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THE SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS
Sunday 1st November
5pm (Sat) (Ch) Vigil Mass
9am (Cor) Solemn Mass *(Pro Populo)*
With Children's Liturgy
11am (Ch) Solemn Mass *(Pro Populo)*

THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (All Souls)
Monday 2nd November
12pm Requiem Mass (Cor)
7pm Sung Requiem Mass (Ch)

Tuesday 3rd November
Weekday in Ordinary Time
12.10pm Mass (Ch) *(Holy Souls)*

Wednesday 4th November
Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop
12pm Mass (Cor) *(Barry Donoghue)*

Thursday 5th November
Weekday in Ordinary Time
12.10pm Mass (Ch)
Followed by Eucharistic Adoration until 6pm

Friday 6th November
Weekday in Ordinary Time
12.10pm Mass (Ch) *(Pam Naylor)*

Saturday 7th November
Weekday in Ordinary Time
2pm Eucharistic Adoration (Ch)
4.15pm–4.45pm (Sat) Confessions
4.45pm Benediction

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR A
Remembrance Sunday)
Sunday 8th November
5pm (Sat) (Ch) Vigil Mass *(Pro Populis)*
9am (Cor) Solemn Requiem Mass *(The Fallen)*
11am (Ch) Solemn Requiem Mass *(The Fallen)*
With Children's Liturgy

THE SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS Today the Church honours all saints, both those formally canonized and all others who have attained the glory of heaven. These saints are people who have lived lives of faith and dedication to God, serving as role models for Christians. Whether officially recognised by the Church or not, these saints have played a significant role in spreading Christianity and leading others toward holiness. These other Saints may be members of our own family and friends who are now numbered among the company of heaven. This great cloud of witnesses prays for us and with us. We pray that we may also attain the same crown of glory in heaven. All Saints, pray for us and with us.

WELCOME TO Jaime Cosgrave, who is to be received into the full communion of the Catholic Church at the 11am Mass on Sunday. Please pray for Jaime as she continues her Christian journey.

ALL SAINTS CHILDREN'S PARTY Sunday 1st November from 4pm to 5.30pm in St Patrick's Hall, Corsham. All children are welcome. Bring food to share and children are invited to come dressed as their favourite Saint. We had some very interesting characters last year! Let's reclaim 'All Hallows' that is 'All Saints' for the Church as a lovely celebration for our children.

ALL SOULS DAY (The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed) follows All Saint's Day on Monday 2nd November. We pray for all the holy souls in purgatory who prepare to enter the Kingdon of heaven. Do come to Mass on this day to pray for your departed loved ones. There will be two Requiem Masses: 12noon in Corsham and 7pm in Chippenham. Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord…

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, Fr Michael or one of the priests.

OCIA– JOURNEY IN FAITH The sixth session of 'The Journey of Faith 2026/7' OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) programme is on Wednesday 28th October at 7pm is 'The Gift of Faith.' Venue: The Parish Office, St Mary's Chippenham.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY falls this year on 8th November. The 9am and 11am Masses will be celebrated as Requiem Masses for the Fallen of the Two World Wars and other conflicts and will include the traditional Act of Remembrance. We pray for the peace of the world.

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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION ENROLMENT (school year 3+) Please collect an application form from Fr Michael or the Parish Administrator after attending Saturday/Sunday Mass. To enrol, please ensure that you are attending Mass regularly with your child each week. Closing date for applications is Sunday 6th Dec.

NEW ORGAN UPDATE AT ST MARY'S We begin the removal of the old organ during the week beginning 9th November. The following week, the gallery will be carpeted and new electric points installed. The new organ will then be installed the week commencing the 30th November. We will be without an organ for a few weeks, and the gallery will be out of use at this time of renovation. The new three manual organ will be a lovely addition to our Liturgy, having the latest 'Hauptwerk' interface system, enabling many different world organs samples to be used for a wide range of liturgical music and assist our full participation in the Mass.

POPPIES FOR REMEMBRANCE After Remembrance Day last year, the Open Church group at St Mary's Church, Bath, created a knitted and crocheted poppy display for our church and others, helped by our school children. We have nearly 3400 poppies. We will open St Mary's Catholic church, Julian Road, BA1 2SQ on some days in November from 10am-12pm and 2pm-4pm. Come and see the display whilst remembering all those who have fought for our country during the wars and those who have lost their lives: Wk 1: Mon 2nd, Wed 4th* and Thurs 5th; Wk 2: Wed 11th, Sat 14th; Wk 3: Tues 17th*, Fri 20th*; Wk 4: Mon 23rd *Mornings only. Donations to the Royal British Legion.

CELEBRATION FOR MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE Bishop Bosco is celebrating Mass in the Cathedral on Sat 6 February (12 noon) and is inviting all families to join him to acknowledge the joys & challenges of family life. In addition, we will celebrate those couples with significant anniversaries in 2027. If you are, or know of a couple, celebrating a special anniversary during 2027 please do let us know. You just need to send names to: hope@cliftondiocese.com with an address so that a personal invitation can be sent out from the bishop. Please include the number of years celebrating. It is always a wonderful Mass at the Cathedral, we look forward to seeing you there.

MOBILE PHONES Would you please ensure that all mobile phones are on 'silent mode' during Mass and other liturgies so that the celebration is not disturbed.

THE PARISH OFFICE is closed on Friday 30th October, and it will re-open on Thursday 5th November.

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: Jan Steadman, 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.

Recently Departed: Jan Steadman.

RIP Anniversaries: Dahlia Masters, Sarah Jillings, Ron Knight, Julia Shaw, Peter Henly, Joseph Raeburn, Margaret Williams, John Finn, Charlie McCarthy, Fr John O'Brien.

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

The Holy Father's November Intention: Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be at the service of the common good and in solidarity with those who have less.

Diocesan Prayer Link: St Augustine of Canterbury, Downend; Our Lady of Lourdes and St Bernadette, Kingswood; St Laurence, Chipping Sodbury, with St Paul, Yate.

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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The Solemnity of All Saints

First reading **Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14**

A reading from the Book of Revelation

I, John, saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, with the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm earth and sea, saying, 'Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads.' And I heard the number of the sealed, one hundred and forty-four thousand, sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel.

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, 'Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels were standing round the throne and round the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, saying, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.'

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?' I said to him, 'Sir, you know.' And he said to me, 'These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm **Ps 24(23)**

Such are the people who seek your face, O Lord.

The LORD's is the earth and its fullness,
the world, and those who dwell in it.
It is he who set it on the seas;
on the rivers he made it firm.

Who shall climb the mountain of the LORD?
Who shall stand in his holy place?
The clean of hands and pure of heart,
whose soul is not set on vain things.

Blessings from the LORD shall he receive,
and right reward from the God who saves him.
Such are the people who seek him,
who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

Second reading **1 John 3:1-3**

A reading from the holy Gospel of John

Beloved: See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

The word of the Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia.
Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, says the Lord,
and I will give you rest. Alleluia.

Gospel **Matthew 5:1-12**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

At that time: Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the

kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.



November – The Month of the Holy Souls

Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his faithful ones." Psalm 116:15

The month of November each year is dedicated to commemorating those who have died and departed to their heavenly home. It begins with All Saints Day celebrated to remember all the numerous holy souls who died and are believed to have entered into Heaven. As only some of the popular saints have specific dates dedicated as feasts for remembering them, this day is celebrated to mainly honour all those holy souls that have entered into Heaven and do not have any specific day dedicated in their honour.

The day after All Saints (Mon 2nd this year) is celebrated as the Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day) to remember all who have gone before us in the faith. This practice of remembering all the dead is believed to have been instituted by St Odilo of Cluny in the year 1030. He was the fifth Benedictine Abbot of Cluny and is believed to have instituted the annual commemoration of all the faithful departed on November 2nd every year in Cluny and his monasteries. He called for the day to be observed by the members of his community with almsgiving, prayers and sacrifices for the relief of the suffering souls in purgatory. This was eventually added to the calendar of the Catholic Church and today is celebrated to honour all the dead.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church says *"Each man receives his eternal retribution in his immortal soul at the very moment of his death, in a particular judgement that refers his life to Christ: either entrance into the blessedness of heaven- through purification or immediately, or immediate and everlasting damnation." (CCC:1022).* Hence those who have lived in God's grace and friendship and are perfectly purified enter into Heaven immediately on death whilst those who die in God's grace and friendship but still are imperfectly purified will eventually enter Heaven but will undergo purification prior to that. The Church gives the name 'Purgatory' to this final purification of the elect. This month is dedicated to these holy souls who are in Purgatory and are being purified. We who are on earth can help these holy souls in their purification by praying for them. The Church from very beginning has always honoured the memory of the dead by offering Holy Masses and prayers, through almsgiving, indulgences and works of penances undertaken for the dead.

Let us dedicate ourselves to praying for the souls of all our departed loved ones as well as those who have no one to pray for them on earth.

Listen kindly to our prayers, O Lord,
and, as our faith in your Son, raised from the dead, is deepened,
so may our hope of resurrection for your departed servants also find new strength.
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.