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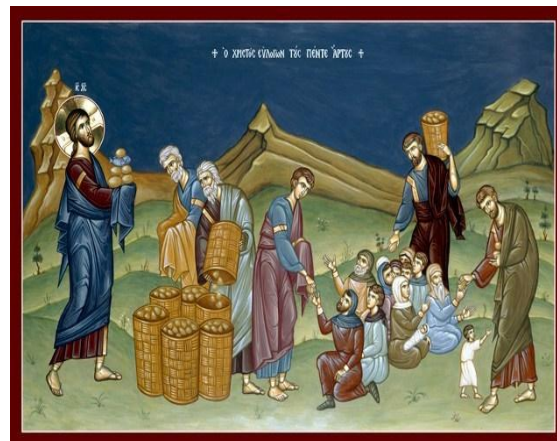
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TWENTY- EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME A

11th October

5pm (Sat) (Ch) Vigil Mass (*Prisoners*)

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

11am (Ch) Solemn Mass (*Pro Populo*)
with Children Liturgy

Monday 12th October

Saint Wilfred, Bishop No Mass

Tuesday 13th October

Saint Edward the Confessor

12.10pm Mass (Ch) (*Brian Boardman*)

Wednesday 14th October

Weekday in Ordinary Time

12pm Mass (Cor)

Thursday 15th October

Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and
Doctor of the Church

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

Followed by Eucharistic Adoration until 5pm

Friday 16th October

Weekday in Ordinary Time

12.10pm Mass (Ch) (*Bridget Smith*)

Saturday 17th October

Saint Ignatius of Antioch,
Bishop, Martyr

2pm Eucharistic Adoration (Ch)

4.15pm–4.45pm (Sat) Confessions

4.45pm Benediction

TWENTY- NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME A

18th October

5pm (Sat) (Ch) Vigil Mass

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

with Children Liturgy

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

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

TODAY'S GOSPEL (Matthew 22:1–14) invites us into the vivid imagery of a royal wedding feast — a celebration prepared with generosity and joy yet met with mixed responses. Jesus tells this parable to reveal the heart of God's invitation: all are welcome, yet acceptance requires readiness and commitment. The king's banquet symbolises the fullness of God's Kingdom — a place where every seat is prepared, every dish is abundant, and every guest is valued. But the story also challenges us: will we respond to God's call with open hearts, or will we let distractions and excuses keep us away? The wedding garment in the parable is not about outward appearance, but about the inner disposition — the clothing of faith, love, and humility. It reminds us that God's invitation is free, but our participation demands transformation. As we hear this Gospel, let us ask ourselves: How am I responding to God's daily invitations? Am I ready to "dress" my life in the virtues that reflect Christ? Do I see the Kingdom as a feast to be shared, not just attended? This week, may we not only accept God's call, but also live in a way that honours the joy and holiness of His banquet.

PRISONERS' SUNDAY We remember prisoners and their families at Mass this weekend. Prisons are in crisis and life for prisoners and their families is challenging. Pact, the national Catholic prison charity support prisoners, their families and their children, offering them hope and the chance to turn their lives around. Donate online or via envelope www.prisonadvice.org.uk/donate/

RCIA– JOURNEY IN FAITH The third session of 'The Journey of Faith 2026/7' RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) programme is on Wednesday 7th October at 7pm is 'A God who Speaks' Venue: The Parish Office, Saint Mary's Chippenham. It is still not too late to join this year's journey. Just come along and you will be most welcome.

ANNUAL MASS COUNT & REGISTRATION For the next two weeks, we will count the number attending Mass. 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. Thank you.

ST MARY'S FINANCE COMMITTEE meets in the Parish Office on Thursday 15th October after the 12.10pm Mass.

JOINT PARISHES PASTORAL COUNCIL meets on Thursday 22nd October at 7pm in Saint Patrick's Hall, Corsham.

ST PATRICK'S CHURCH RESTORATION COOKBOOK Please remember to give Diane Ellis your recipes for the book she is compiling in aid of the Church restoration fund. We need starters, main courses and deserts plus any vegetarian and gluten-free recipes.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD our vibrant little groups gather on alternate Sundays in our parishes. Do encourage your children to participate up to first Holy Communion age. If they are shy, we invite one parent to accompany them until they are comfortable attending to begin with.

EVENTS AT BROWNSHILL MONASTERY The Monastery of Our Lady and St Bernard near Stroud is the home of a community of six Bernardine Cistercian Nuns. From 6th - 8th November: Vocation Weekend - Taste the goodness of the Lord who loves you. An opportunity to experience monastic life www.bernardine.org/brownsbillprogramme/2026/4/17/vocation-weekend-taste-the-goodness-of-the-lord-who-loves-you-athh2

MISSIO Next Sunday, 18th October, is World Mission Sunday. 'Missionaries of Hope Among All Peoples' is the theme. The Holy Father invites all Catholics to support Missio (the red box charity) – his charity for world mission – through a special collection. This day of prayer, solidarity and giving unites Catholics worldwide to share the Good News of God's love which has the power to transform lives and heal our world. To donate, use the Missio envelopes, call 020 7821 9755 (office hours) or visit missio.org.uk to give a gift, set up a Direct Debit and Gift Aid your donation if possible.

RED MISSIO BOXES Please could you bring your red Missio boxes to both churches for counting. If you would like a Missio red box for your home, please let us know and we will let you have one.

MASS INTENTIONS The 2027 diary for next year is now open. If you would like a Mass said for a special intention on a particular date next year, please contact Father Michael or the Parish Office. This might be a Mass for a special birthday, wedding anniversary or for a departed loved one on their anniversary or any significant date. Envelopes for Mass Intentions and Offerings are available in both churches.

TELLING OUR STORY is a [Conference](#) to explore how our parishes can flourish in Communion for Mission and the challenges we face, on Sat 14th November, 10am-3pm at St John the Baptist, Trowbridge. Our keynote speaker is Fr Jerome Ajakaiye. [Telling our Story](#) is an opportunity for us to listen to the stories of one another, hear what works and what have been the challenges that we have encountered and overcome. In addition, individuals from around the Diocese will share their stories of seeds that have been sown and flourished. To register for the day, please click on the Eventbrite link: <https://shootsofhope.eventbrite.co.uk>

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. Pray for all in our hospitals, nursing homes and those who care for them.

RIP Anniversaries: Lewis Harlowe, Tony Tilbury, David McMillan, Geoffrey Marshall, Steve Arthur.

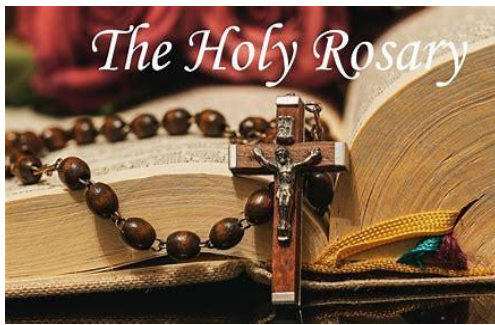
For Peace: in the Middle East, Ukraine, Gaza and all the places of warfare throughout the world.

For Prisoners and their families

The Holy Father's October Intention: Let us pray for that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of person with mental illnesses.

Diocesan Prayer Link: Holy Family, Patchway, Bristol.

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



October – The Month of the Holy Rosary

Hail Mary, Full of Grace...

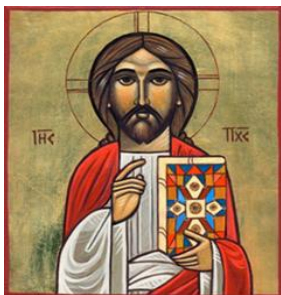
On October 7th, the Church celebrates the memorial of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary. The memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary, was instituted to honour the Blessed Virgin Mary for the Christian victory over the Turks at Lepanto on October 7th, 1571. Pope St Pius V and all Christians had prayed the Rosary for victory. The Rosary, or the Psalter of the Blessed Virgin Mary, is a much loved devotion to Mary, the Mother of God. “The Rosary, though clearly Marian in character, is at heart a Christ centred prayer. In the sobriety of its elements, it has all the depth of the Gospel message in its entirety, of which it can be said to be a compendium” (St John Paul II. [Rosarium Virginis Mariae](#) – On the Most Holy Rosary). The Church invites all families to pray the Rosary for the mission of the Church and for peace.

In the gospel (Luke 11: 5-13), Jesus instructs his disciples on approach to prayers. Our persistent lifting up of our petitions to God draws us closer to God and opens our understanding of God’s actions as response to our prayers. We need to ask with expectant faith and confident trust, seek for God’s guidance and help in time of need, giving thanks and persistently knock at God’s door of mercy and blessings. Together with awe, Mary teaches us today to turn our gaze upward, to trust and to entrust ourselves to the Lord. In doing this, we recognise we cannot do it on our own, that we are not the authors of our own destiny, that we are in need of others and that we are all together in need of God. The Lord never leaves us alone – he promised us this. But we must be the first to believe it by turning our gaze from the things of this earth and learning how to fix our gaze on heaven, from whence comes our help.

The trust we show by praying the Holy Rosary is a sign through which we recognise that God works through us and around us and, through Mary’s intercession, we can cultivate a “higher objective in life”. To believe is actually to give credit to the One who can do all things, to accept His help, to recognize that we cannot do everything on our own, to entrust ourselves to Him even when His plans do not correspond to ours, to the point of offering ourselves with trust: *“Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word”*.

Asking Mary to pray with us and for us

Our Lady of the Rosary, you entrusted this holy prayer to Saint Dominic, and through him to the world. You are always attentive to the prayers of the Rosary and never fail to pour forth God’s grace in response. Please pray for me, that I will more deeply comprehend the power of the Rosary and will never fail in my duty to pray it. Our Lady of the Rosary, pray for us.



The Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

First reading

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

Isaiah 25:6-10

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples

a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,
of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.
And he will swallow up on this mountain
the covering that is cast over all peoples,
the veil that is spread over all nations.
He will swallow up death for ever;
and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces,
and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.
It will be said on that day,
'Behold, this is our God;
we have waited for him, that he might save us.
This is the LORD; we have waited for him;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.'
For the hand of the LORD will rest on this mountain.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 23(22)

*In the LORD'S own house shall I dwell
for length of days unending.*

The LORD is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me;
he revives my soul.

He guides me along the right path,
for the sake of his name.
Though I should walk in the valley of the shadow of death,
no evil would I fear, for you are with me.
Your crook and your staff will give me comfort.

You have prepared a table before me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the LORD'S own house shall I dwell
for length of days unending.

Second reading

Philippians 4: 12-14, 19-20

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians

Brothers and Sisters: I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me. Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

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 22:1-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

At that time: Jesus again spoke to the chief priests and the elders of the people, in parables, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. Again he sent other servants, saying, "Tell those who are invited, "See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered,

and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.’ ” But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, “The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.” And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So, the wedding hall was filled with guests.’

The Gospel of the Lord.