

# THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF CHIPPENHAM & CORSHAM

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## TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

23<sup>rd</sup> August

5pm (Sat) (Ch) Vigil Mass

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

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

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> August

Feast of Saint Bartholomew,

Apostle

No Mass

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> August

Weekday in Ordinary Time

12.10pm Mass (Ch)

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> August

Weekday in Ordinary Time

12pm Mass (Cor)

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> August

Saint Monica

12.10pm Mass (Ch) (Lucy Fernandes)

Followed by Eucharistic Adoration

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August

Saint Augustine, Bishop, Doctor of  
the Church

12.10pm Mass (Ch) (*Noel and Rosemary  
Buddle*)

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> August

Passion of Saint John the Baptist

2pm Eucharistic Adoration (Ch)

4.15pm–4.45pm (Sat) Confessions

4.45pm Benediction

## TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

30<sup>th</sup> August

5pm (Sat) (Ch) Vigil Mass

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

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

## TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME A

**SVP LUNCH** will be at St Mary's on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September after the 12.10pm Mass. There are sign-up sheets at both porches.

**ADORATION** Thanks to those who have signed up for weekly Adoration at St Mary's. The new rota sheets for August and September are available in the porch. Please sign up to attend.

**RCIA – JOURNEY IN FAITH** For adults wanting to explore the Catholic faith in more depth, you are invited to take part in 'The Journey of Faith 2026/7' (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). This starts on 30<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm in St Mary's Chippenham and covers the main teachings of the Catholic faith. The journey is rooted in the Sunday celebration of the Liturgy. For those who wish, this can lead to baptism/ formal reception into the Church and the celebration of Confirmation and First Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. Please call the Parish Office to register your interest and we look forward to warmly welcoming you.

**TASTE & SEE** A prior gathering to our 2026/7 journey in faith will be our 'taste and see' session on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September in St Mary's Office, Chippenham at 7pm. Come and ask questions over a glass of wine or a soft drink and nibbles. There is no obligation to attend the RCIA program. This is just as preliminary introduction. All most welcome.

**PARISH CATECHISTS** Would you be interested in joining our team of parish catechists? Catechists assist in formation at all levels from the preparation of parents for baptism of children to first communion preparation, children's Sunday Liturgy of the Word and adult formation on our RCIA journey, accompanying and supporting them Sunday by Sunday at the Parish Mass. 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.

**BAPTISMAL PREPARATION** The next date for baptismal preparation for parents of children being baptized will be held on September 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

**HOSPITAL** If you are going into hospital and would like to receive the Sacrament of the Sick before admission, please contact Fr Michael or the Parish Office who will arrange this for you. Receiving the sacrament before admission relieves the pressure on the hospital chaplains.

**DONATION TO ST PATRICK'S** Please could the person who donated the first edition Harry Potter book speak to Ann-Marie after this week's Mass.

**ST PATRICK'S CHURCH RESTORATION** The latest plans for the renovation of St Patricks will be on display in the church and on the website. An update on the project progress is attached. Note there is an urgent need for volunteers to act as stewards to host visitors to the church on 12 Sep as part of the annual Historic Churches Ride and Stride.

**MISSIO - Could you support the global Catholic church by volunteering for Missio?** Missio is the Pope's charity for World Mission. Through the Red Box, Missio ignites God's love by helping local missionaries to work alongside global communities that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. St Mary's Parish needs a new volunteer to promote the work of Missio and co-ordinate the Red Box scheme. This can work around your own commitments and full training and support is provided by Missio. Please talk to, or email, Teresa in the Parish Office, or email [redbox@missio.org.uk](mailto:redbox@missio.org.uk). Find out more by visiting [www.missio.org.uk](http://www.missio.org.uk).

**MARCH FOR LIFE** in London on Saturday 5th September. Religious services happening at various places in the morning along with the pro-life family summit at the Emmanuel Centre in Westminster (there are children and teen streams). The March starts at 1.30pm with speeches at 3pm in Parliament Square. Unite with thousands of others at this family-friendly event, where we recognise the value of life from conception and help all people understand why abortion is a tragedy and harms every family to its very core. More info: <https://www.marchforlife.co.uk/2026-event-page>

**ANNUAL DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO GLASTONBURY** 'Mary – Mother of the Faithful' on Sunday 6 September from 11am to 4.15pm. There will be the Rosary, Exposition, Confessions, Benediction, a youth procession to the Tor, and an afternoon procession through the town, ending with a Pilgrim Mass, celebrated by Bishop Bosco. The parish office has received a detailed email about arrangements for the day, such as parking and a map etc. If you are going on the pilgrimage, please contact Teresa for the information.

**FLAME 6<sup>th</sup> March 2027** is an event for young people of 14 years and over being held at Wembley OVO Stadium, London. We would like to take a group to this special event. The church will pay for the tickets and for the transport to get to London as we want you there! Please look at the website to learn more about this event [FLAME 27 – CYMFED](#) and speak to Fr Michael about it.

**THE PARISH OFFICE** is closed on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> August, but will re-open on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> August at 10am.

**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. 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.

**RIP Anniversaries:** Patrick Hamon, Geraldine Salako, Ed Johnstone, Rosemary Buddle, Ken Vaz.

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

**The Holy Father's August Intention:** Let us pray that in large cities, often marked by anonymity and loneliness, we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

**Diocesan Prayer Link:** Christ the King, Amesbury.

*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*

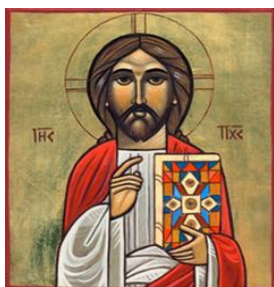
## August – Month of the Immaculate Heart of Mary



We know that traditionally May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary, October to the Holy Rosary and Our Lady of the Rosary. Now it's time to also remember something little realised or often forgotten. August is the month traditionally dedicated by to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. In fact, August once saw the celebration of the feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. In 1944 Venerable Pope Pius XII set this feast to be celebrated on 22<sup>nd</sup> Aug as the Octave of the Assumption. Two years earlier he had consecrated the Christian family and whole human race to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on the 25th anniversary of the Fatima apparitions. Then in 1969, St Pope Paul VI moved the date to the Saturday after the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. August still has three Marian celebrations — the Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major (also remembering Our Lady of the Snows) on 5<sup>th</sup> August, the Assumption on 15<sup>th</sup> August and the Queenship of Mary on 22<sup>nd</sup> August. Well before August came to be dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary she was celebrated as such for centuries. In fact the roots of the devotion to Mary's Heart are in Scripture, where on two occasions reference is made to Mary's heart by St Luke. Luke 2:19 "Mary treasured all these things and reflected on them in her heart," and Luke 2:51 "His mother (Mary) meanwhile kept all these things in memory, meaning in her heart."

### Collect of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Lord our God, you made the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary the home of your eternal Word and the sanctuary of the Holy Spirit. Give us a heart that is free from sin and attentive to your will, that, faithful to your commandments, we may love you above all things and seek to help others in their need. 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.



### TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME A

#### First reading

*A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.*

**Isaiah 22:15, 19-23**

Thus says the Lord GOD of hosts, 'Come, go to this steward, to Shebna, who is over the household, and say to him: "I will thrust you from your office, and you will be pulled down from your station. In that day I will call my servant Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, and I will clothe him with your robe, and will bind your sash on him, and will commit your authority to his hand. And he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the house of Judah. And I will place on his shoulder the key of the house of David. He shall open, and none shall shut; and he shall shut, and none shall open. And I will fasten him like a peg in a secure place, and he will become a throne of honour to his father's house."'

The Word of the Lord.

## Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 138(137):1-2a. 2bc, 3. 6, 8bc. R8bc**

*O LORD, your merciful love is eternal;  
discard not the work of your hands.*

I thank you, LORD, with all my heart;  
you have heard the words of my mouth.  
In the presence of the angels I praise you.  
I bow down towards your holy Temple.

I give thanks to your name  
for your merciful love and your faithfulness.  
On the day I called, you answered me;  
you increased the strength of my soul.

The LORD is high, yet he looks on the lowly,  
and the haughty he knows from afar.  
O LORD, your merciful love is eternal;  
discard not the work of your hands.

## Second reading

**Romans 11:33-36**

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

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgements and how inscrutable his ways! 'For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counsellor?' 'Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?' For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory for ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

## Gospel Acclamation

**Matthew 16:18**

Alleluia, alleluia.

You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church,  
and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.  
Alleluia.

## Gospel 16:13-20

**Matthew**

*A reading from the holy Gospel of Matthew.*

At that time: When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter replied, 'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.' Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

The Gospel of the Lord.