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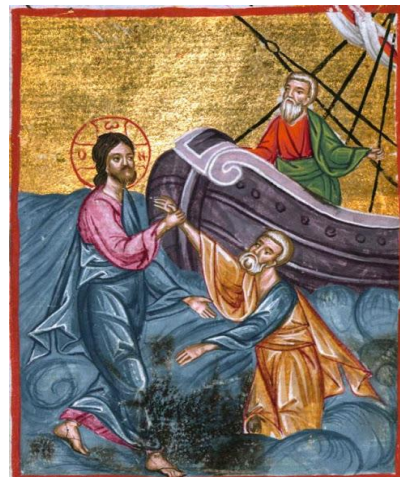
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19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9th August

5pm (Sat) (Ch) Vigil Mass

with Holy Baptism

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

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

Monday 10th August

FEAST OF SAINT LAWRENCE,

DEACON, MARTYR

No Mass

Tuesday 11th August

Saint Clare, Virgin

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

Wednesday 12th August

Weekday in Ordinary Time

12pm Mass (Cor)

Thursday 13th August

Weekday in Ordinary Time

12pm Funeral Mass

of John Maloney RIP (Cor)

No Mass at Chippenham

Eucharistic Adoration from 2pm to 6pm

Friday 14th August

Saint Maximilian Kolbe,

Priest, Martyr

12.10pm Mass (Ch)

Saturday 15th August

Our Lady on Saturday

2pm Eucharistic Adoration (Ch)

4.15pm–4.45pm (Sat) Confessions

4.45pm Benediction

SOLEMNITY OF THE

ASSUMPTION OF

THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

16th August

5pm (Sat) (Ch) Vigil Mass

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

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

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME A

Please note there is no Mass at Saint Mary's on Thursday

OUR JOINT PARISHES PPC meets on Thursday 13th August at 7pm in the office at St Mary's.

NEXT SUNDAY we celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This is transferred this year from the Saturday. We celebrate that Mary, "having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory" The Assumption highlights the unity of body and soul and prefigures the resurrection promised to all faithful. Mary's assumption serves as a sign of hope, showing the destiny of those united to Christ in faith and love. It also underscores the dignity of the human body, which, in Mary, is glorified and taken into heaven. The feast invites us all to reflect on God's mercy, rejoice in divine love, and commit to serving others, especially the vulnerable, in imitation of Mary's Magnificat. The readings at Mass next Sunday are of the Assumption.

THIRD WEDNESDAY LUNCH CLUB There is no Saint Patrick's lunch club in August, however it will resume on Wednesday 16th September. Thanks to Jane and her team for their hard work.

REFRESHMENTS There will be refreshments at St Mary's on Sunday, 16th August, to celebrate the patronal feast of the Assumption at St Mary's after the 11am Mass. All are welcome.

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 in on 30th 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 23rd 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.

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.

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.

ADOREMUS 2026 The National Eucharistic Congress, takes place in London on Saturday 10th October. Adoremus is a national celebration of the Eucharist, bringing together Catholics from across England and Wales for prayer, worship, catechesis, and public witness. Our Diocese has been allocated 45 places, and we are inviting people from across our pastoral areas and parishes to participate in this important event. Register Your Interest: if you would like to represent your parish or pastoral area please register your interest through Eventbrite: <https://adoremusclifton2026.eventbrite.co.uk>

LGBT+ MASS A monthly celebration of the Eucharist for LGBT+ Catholics, family and friends, Sunday 16th August at 3pm at St Nicholas of Tolentino RC Church, Bristol. All are welcome. A Clifton Diocese initiative.

FREE SURVIVOR SUPPORT AND INFORMATION SESSION Tuesday 11th August, Bristol Central Quaker Meeting House, Champion Square, Bristol, BS2 9DB 12.30pm-3pm. If you have been affected by abuse, you are warmly invited to attend this supportive and informative event. Booking can be made via this link: <https://southwestecumenicalsafeguardingforum.eventbrite.co.uk>

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: Archie Smith, Peter Frostick, Fr Benignus Millett, Eileen Byrne, Howard Evans, Christian Taduch, Bishop Mervyn Alexander, Patrick Greaney, Peter Donegan.

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: Chaplaincies to the HM Forces.

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

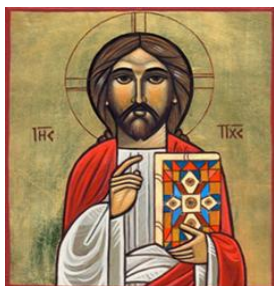
August – Month of the Immaculate Heart of Mary



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 22nd 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 5th August, the Assumption on 15th August and the Queenship of Mary on 22nd 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.



NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME A

First reading

A reading from the First Book of Kings

1 Kings 19:9, 11-13

In those days: Elijah reached Horeb, the mount of God. There he came to a cave and lodged in it. And behold, the word of the LORD came to him. And he said, 'Go out and stand on the mount before the LORD.' And behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind tore the mountains and broke in pieces the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. And after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire the sound of a low whisper. And when Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 85(84)

*Show us, O LORD, your mercy,
and grant us your salvation.*

I will hear what the LORD God speaks;
he speaks of peace for his people and his faithful.
His salvation is near for those who fear him,
and his glory will dwell in our land.

Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have kissed.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth,
and justice look down from heaven.

The LORD will bestow his bounty,
and our earth shall yield its increase.
Righteousness will march before him,
and guide his steps on the way.

Second reading

Romans 9:1-5

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and Sisters: I am speaking the truth in Christ. I am not lying. My conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit — that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers and sisters, my kinsmen according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is God over all, blessed for ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.
I long for you, O LORD,
my soul longs for his word.
Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 14:22-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

After the crowd had eaten and were satisfied: Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, 'It is a ghost!' and they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, 'Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.' And Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.' He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, 'Lord, save me.' Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, 'O you of little faith, why did you doubt?' And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.