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12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME A 21ST JUNE

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

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

11am (Ch) Solemn Mass

with Children's Liturgy

Monday 22nd June

Feast of Saints John Fisher, Bishop,
and Thomas More, Martyrs No Mass

Tuesday 23rd June

Weekday in Ordinary Time

12.10pm Mass (Ch)

Wednesday 24th June

SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF
SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

12pm Mass (Cor) (*Ann Keat*)

Thursday 25th June

Weekday in Ordinary Time

12.10pm Mass (Ch) (*The Schools of our
Parishes*)

followed by Eucharistic Adoration

Friday 26th June

Weekday in Ordinary Time

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

Saturday 27th June

Saint Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop,
Doctor of the Church

2pm Eucharistic Adoration (Ch)

4.15pm-4.45pm (Sat) Confessions

4.45pm Benediction

SOLEMNITY OF SAINTS

PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES

28TH JUNE

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

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

with Children's Liturgy

11am (Ch) Solemn Mass

12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME A

DAY FOR LIFE The Church teaches that life is to be nurtured from conception to natural death. This is especially relevant as the Assisted Dying bill returns to Parliament. *Day for Life* is celebrated this Sunday. This year's theme is *The Wonder of the Child in the Womb*. Here you will find a message, information, prayers and downloads. <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/dfl26-message/> There is special collection today at all masses.

RCIA – JOURNEY IN FAITH Our 2026/7 preparation for Adult Baptisms and reception into the full communion of the Catholic Church will begin in the autumn after the summer break. If you know anyone who would like to know more about Jesus Christ and his Church, please do encourage them to come along to Mass and then to join the 2026/7 journey. If anyone is interested in joining our team of catechists and helpers this year, please do speak to Michael. This is a wonderful opportunity to engage in the mission of the Church.

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION The next date for baptismal preparation for parents of children being baptized will be held on July 4th in St Mary's Church Office at 2pm. If you are planning to have your child baptized shortly at St Mary's or St Patrick's, please ensure that you attend this opportunity to prepare for your child's special day. The session is also open to Godparents.

SVP LUNCH The next SVP lunch at St Mary's will be on Friday 3rd July after the 12.10pm Mass. Please sign up on one of the sheets at both entrances.

DOWNSIDE ABBEY FESTIVAL 16th -19th July. Friday 17th July 7pm - 9.30pm 'Come and Sing' with Sir John Rutter. A unique opportunity for all who love to sing (and can read a bit of music) to spend a summer's evening in the glorious setting of Downside Abbey, performing a selection of beautiful choral works, under the direction of the internationally famous composer and conductor, Sir John Rutter. Copies of the music will be provided. Please book at: www.ticketsource.com/downside-abbey-festival. Doors open for registration at 6.00pm. Details at www.downsideabbey.co.uk/downside-abbey-festival-2026/

DATE FOR THE DIARY The annual Saint Patrick's BBQ is held on Sunday 19th July at lunchtime. All most welcome.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION Please would you kindly notify the parish office asap if you would like to join a confirmation formation group. If there are sufficient candidates, we plan to hold Confirmation next year. Confirmation is one of the three sacraments of initiation in the Catholic Church, alongside Baptism

and First Holy Communion. It seals the believer with the gift of the Holy Spirit and strengthens them for their lifelong Christian journey. Both young people and adults are invited to receive the sacrament of Confirmation.

CELEBRATE FESTIVAL runs from 15th – 19th August in the Sussex countryside. Camping tickets and day tickets are available as well as bursaries for those who may need them. There are inspiring speakers, children and youth groups, prayer and worship as well as Masses, Adoration and Reconciliation. The Celebrate Trust is a Catholic ministry that inspires and equips people of all ages to live an authentic Christian life in the power of the Holy Spirit, in support of the family, to form the next generation and encourage local community. For further information please see: <https://www.celebratefestival.org>

REFRESHMENTS Saint Patrick's continues to offer weekly refreshments after the 9am Mass. Unfortunately, refreshments at Saint Mary's last week were cancelled due to illness. Watch this space for the next date. All most welcome.

SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE UNBORN CHILDREN asks people to join the Fightback Campaign to defend unborn babies and their mothers. Please do pick up a postcard from either church.

PETER'S PENCE There will be a second collection for Peter's Pence next weekend. The collection is To support the Holy Father's mission, which extends throughout the entire world, from the proclamation of the Gospel to the promotion of integral human development, education, peace, and brotherhood among peoples. This collection shows our solidarity with the mission of our Holy Father Pope Leo.

LGBT+ MASS A monthly celebration of the Eucharist for LGBT+ Catholics, family and friends, Sunday 21st June at 3pm at St Nicholas of Tolentino RC Church, Bristol. All are welcome. A Clifton Diocese initiative.

CHIPPENHAM CARNIVAL takes place on Saturday 4th July and starts at 5.30pm from Chippenham College. Please be aware that there will be a shortage of parking that day.

PRIOR PARK ALUMNI MASS Saturday 27th June at 5:45pm in the Chapel. We invite anyone who is a former Pupil, Parent and Staff member to join us. Please join us after the Mass for a BBQ in front of the mansion. Families are all welcome. Register at <https://www.thepriorcommunity.co.uk/> Click Events and scroll to Alumni-mass. Adults £10 BBQ/Drinks (Children free) We look forward to this joyous celebration.

THE PARISH OFFICE will be closed at the end of Tuesday 23rd June and re-open on Thursday 2nd July.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION Confessions are heard in Corsham after the weekday masses 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, Sheila Taylor, Christopher Brawl, Lindsay Price, Robert Wilkins. Chippenham: David Lunt, Michael Kenny, Mike Merry, Nic Pollastrone, Victoria Kiss, Pamela Naylor, Agnes Tegner, Michael Millard, Frank Hill, Harry Purdon. Pray for all in our hospitals, nursing homes and those who care for them.

Recently Departed: Frank Hill.

RIP Anniversaries: Pat Wilkinson, Violet Webb, Desmond Kiely, David Cole, Phyllis Merry, Judy Bullock, David Gough, Joyce Campbell.

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

The Holy Father's June Intention: Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity and personal growth.

Diocesan Prayer Link: St John the Baptist, Trowbridge with St Bernadette, Westbury, St Thomas More, Bradford on Avon.

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.

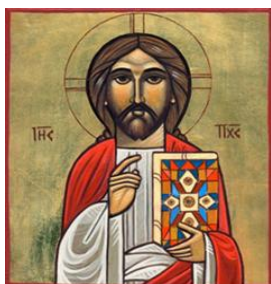
June - The Month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus



June is known as the month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus because the solemnity of the Sacred Heart is celebrated during this month. The feast dates back to 1673, when a French nun belonging to the Order of the Visitation of Holy Mary (Visitandines) in France began to receive visions about the Sacred Heart. Jesus appeared to Sister Margaret Mary Alacoque and revealed ways to venerate his Sacred Heart and explained the immense love he has for humanity, appearing with his heart visible outside his chest, on fire, and surrounded by a crown of thorns. Jesus told Sister Margaret Mary: "My Sacred Heart is so intense in its love for men, and for you in particular, that not being able to contain within it the flames of its ardent charity, they must be transmitted through all means."

A short Act of Consecration to the Sacred Heart

Sacred Heart of Jesus,
filled with infinite love,
broken by my ingratitude,
pierced by my sins,
yet loving me still,
accept the consecration which I make to you,
of all that I am and all that I have.
Take every faculty of my soul and body,
and draw me, day by day, nearer and nearer to your sacred side:
There, as I can hear the lesson,
teach me your blessed ways. Amen



TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME A

First reading

Jeremiah 20:10-13

A reading from the Book of Jeremiah

Jeremiah said:
I hear many whispering.
Terror is on every side!
'Denounce him! Let us denounce him!'
say all my close friends,
watching for my fall.
'Perhaps he will be deceived;
then we can overcome him
and take our revenge on him.'
But the LORD is with me as a dread warrior;
therefore my persecutors will stumble;

they will not overcome me.
They will be greatly shamed,
for they will not succeed.
Their eternal dishonour
will never be forgotten.
O LORD of hosts, who tests the righteous,
who sees the heart and the mind,
let me see your vengeance upon them,
for to you have I committed my cause.

Sing to the LORD;
praise the LORD!
For he has delivered the life of the needy
from the hand of evildoers.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 69(68)

In your great mercy, answer me, O Lord.

It is for you that I suffer taunts,
that shame has covered my face.
To my own kin I have become an outcast,
a stranger to the children of my mother.
Zeal for your house consumes me,
and taunts against you fall on me.

But I pray to you, O LORD,
at an acceptable time.
In your great mercy, answer me, O God,
with your faithful salvation.
LORD, answer, for your mercy is kind;
in your great compassion, turn towards me.

The poor when they see it will be glad,
and God-seeking hearts will revive;
for the LORD attends to the needy,
and does not spurn his own in their chains.
Let the heavens and the earth give him praise,
the seas and everything that moves in them.

Second reading

Romans 5:12-15

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and Sisters: Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned — for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for many.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.
The Spirit of truth will bear witness about me, says the Lord,
and you also will bear witness.
Alleluia.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

At that time: Jesus instructed his Apostles: 'Have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father knowing. But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.