

THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF CHIPPENHAM & CORSHAM

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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME A 12TH JULY

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

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

with Children's Liturgy

11am (Ch) Solemn Mass

(*In Thanksgiving*)

Monday 13th July

Weekday in Ordinary Time

No Mass

Tuesday 14th July

Weekday in Ordinary Time

12.10pm Mass (Ch)

Wednesday 15th July

Saint Bonaventure, Bishop,

Doctor of the Church

12pm Mass (Cor)

Thursday 16th July

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

12.10pm Mass (Ch) (*David Fernandes*)

followed by Eucharistic Adoration

Friday 17th July

Saint Kenelm

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

Saturday 18th July

Weekday in Ordinary Time

2pm Eucharistic Adoration (Ch)

4.15pm-4.45pm (Sat) Confessions

4.45pm Benediction

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME A 19TH JULY

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

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

11am (Ch) Solemn Mass

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME A

SEA SUNDAY- 12TH JULY This Sunday 12th July a second collection will be for Stella Maris. Stella Maris is part of an international network of agencies working in 89 countries to support the people of the sea. SM supports seafarers through a network of chaplains and ship visitors; lay and ordained, paid and volunteer, who proactively visit seafarers on their ships offering the hand of friendship; run ecumenical drop-in centres in ports where seafarers can relax and contact their families. www.stellamaris.org.uk

RCIA – JOURNEY IN FAITH For adults who are curious and want to explore the Catholic faith in more depth, you are invited to take part in 'The Journey of Faith' (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). This starts in the autumn and covers the main teachings of the Catholic faith. The journey is rooted in the Sunday celebration of the Liturgy. For those who then wish, this can lead to baptism/ formal reception into the Church and the celebration of Confirmation and First Holy Communion at the Easter Vigil. Please call the Parish Office to register your interest and we look forward to warmly welcoming you.

PARISH CATECHISTS Would you be interested in joining our team of parish catechists? Our catechists assist in the Catholic formation at all levels from the preparation of parents for the baptism of their children to first communion preparation for children, children's Sunday Liturgy of the Word and adult formation on our RCIA journey. This is a wonderful and rewarding way to assist in the mission of the Church. Please have a word with Fr Michael if you would like more details.

ANNIVERSARIES Fr Michael celebrates 30th anniversary of priestly ordination this Sunday and Fr Bill celebrates his 32nd anniversary on Thursday. Congratulations to them both.

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 6pm. www.downsideabbey.co.uk/downside-abbey-festival-2026/ If members of our choirs would like to attend, this is

a great opportunity for some ongoing formation and to have a fun evening. The parish will assist with funding.

THE ANNUAL BBQ AT SAINT PATRICK'S is held next Sunday 19th July from 11.30am onwards. Donations of desserts/puddings are most welcome. All are welcome to join us from both our parishes.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT We ask Chippenham parishioners to help to ensure that our weekly adoration continues during the holiday season. Would you please commit to an hour per month? Please sign the sheet at the back of the church. Come and spend some quiet time with the Lord.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION The Bishop's Office has clarified that the minimum age to receive Confirmation on the Clifton diocese is 14 years of age. Although we are unable to accept applications under the age of 14 at the time of confirmation in 2027, if you are 13, and will be 14 in 2027, you are welcome to begin formation. Please notify the parish office asap if you would like to join a possible 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.

SVP LUNCH The next SVP lunch at St Mary's will be on Friday 4th September after the 12.10pm Mass.

RADIO MARIA UNITED KINGDOM is pleased to announce a significant expansion of its DAB digital radio coverage, with the addition of a major new signal across the city of Bath. Listeners across Bath can now find Radio Maria on their local DAB digital radio receiver. RM offers a rich variety of programmes including prayer, catechesis, music, reflection and news, all rooted in the Catholic faith. It also provides companionship for those who may be isolated or unable to participate regularly in the life of their local parish. RM is already available across the country through its app and this new DAB+ service for Bath. Website: www.radiomaria.

FREE SURVIVOR SUPPORT AND INFORMATION EVENT - 11 AUGUST 2026 The South West Ecumenical Safeguarding Forum (SWESF) is a regional collaboration across the South West of England, focused on safeguarding within Christian churches and faith settings. First Light is a specialist UK charity that supports and empowers people affected by abuse, including domestic abuse, sexual violence, and church-related abuse. If you have been affected by abuse, you are warmly invited to attend this supportive and informative event. [Free Survivor Support & Information Event Tickets](#).

VACANCIES FOR CLIFTON SCHOOLS AND FINANCE SECTION OF THE NEWMAN EDUCATIONAL TRUST Please have a look on the Diocesan website: [Vacancies | Clifton Diocese Schools and Colleges](#)

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, Harry Purdon. Pray for all in our hospitals, nursing homes and those who care for them.

Recently Departed: Huw Morris.

RIP Anniversaries: Peggy Grant, Paul Robinson, Jonathan Brock, Richard Robbins, Cath Begen.

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

The Holy Father's July Intention: Let us pray for the respect and protections of human life in all its stages, recognising it as a gift from God.

Diocesan Prayer Link: St Luke and St Teresa, Wincanton.

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.

July - The Month of the Precious Blood



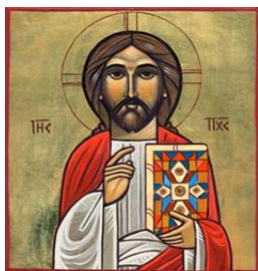
The month of July is dedicated to the Precious Blood. The feast of the Precious Blood of our Lord was instituted in 1849 by Pius IX, but the devotion is as old as Christianity. The early Fathers say that the Church was born from the pierced side of Christ, and that the sacraments were brought forth through His Blood.

"The Precious Blood which we venerate is the Blood which the Saviour shed for us on Calvary and reassumed at His glorious Resurrection; it is the Blood which courses through the veins of His risen, glorified, living body at the right hand of God the Father in heaven; it is the Blood made present on our altars by the words of Consecration; it is the Blood which merited sanctifying grace for us and through it washes and beautifies our soul and inaugurates the beginning of eternal life in it."

One of the oldest documents, outside of sacred scripture, from the first century of the Christian era of Pope St Clement I, dated about 96 A.D. says: "Let us fix our gaze on the Blood of Christ and realize how truly precious It is, seeing that it was poured out for our salvation and brought the grace of conversion to the whole world."

Collect from the Mass of the Precious Blood

"O God, who by the Precious Blood of your Only Begotten Son have redeemed the whole world, preserve in us the work of your mercy, so that ever honouring the mystery of our salvation, we may merit to obtain its fruits. Through Our Lord. Amen.



FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME A

First reading

Isaiah 55:10-11

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord:

'For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven
and do not return there but water the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 65(64)

Some seed fell into good soil and yielded its fruit.

You visit the earth, give it water;
you fill it with riches.
God's ever-flowing river brims over
to prepare the grain.

And thus you prepare it:
you drench its furrows;
you level it, soften it with showers;
you bless its growth.

You crown the year with your bounty.
Abundance flows in your pathways;
in pastures of the desert it flows.
The hills are girded with joy.

The meadows clothed with flocks.
The valleys are decked with wheat.
They shout for joy; yes, they sing!

Second reading

Romans 8:18-23

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans.

Brothers and Sisters: I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption, and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

The seed is the word of God, Christ the sower;
all who find him will live for ever.
Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 13:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

At that time: Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. He who has ears, let him hear.'

The Gospel of the Lord.