

THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF CHIPPENHAM & CORSHAM

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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME A 5TH JULY

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

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

11am (Ch) Solemn Mass
with Children's Liturgy

Monday 6th July

Saint Maria Goretti, Virgin, Martyr

No Mass

Tuesday 7th July

Weekday in Ordinary Time

12.10pm Mass (Ch) (*Fr Keith Newton*)

Wednesday 8th July

Weekday in Ordinary Time

12pm Mass (Cor)

Thursday 9th July

Saint Augustine Zhao Rong

and his Companions, Martyrs

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

followed by Eucharistic Adoration

Friday 10th July

Weekday in Ordinary Time (Michael

Squire)

12.10pm Mass (Ch)

Saturday 11th July

Feast of Saint Benedict,

Abbot, Patron of Europe

2pm Eucharistic Adoration (Ch)

4.15pm-4.45pm (Sat) Confessions

4.45pm Benediction

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*)

14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME A

GARDENERS Congratulations to Saint Mary's gardeners for winning a 'Good Front Garden Award 2026' from Cheerful Chippenham. We would like to thank the gardeners from both parishes for their continued hard work keeping our churches looking so good in this summer's challenging conditions.

SEA SUNDAY- 12TH JULY On 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 Our 2026/7 preparation for Adult Baptisms or 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.

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

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. www.downsideabbey.co.uk/downside-abbey-festival-2026/

THE ANNUAL BBQ AT SAINT PATRICK'S is held on 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.

ANNIVERSARIES Fr Michael celebrates 30th anniversary of priestly ordination on Sunday 12th July Sunday and Fr Bill celebrates his 32nd anniversary on Thursday 16th July. Fr Keith celebrated 50 years of ministry in the Church of England and in the Catholic Church on 29th June. Ad multos annos.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY is celebrated fortnightly in each of our parishes. This liturgy is for young children who have not yet made their first Holy Communion.

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.

ENCOUNTER The last session for Encounter 2026 is on Saturday 11th July from 9.30am to 1pm at Clifton Cathedral. We will be reflecting on the series and discerning next steps. All welcome. For more information email Encounter@cliftondiocese.com or call Ann 07815 751 556.

CELEBRATE FESTIVAL runs from 15th – 19th August in the Sussex countryside. 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. The next refreshments at St Mary's is next Sunday after the 11am Mass.

FREE SURVIVOR SUPPORT AND INFORMATION EVENT 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](#).

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: Marion Hill.

RIP Anniversaries: Connie Lindfield, Graham Jones, Nora Goggles, Sean Vaz, Kath Verrinder, Ray Snow.

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: Saint 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



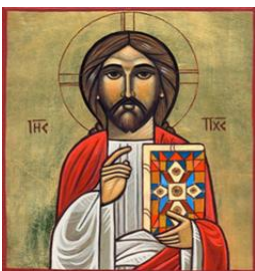
The month of July is dedicated to the Precious Blood. The feast of the Precious Blood of our Lord was instituted in 1849 by Pius IX, but the devotion is as old as Christianity. The early Fathers say that the Church was born from the pierced side of Christ, and that the sacraments were brought forth through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



FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME A

First reading

A reading from the Prophet Zechariah

Thus says the Lord:

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Sion!
Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!
Behold, your king is coming to you;
righteous and having salvation is he,
humble and mounted on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the war horse from Jerusalem;
and the battle bow shall be cut off,
and he shall speak peace to the nations;
his rule shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

Zechariah 9:9-10

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 145(144)

I will bless your name for ever, my God and king.

I will extol you, my God and king,
and bless your name for ever and ever.

I will bless you day after day,
and praise your name for ever and ever.

The LORD is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in mercy.
How good is the LORD to all,
compassionate to all his creatures.

All your works shall thank you, O LORD,
and all your faithful ones bless you.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign,
and declare your mighty deeds.

The LORD is faithful in all his words,
and holy in all his deeds.
The LORD supports all who fall,
and raises up all who are bowed down.

Second reading

Romans 8:9, 11-13

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and Sisters: You are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you. So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,
you have revealed the secrets of the kingdom to little children.
Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 11:25-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

At that time Jesus declared, 'I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

The Gospel of the Lord.