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TWENTY- NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME A
18th October
5pm (Sat) (Ch) Vigil Mass *(Pro Populo)*
9am (Cor) Solemn Mass *(Pro Populo)*
with Children Liturgy
11am (Ch) Solemn Mass *(Gus Wojtecki)*

Monday 19th October
Weekday in Ordinary Time
No Mass

Tuesday 20th October
Weekday in Ordinary Time
12.10pm Mass (Ch) *(David McMillan)*

Wednesday 21st October
Weekday in Ordinary Time
12pm Mass (Cor)
(For the recovery of our Holy Father Pope Leo)

Thursday 22nd October
Saint John Paul II, Pope
12.10pm Mass, (Ch)
Followed by Eucharistic Adoration until 6pm

Friday 23rd October
Weekday in Ordinary Time
12.10pm Mass (Ch) *(Bridget Smith)*

Saturday 24th October
Weekday in Ordinary Time
2pm Eucharistic Adoration (Ch)
4.15pm–4.45pm (Sat) Confessions
4.45pm Benediction

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME A
25th October
5pm (Sat) (Ch) Vigil Mass
9am (Cor) Solemn Mass *(Pro Populo)*
11am (Ch) Solemn Mass *(Pro Populo)*
No Children Liturgy

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

MISSIO This 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. You can also make a donation on the Dona machines at church.

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 21st October at 7pm is 'Who is Jesus?' 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. It is lovely to see more people joining the group.

ANNUAL MASS COUNT & REGISTRATION This is the last week 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.

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

THIRD WEDNESDAY LUNCH CLUB AT ST PATRICK'S will be held on Wednesday 21st October in the Hall after the 12pm Mass. All are welcome.

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.

FLAME We recently issued information about Flame 2027 to parents of children aged 14 years and above. Flame is also for adults up to the age of 25. Please see the attached link Flame 2027 Trailer - 2 min We already have some young people going to the event, but we would like more to take up this opportunity. Please tell Fr Michael and the parish office if you would like to attend.

NOVEMBER is the month of the Holy Souls. If you would like Mass celebrated for a departed loved one/ family, please fill in a Mass request envelope as soon as possible and give it to our administrator in the office or Fr Michael. Monday 2nd November (day after All Saint's Day) is the Commemoration of all the faithful departed. Requiem Masses will be celebrated at Corsham at 12noon and at Chippenham at 7pm.

CHIPPENHAM NEW CHAIRS have arrived for the Servers and for those in the Narthex. We hope they will be a little more comfortable for people. These replace all plastic chairs.

NEW ORGAN The diocese has authorised a beautiful new three manual organ for St Mary's. We hope this will be in place for our Christmas celebrations.

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.

CLOCKS go back one hour next weekend as British Summer Time ends.

THE POWER OF THE ROSARY TALK Fr Lawrence Lew OP will be giving a talk in Clifton cathedral on the power of the Rosary on 22nd October. Refreshments will be available at 6.15pm with the talk starting at 7pm. All Welcome.

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. To register for the day, please click on the Eventbrite link: https://shootsofhope.eventbrite.co.uk

ANNUAL MISSION APPEAL FOR THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF ST PAUL (MSP) Fr Samuel Alabi of the Missionary Society of St Paul (MSP), will make the mission appeals next weekend. The MSP is a religious congregation working in different parts of the world, committed to spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ and the salvific work of God the Father in the Holy Spirit. The MSP warmly invites you to support their appeal. There will be a second collection next week at all Masses and you can donate via the Dona machine next week. Please contact Teresa for the MSP's bank details if you wish to make a bank transfer.

LGBT+ MASS A monthly celebration of the Eucharist for LGBT+ Catholics, family and friends, Sunday 18th October at 3pm at St Nicholas of Tolentino RC Church, Bristol. All are welcome. A Clifton Diocese initiative.

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 Browl, Lindsay Price. Chippenham: David Lunt, Michael Kenny, Mike Merry, Nic Pollastrone, Victoria Kiss, Pamela Naylor, Agnes Tegner, Michael Millard, Patrick Wicks. Pray for all in our hospitals, nursing homes and those who care for them.

Our Holy Father Pope Leo: that he may recover swiftly after his surgery.

RIP Anniversaries: Derek Chappell, Suetress Allen, Jack Coggles, Eileen Evans, Betty Hobson, Almyra Tierney.

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

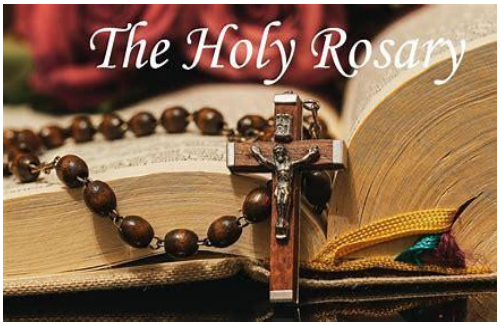
The Holy Father's October Intention: Let us pray for that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of person with mental illnesses.

Diocesan Prayer Link: Sacred Heart, Westbury on Trym with St Bonaventure, Bishopston, Bristol and St Anthony, Henbury.

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

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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 Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

First reading **Isaiah 45:1, 4-6**

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whose right hand I have grasped,
to subdue nations before him
and to loose the belts of kings,
to open doors before him

that gates may not be closed:

'For the sake of my servant Jacob,
and Israel my chosen,
I call you by your name,
I name you, though you do not know me.
I am the LORD, and there is no other,
besides me there is no God;
I equip you, though you do not know me,
that people may know, from the rising of the sun
and from the west, that there is none besides me;
I am the LORD, and there is no other.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm **Ps 96(95)**

Ascribe to the LORD glory and power.

O sing a new song to the LORD;
sing to the LORD, all the earth.
Tell among the nations his glory,
and his wonders among all the peoples.

For the LORD is great and highly to be praised,
to be feared above all gods.
For the gods of the nations are naught.
It was the LORD who made the heavens.

Ascribe to the LORD, you families of peoples,
ascribe to the LORD glory and power;
ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name.
Bring an offering and enter his courts.

Worship the LORD in holy splendour.
O tremble before him, all the earth.
Say to the nations, 'The LORD is king.'
He will judge the peoples in fairness.

Second reading **1 Thessalonians 1:1-5**

A reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Thessalonians

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, to the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: grace to you and peace. We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters loved by God, that he has chosen you, because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction.

The word of the Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia.
Shine as lights in the world,
holding fast to the word of life. Alleluia.

Gospel **Matthew 22:15-21**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

At that time: The Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle Jesus in his words. And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, 'Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone's opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?' But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, 'Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin for the tax.' And they brought him a denarius. And Jesus said to them, 'Whose likeness and inscription is this?' They said, 'Caesar's.' Then he said to them, 'Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.'

The Gospel of the Lord.