I have come, Lord, to do your will.

Ps 40(39)

I waited, I waited for the LORD,
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry.
He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God.
You delight not in sacrifice and offering,
but in an open ear.
You do not ask for holocaust and sin offering.
Then I said, 'Behold, I have come.'
In the scroll of the book it stands written of me:
'I delight to do your will, O my God;
your instruction lies deep within me.'
Your uprightness I have proclaimed
in the great assembly.
My lips I have not sealed;
you know it, O LORD.

Second reading

A reading from the First letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

1 Corinthians 1:1-3

Paul, called by the will of God to be an Apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes,

To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us;
to all who did receive him,
he gave the authority to become children of God.
Alleluia.

Gospel

John 1:29-34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

At that time: John saw Jesus coming towards him, and said, 'Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me." I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptising with water, that he might be revealed to Israel.' And John bore witness: 'I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptise with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptises with the Holy Spirit." And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.