

THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF CHIPPENHAM & CORSHAM

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TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

30th August

5pm (Sat) (Ch) Vigil Mass

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

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

Monday 31st August

Saint Aidan, Bishop,
and Saints of Lindisfarne

No Mass

Tuesday 1st September

Weekday in Ordinary Time

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

Wednesday 2nd September

Weekday in Ordinary Time

12pm Mass (Cor)

Thursday 3rd September

Feast of Saint Gregory the Great,
Pope, Doctor of the Church

12.10pm Mass (Ch)

Followed by Eucharistic Adoration

Friday 4th September

Saint Cuthbert, Bishop

12.10pm Mass (Ch)

Saturday 5th September

Saint Teresa of Calcutta

2pm Eucharistic Adoration (Ch)

4.15pm–4.45pm (Sat) Confessions

4.45pm Benediction

TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

6th September

5pm (Sat) (Ch) Vigil Mass

(*Francis Pycroft*)

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

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

THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME A

PARISHES YOUTH GROUP This new venture will run at St Patrick's Hall on a Saturday night once a month. The first gathering is Saturday 19th September from 7-9pm. This is aimed at children Year 5 to Year 9 - older children are welcome but they will be roped into helping! If year 4's want to come they may if their parents want to come to help etc. We will play games (volleyball, football etc), video games on the big screen, movies, team building activities etc. Tuck shop where children can buy sweets. Please join for fun, friendship and fellowship.

SVP LUNCH St Mary's on Friday 4th September after the 12.10pm Mass. There are sign-up sheets at both porches.

THE INTERNATIONAL HARVEST SUPPER Friday September 25th in St Patrick's Hall starting at 6.30pm. Contributions of hot and cold food gratefully accepted from all parts of the world. No cost for attending but there will be a collection for the Church restoration fund and Julia's House. Families from both parishes most welcome.

ST PATRICK'S CHURCH RESTORATION The latest plans for our renovation will be on display in the church and on the website. Note there is an urgent need for volunteers to act as stewards to host visitors to the church on 12th Sep as part of the annual Historic Churches Ride and Stride. Please help.

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 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. We already have a lot of people contacting us about joining RCIA, but there is always space for more. 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.

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION for parents of children being baptized will be held on September Saturday 19th 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. The session is necessary prior to the celebration of Baptism.

DONATION TO ST PATRICK'S Please would the person who donated the first edition Harry Potter book speak to Ann-Marie after this week's Mass. Donations from books have so far raised £81.43. Thank you.

ST MARY'S SWING DOORS Parishioners will have noticed that the right-hand door into the church is broken. Unfortunately, the mechanism has worn out after 90 years of continuous use. It will take at least a month to obtain a new part made for the mechanism and hopefully the door may be refitted. Alternatively, we will need new doors.

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. Find out more by visiting www.missio.org.uk.

ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL Only 12 MPs need to switch for the assisted suicide Bill to be defeated on 11th September. A face-to-face meeting can make a real difference to how your MP votes. Right To Life UK's simple tool lets you request a meeting in just 30 seconds and gives you everything you need to prepare, including a short video guide. Please ask your MP today for a meeting and urge them to vote NO to assisted suicide: <https://righttolife.org.uk/meetyourmp> Postcards will be handed out at Mass which you can send to your MP.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO GLASTONBURY 'Mary – Mother of the Faithful' on Sunday 6th 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 6th 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 parishes 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.

CORSHAM BELLES WI invite parishioners from St Patrick's and St Mary's to their AGM, afternoon tea and talk on Monday 14th September at 2pm in St Patrick's hall. Please see the poster at both churches.

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: Ray Johnson, Claudio Fernandes, Bob Kucharek, Peter Hanratty, June Broom, John Naylor, Francis Pycroft.

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: Our Lady & Saint Alphege Bath with Saint Joseph, Peasedown.

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



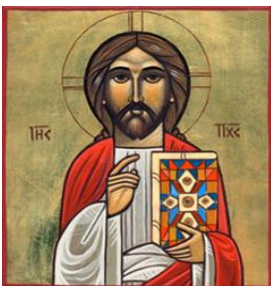
Over the centuries there grew a custom of devoting certain months of the year to specific spiritual themes. September became known as the month of “Our Lady of Sorrows.” Initially this might seem like a strange designation, as Our Lady of Sorrows is usually connected to Jesus’ crucifixion, which in the Church’s liturgical year is celebrated in March or April. However, early on a feast developed on 14th 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 14th 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 17th century there developed a complementary Marian feast on 15th September.

In the 17th 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 (8th 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 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

First reading

A reading from the Prophet Jeremiah

O LORD, you have deceived me,
and I was deceived;
you are stronger than I,
and you have prevailed.
I have become a laughing-stock all the day;
everyone mocks me.
For whenever I speak, I cry out,
I shout, ‘Violence and destruction!’
For the word of the LORD has become for me

Jeremiah 20:7-9

a reproach and derision all day long.
If I say, 'I will not mention him,
or speak any more in his name',
there is in my heart as it were a burning fire
shut up in my bones,
and I am weary with holding it in,
and I cannot.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 63(62)

For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord, my God.

O God, you are my God; at dawn I seek you;
for you my soul is thirsting.
For you my flesh is pining,
like a dry, weary land without water.

I have come before you in the sanctuary,
to behold your strength and your glory.
Your loving mercy is better than life;
my lips will speak your praise.

I will bless you all my life;
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet;
with joyful lips, my mouth shall praise you.

For you have been my strength;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.
My soul clings fast to you;
your right hand upholds me.

Second reading

Romans 12:1-2

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
enlighten the eyes of our hearts,
so that we may know the hope to which he has called us. Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 16:21-27

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

At that time: Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.'

Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul? For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done.'

The Gospel of the Lord.