

# THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF CHIPPENHAM & CORSHAM

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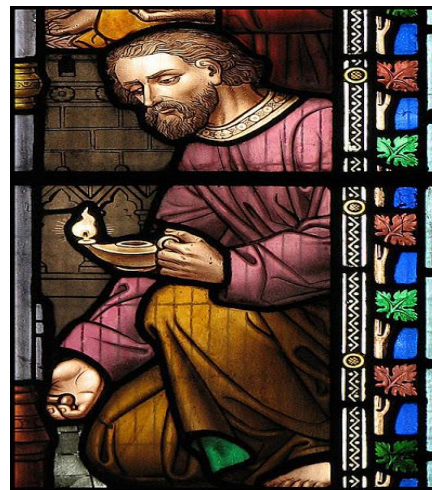
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Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

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

*with Children's Liturgy*

11am Sung Mass (Ch) *(Margaret Loughran)*

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February

Weekday in Ordinary Time No Mass

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February

Saint Scholastica, Virgin

\*No Mass due to replastering of Church\*

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February

Our Lady of Lourdes

12pm Mass (Cor)

*(The Sick and all who care for them)*

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February

Weekday in Ordinary Time

\*11.00pm\* Mass (Ch)

with Yr 6 of St Mary's School

*(Our Parish Schools)*

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February

Weekday in Ordinary Time

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

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> February

Feast of Saints Cyril, Monk

and Methodius, Bishop

3-4.45pm Eucharistic Adoration (Ch)

4.15pm-4.45pm (Sat) Confessions

4.45pm Benediction (Ch)

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

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

11am Sung Mass (Ch)

## THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME A

**ST PATRICK'S WEDNESDAY LUNCH CLUB** meets after the 12noon Mass on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February. Please note changed date as the usual date would be Ash Wednesday. All welcome for a sandwich, cuppa and a chat.

**ST MARY'S REPLASTERING** The walls which were recently stripped to ascertain any movement on the building will be replastered on Monday through to Wednesday this week. Please note that there will be no Mass on Tuesday due to this work.

**RCIA - JOURNEY IN FAITH** The next gathering of those who are journeying to the Easter Sacraments is 7pm on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February in St Mary's Office.

**MISSIO** Many thanks to Marion Hamilton who is taking on the role of Mission representative in Chippenham. Marion will let us know when the red boxes are due for counting.

**READERS FORMATION** Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

**ASH WEDNESDAY** is celebrated on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February with Mass celebrated with the distribution of ashes at 12noon at Corsham and 7pm at Chippenham. Ash Wednesday is a day of Fasting and Abstinence. Please make a note of the date and the time. It is also a day of Fasting and Abstinence - no meat and one meal with two small collations (snacks).

**A COMPANION'S WAY- GLOUCESTERSHIRE SPIRITUAL DIRECTION COURSE** Spiritual direction is an ancient art, arising in many wisdom traditions, including Christianity. It is a practice of deep listening from a contemplative stance, offering another a companion's ear as they grapple with life's joys, sorrows and dilemmas; accompaniment as they 'live the questions' and learn to recognise more clearly that 'still, small voice' that calls us all to a place of freedom and wholeness. Gloucestershire course in

Spiritual Direction (A Companion's Way) is now inviting applications for the intake in February 2026. Learn to listen as a 'soul friend', in service of spiritual growth and transformation. To download the application form & to find out more, please follow this link: <https://spiritualdirectioncourse.co.uk/>

**MARRIAGE WEEK** The Feast of St Joseph, 19<sup>th</sup> 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<sup>th</sup> February until 19<sup>th</sup> 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 (nine days of prayer) with daily petitions: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/marriage-week/>

**RITE OF ELECTION** takes place in our Cathedral at 11am on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> February. On this first Saturday of Lent, as at the start of every Lent, our diocesan family gathers 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!

**LENT 2026 LITURGIES OF RECONCILIATION** Bishop Bosco invites you to join him during 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. Each Liturgy will start at 7pm. Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February – St Mary, Glastonbury. Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March – Sacred Heart, Tisbury. Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March – Immaculate Conception, Devizes. Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March – St Joseph, Tewkesbury. Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March – Christ the King, Thornbury. Building upon the beautiful gatherings during Lent he is inviting our diocesan community to gather with him in celebration of God's merciful love as part of our Lenten journey. There will be priests available at each venue to celebrate sacramental reconciliation. You will be most welcome.

**DIOCESAN ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES** will be led by Bishop Bosco on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> - Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2026. Price Includes Airport transfers from Bristol to Birmingham Airport, Flights to Tarbes– Lourdes–Pyrénées Airport, hotel transfers and the full pilgrimage programme (including visits to the Grotto of the Apparitions, Mass each day, Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, Sacrament of Reconciliation, visits to sites related to St Bernadette, Open air Mass in the Cite-San– Pierre, Water Gesture, Station of the Cross). For an extra charge there will be a Diocesan Day Trip to Bartres. To express interest please email: [lourdes@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:lourdes@cliftondiocese.com)

**CONTACT A PEER TO OPPOSE ASSISTED SUICIDE** The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) is now with the House of Lords. Our clear principled objection to the Bill remains. The House of Lords has a responsibility to scrutinise the Bill in depth and reject it if necessary. Please visit this link for full guidance to help you write to a Peer. [How to write to Peers in the House of Lords - Catholic Bishops' Conference.](#)

**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.

### **Day of Prayer for the Unemployed**

**RIP Anniversaries:** Betty O'Neil. Joan Tilbury. Dobs Price. Teodor Stadnyk. Sadie Mossman. Iolanda Dysak. Nico Ruggiero. Joyce Hopper. Bill Canning. Nuala Clinton. Fran Canning. Shaun O'Donnell. Arthur Hopper. Pat Farrant.

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

**The Holy Father's February Intention:** Let us pray that children suffering from incurable disease and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

**Diocesan Prayer Link:** Saint Stanislaus, Dulverton; Sacred Heart, Minehead with Watchet.

*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.*

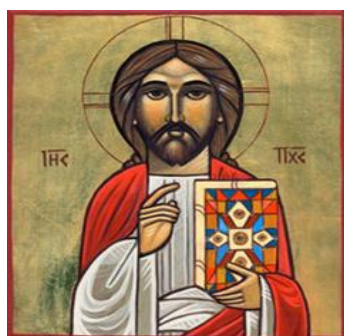
## February – The Month of the Holy Family



February is dedicated to the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. On 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb we see the Holy Family go to the Temple for the Presentation of Jesus. The family is together as the Holy Family. This month-dedication traces back to the 17th century. This February, let us begin to restore a little devotion to the Holy Family. It would both honour the Holy Family and at the same time becomes a reminder to strengthen family life. After all, the Church has taught how the Holy Family is the model, the example, for all families. So said St John Paul II called “the family of Nazareth a model for every home.” These are perfect reasons to start honoring the Holy Family this month. “The Holy Family is the beginning of countless other holy families,” St John Paul II said earlier in his *Letter to Families*. He stressed, “The history of mankind, the history of salvation, passes by way of the family.” In fact, the saintly pope made it plain that he was trying “to show how the family is placed at the centre of the great struggle between good and evil, between life and death, between love and all that is opposed to love.”

### Collect for the Feast of the Holy Family

O God, who were pleased to give us the shining example of the Holy Family, graciously grant that we may imitate them in practicing the virtues of family life and in the bonds of charity, and so, in the joy of your house, delight one day in eternal rewards. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.



### THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A)

#### First Reading

*A reading from the Prophet Isaiah*

**Isaiah 58:6-10**

Then will your light shine like the dawn  
Thus says the Lord:  
Share your bread with the hungry,  
and shelter the homeless poor,  
clothe the man you see to be naked  
and do not turn from your own kin.  
Then will your light shine like the dawn  
and your wound be quickly healed over.  
Your integrity will go before you  
and the glory of the Lord behind you.  
Cry, and the Lord will answer;

call, and he will say, 'I am here.'  
If you do away with the yoke,  
the clenched fist, the wicked word,  
if you give your bread to the hungry,  
and relief to the oppressed,  
your light will rise in the darkness,  
and your shadows become like noon.

### **Responsorial Psalm**

*A light rises in the darkness for the upright*

**Ps 112(111)**

A light rises in the darkness for the upright;  
He is generous, merciful, and righteous.  
It goes well for the man who deals generously and lends,  
Who conducts his affairs with justice.

He will never be moved;  
For ever shall the upright be remembered.  
He has no fear of evil news;  
With a firm heart, he trusts in the Lord.

With a steadfast heart he will not fear.  
Open-handed, he gives to the poor;  
His justice stands firm for ever.  
His might shall be exalted in glory.

### **Second Reading**

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

**1 Corinthians 2:1-5**

The only knowledge I claimed was of the crucified Christ  
When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about him as the crucified Christ. Far from relying on any power of my own, I came among you in great 'fear and trembling' and in my speeches and the sermons that I gave, there were none of the arguments that belong to philosophy; only a demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so that your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God.

### **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
I am the light of the world, says the Lord;  
anyone who follows me will have the light of life.  
Alleluia!

### **Gospel**

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew*

**Matthew 5:13-16**

Your light must shine in the sight of men  
Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men.  
'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lampstand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'