

# THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF CHIPPENHAM & CORSHAM

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## TWENTY- SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME A

27<sup>TH</sup> September

5pm (Sat) (Ch) Vigil Mass (*Marion Hill*)

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

11am (Ch) Solemn Mass

(*Mary McDermott*)

with Children's Liturgy

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September

Saint Wenceslaus, Martyr No Mass

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September

Feasts of Saints Michael, Gabriel  
and Raphael, Archangels

12.10pm Mass (Ch) (*Jimmy Ward*)

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September

Saint Jerome, Priest

Doctor of the Church

12pm Mass (Cor)

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October

Saint Therese of the Child Jesus,  
Virgin, Doctor of the Church

11am School Mass, Yr 4/5 (Ch)

Followed by Eucharistic Adoration

12pm to 5pm

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October

Holy Guardian Angels

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

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October

Our Lady on Saturday

2pm Eucharistic Adoration (Ch)

4.15pm–4.45pm (Sat) Confessions

4.45pm Benediction

## TWENTY- SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME A

4<sup>th</sup> October

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

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

with Children Liturgy

11am (Ch) Solemn Mass

(*Brian Boardman*)

## 26<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

**ANNUAL MASS COUNT & REGISTRATION** For the next four weeks, we will be counting the number attending Mass at both churches. An average of these figures is sent to the Diocese at the end of the year and gives a snapshot of our congregations. If you haven't already done so, please register as a member of the parish on our website [Joint Parish Register - The Catholic Churches of Saint Patrick, Corsham & Our Lady of the Assumption, Chippenham](#), or if you require a paper copy, then please pick up a form in church. Government regulations (GDPR) state that we are not allowed to communicate with you unless you have registered with the parish.

### FAMILY FAST DAY – THIS FRIDAY, 2 OCTOBER 2026

Please donate to our Family Fast Day parish collection. Put your faith into action and share the Lord's love by supporting our global neighbours experiencing shortages of food and safe water. Your gift can support children like Tayla in Zimbabwe to stay in school by helping communities and schools provide nourishing meals, improve access to water and grow food in school gardens. Use the CAFOD envelope in church, use the DONA machines, or donate online at [cafod.org.uk/envelope](http://cafod.org.uk/envelope) or call 0303 303 3030.

**ST PATRICK'S CHURCH RESTORATION** The latest plans for our renovation will be on display in the church and on the website.

**RCIA– JOURNEY IN FAITH** The first session of 'The Journey of Faith 2026/7' RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) programme starts on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm in St Mary's Chippenham for adults wanting to explore the Catholic faith in more depth. 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. We welcomed new people last Wednesday who wish to join the programme, but there is always space for more. Please call the Parish Office to register or turn up on the night.

**SINGING THE MASS** We have an array of Mass settings we sing on Sundays in our parishes. It has been suggested that we sing the 'Missa de Angelis' occasionally at Mass. Many will know this setting, but if you wish to listen and learn in at home before we sing it, please go to [www.nool.us/missa-de-angelis](http://www.nool.us/missa-de-angelis). We will begin with the Kyrie, then the Gloria, Sanctus and Agnus Dei, learning a little each week. Sung in the Latin, you may know it from Lourdes or other international masses and many parishes who sing it.

**OUR PARISH CHOIRS** We are fortunate to have two choirs (Corsham 9am and Chippenham 11am Choir) also a music group who

often sing at the 5pm Mass on Saturday in Chippenham. All would welcome new singers. If you would like to

join, have a word with Irene (Chippenham), Guy (Corsham) Stu (Sat Chippenham) or speak to Fr Michael. Sopranos, Altos, Tenors and Basses are all needed. We thank all who are involved in our music ministry for the great work they do facilitating our participation in the Mass.

**SCHOOL ADMISSIONS** If you have a child born between 1<sup>st</sup> Sept 2022 and 31<sup>st</sup> Aug 2023, now is the time to apply for a place at a Catholic primary school for admission from Sept 2027. You must complete the Common Application Form available from the school admissions team of your Local Authority Council. If your child has been baptised, you should complete a Supplementary Information Form (available from the Catholic school) and provide a copy of the child's baptism certificate. Closing date of 15<sup>th</sup> Jan 2027.

**CHIPPENHAM DOORWAY** asks for donations for their annual Harvest collection to make up the food take-out bags they give out each week and contributes to the hot meals they serve in sessions. They are always so grateful for the generous donations they receive.

**YOUTH GROUP** The next Youth Group will take place on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October from 7pm to 9pm in St Patrick's Hall. All our young people from both our parishes are welcome.

**BISHOP APPEAL** On Education Sunday Bishop Bosco launched a new appeal for parishioners to serve as school governors or as academy trust directors. Being a governor/director is helping our schools to provide the best possible education for today's children and helping to protect Catholic schools for future generations – it is truly supporting the mission of the Church. There is an urgent need for more volunteers to serve as governors/directors and no previous experience is required. If you would like to help our schools please contact Bill McEntee, Governance Officer at Clifton Diocese, for more information via [bill.mcentee@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:bill.mcentee@cliftondiocese.com) or on 07710094976 – thank you.

**ST GREGORY'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE, BATH** The school has Open Mornings on 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> September from 9am to 11am, and there is an Open Evening on Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> October from 6pm to 8.30pm. There is a Sixth Form Taster Day on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October (please book online); and an Open Evening on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October 6pm to 8.30pm.

**CARITAS CLIFTON ADMINISTRATION SUPPORT** We have had a Caritas initiative in the Diocese as part of the Catholic Social Action Network for many years. [www.csan.org.uk](http://www.csan.org.uk). The bishop is now keen that this is developed into a practical resource for parishes. We are looking for volunteers to assist in the setting up, and administration, of the initiative. This could be for a few hours per week or days. For more information, please contact Deacon Robert von Hawrylak on [caritasclifton@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:caritasclifton@cliftondiocese.com).

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION** Confessions are heard in Corsham after the weekday masses and in Chippenham on Saturday 4.15-4.45pm or by arrangement.

#### 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:** Alan Knighton, Krystyna Nicinska, Eve Kilmartin, Edith O'Neill, Ann Doran, Philip Butler, Ernest Gadsden, Hilda Griffiths, John Burrows, Janet Pordage, Salv Mallia.

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

**The Holy Father's September Intention:** Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

**Diocesan Prayer Link:** Saint Joseph, Bridgwater; Our Lady and the English Martyrs, Burnham-on-Sea .

*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*

## September – The Month of Our Lady of Sorrows



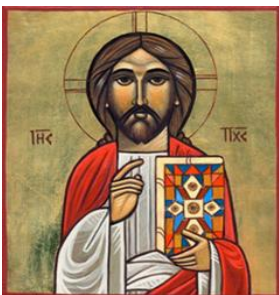
Over the centuries there grew a custom of devoting certain months of the year to specific spiritual themes. September became known as the month of “Our Lady of Sorrows.” Initially this might seem like a strange designation, as Our Lady of Sorrows is usually connected to Jesus’ crucifixion, which in the Church’s liturgical year is celebrated in March or April. However, early on a feast developed on 14<sup>th</sup> September named “The Exaltation of the Holy Cross.” Originally this feast celebrated the finding of the Holy Cross by St Helena and the consecration, on 14<sup>th</sup> September, 335, of the basilicas built by Constantine on the sites of the Holy Sepulchre and Calvary in Jerusalem. This brought into September a particular meditation on the cross of Jesus Christ, and by the 17<sup>th</sup> century there developed a complementary Marian feast on 15<sup>th</sup> September.

In the 17<sup>th</sup> century the Servites celebrated a solemn feast of the Seven Sorrows of Our Lady, which in 1817 was extended to the whole Church by Pope Pius VII as a memorial of his sufferings in exile and captivity and of his deliverance through the Blessed Virgin’s intercession. Furthermore, Pope St Pius X transferred this feast from the third Sunday of September to this octave-day of Our Lady’s Nativity (8<sup>th</sup> September), in 1912.” Originally this feast was more concerned with Mary’s sufferings throughout her early life, excluding the Passion of Jesus, her Son, but over time it has come to represent all of Mary’s suffering.

### Collect for Our Lady of Sorrows

O God, who willed that, when your Son was lifted high on the Cross,  
his Mother should stand close by and share his suffering,  
grant that your Church, participating with the Virgin Mary in the Passion of Christ,  
may merit a share in his Resurrection.  
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Our Lady of Sorrows pray for us



### The Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

#### First reading

*A reading from the Prophet Ezekiel*

**Ezekiel 18:25-28**

Thus says the Lord: ‘You say, “The way of the Lord is not just.” Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die. Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life. Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die.’

The word of the Lord.

### **Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 25(24)**

*Remember your compassion, O LORD.*

O LORD, make me know your ways.  
Teach me your paths.  
Guide me in your truth, and teach me;  
for you are the God of my salvation.

Remember your compassion, O LORD,  
and your merciful love, for they are from of old.  
Do not remember the sins of my youth,  
nor my transgressions.  
In your merciful love remember me,  
because of your goodness, O LORD.

Good and upright is the LORD;  
therefore he shows the way to sinners.  
He guides the humble in right judgement;  
to the humble he teaches his way.

### **Second reading**

**Philippians 2:1-11**

*A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians*

Brothers and Sisters: If there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy; complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore, God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord.

### **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia.

My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord,  
and I know them, and they follow me.  
Alleluia.

### **Gospel**

**Matthew 21:28-32**

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew*

At that time: Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, "What do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." And he answered, "I will not", but afterwards he changed his mind and went. And he went to the other son and said the same. And he answered, "I go, sir", but did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. And even when you saw it, you did not afterwards change your minds and believe him."

The Gospel of the Lord.