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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's Liturgy today

Monday 26th October
Saints Chad and Cedd, Bishops
No Mass

Tuesday 27th October
Weekday in Ordinary Time
12.10pm Mass (Ch)

Wednesday 28th October
Feast of Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles
12pm Mass (Cor) *(John Maloney)*

Thursday 29th October
Weekday in Ordinary Time
12.10pm Mass, (Ch)
Followed by Eucharistic Adoration until 6pm

Friday 30th October
Weekday in Ordinary Time
12.10pm Mass (Ch)

Saturday 31st October
Weekday in Ordinary Time
2pm Eucharistic Adoration (Ch)
4.15pm–4.45pm (Sat) Confessions
4.45pm Benediction

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

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

THE COMMANDMENT TO LOVE "Love your neighbour as yourself" is a core commandment given by Jesus. It is reaffirmed in the Catechism (CCC 2196), meaning that every moral law is fulfilled by genuine charity toward others. True love, whether regarding yourself or your neighbour, means willing the genuine good of someone, which ultimately means gaining heaven. God the Father exemplifies this love par excellence in sending his only son, Jesus, so "that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16). This kind of selfless, sacrificial love could entail literally laying down your life for your friends (John 15:13) and unquestionably requires that we will the true good even of our enemies and persecutors (Matt. 5:43-48), as Jesus himself did, so that they might be reconciled with and transformed by the Lord and so we might be perfected ourselves.

THE ANNUAL MISSION APPEAL FOR THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF ST PAUL (MSP) We welcome Fr Samuel Alabi of the Missionary Society of St Paul, who makes a mission appeal this weekend. The MSP works 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 this week and you are also able to donate via the Dona machine.

RCIA– JOURNEY IN FAITH The fifth session of 'The Journey of Faith 2026/7' RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) programme is on Wednesday 28th October at 7pm is 'The Holy Spirit and the Church.' Venue: The Parish Office, St Mary's Chippenham.

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 Nov (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. Do come along and pray for your departed loved ones.

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!

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY REQUIEM MASSES falls this year on 8th November. The 9am and 11am Masses will be celebrated as 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.

FLAME 2027 is the largest Catholic event in the UK for young people, hosted at OVO Arena Wembley on Saturday 6th March! Flame is for children aged 14 and 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 wonderful opportunity. Please call Teresa in the parish office if you would like to attend. The parish will sponsor our young people for this event. We hope to travel with other young people on the Diocesan coach to Wembley.

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.

NEW ORGAN AT ST MARY'S We hope to begin the removal of the old organ during the week beginning 9th November. After this the gallery will be prepared to receive the new instrument. This will inevitably affect Masses that week, so be sure to check the newsletter in advance. 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.

THE ESSENTIAL MISSION OF THE CHURCH: PROCLAIMING THE GOSPEL Clifton Diocese in partnership with 'Light of Truth' are offering 'The Essential Mission of the Church: Proclaiming the Gospel'. This explores the Church's mission to proclaim the Gospel by looking at essential documents, such as Dei Verbum, Evangelii Nuntiandi and Christifideles Laici. The session will take place on Friday 6 November 2026, 7pm-8pm. To sign up for the session, please click on the Zoom link here.

RED MISSIO BOXES Would you kindly please return your red Missio boxes to church for counting. If you would like a Missio red box for your home, please let us know and we will let you have one.

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.

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

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

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.

RIP Anniversaries: Kitty Watts, Beryl Beames, Leah Shrimpton, Susan Connor, Veronica Francome, Larry O'Toole, Baby Art Gatland.

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

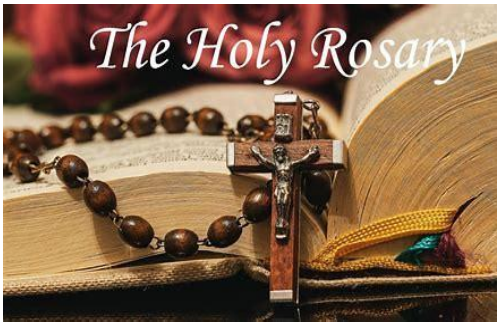
The Holy Father's October Intention: Let us pray for that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of person with mental illnesses.

Diocesan Prayer Link: St Mary-on-the-Quay, Bristol, with Saint James Priory

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 Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

First reading **Exodus 22:21-27**
A reading from the Book of Exodus

Thus says the Lord: 'You shall not wrong a sojourner or oppress him, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt. You shall not mistreat any widow or fatherless child. If you do mistreat them, and they cry out to me, I will surely hear their cry, and my wrath will burn, and I will kill you with the sword, and your wives shall become widows and your children fatherless. If you lend money to any of my people with you who is poor, you shall not be like a money-lender to him, and you shall not exact interest from him. If ever you take your neighbour's cloak in pledge, you shall return it to him before the sun goes down, for that is his only covering,

and it is his cloak for his body; in what else shall he sleep? And if he cries to me, I will hear, for I am compassionate.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm **Ps 18(17)**

I love you, LORD, my strength.

I love you, LORD, my strength;
O LORD, my rock, my fortress, my saviour.

My God, my rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my saving strength, my stronghold.
I cry out, 'O praised be the LORD!'
and see, I am saved from my foes.

The LORD lives, and blest be my Rock!
May the God of my salvation be exalted.
The LORD gives great victories to his king,
and shows merciful love for his anointed.

Second reading **1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10**

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

Brothers and Sisters: You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

The word of the Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia.
Alleluia.

Gospel **Matthew 22:34-40**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

At that time: When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. 'Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?' And he said to him, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.'

The Gospel of the Lord.