

THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF CHIPPENHAM & CORSHAM

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TWENTY- SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME A

4th October

5pm (Sat) (Ch) Vigil Mass (*Pro Populo*)

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

with Children Liturgy

11am (Ch) Solemn Mass

(*Brian Boardman*)

Monday 5th October

Saint Faustina Kowalska No Mass

Tuesday 6th October

Weekday in Ordinary Time

12.10pm Mass (Ch) ()

Wednesday 7th October

Our Lady of the Rosary

12pm Mass (Cor)

Thursday 8th October

Weekday in Ordinary Time

12.10pm Mass, (Ch) (*Sutton Family*)

Followed by Eucharistic Adoration until 5pm

Friday 9th October

Feast of Saint John Henry Newman

Priest and Doctor of the Church

12.10pm Mass (Ch) (*Jimmy Ward*)

Saturday 10th October

Our Lady on Saturday

2pm Eucharistic Adoration (Ch)

4.15pm–4.45pm (Sat) Confessions

4.45pm Benediction

TWENTY- EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME A

11th October

Saint Paulinus of York, Bishop

5pm (Sat) (Ch) Vigil Mass

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

with Children Liturgy

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

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

ANNUAL MASS COUNT & REGISTRATION For the next three 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.

INTERNATIONAL HARVEST SUPPER A big thank you to Jane and all who helped with our harvest supper. Thank you to all who brought food to share. The food was amazing and plentiful and made for an enjoyable evening.

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.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY FRIDAY 2ND OCTOBER. Put your faith into action and share the Lord's love by supporting our global neighbours experiencing shortages of food and safe water. Your gift can support children like Tayla in Zimbabwe to stay in school by helping communities and schools provide nourishing meals, improve access to water and grow food in school gardens. Use the CAFOD envelope in church, use the DONA machines, or donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call 0303 303 3030.

ST PATRICK'S CHURCH RESTORATION The latest plans for our renovation will be on display in the church and on the website.

RCIA– JOURNEY IN FAITH The second session of 'The Journey of Faith 2026/7' RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) programme is on Wednesday 7th October at 7pm on 'The Existence of God' in St Mary's Chippenham for adults wanting to explore the Catholic faith in more depth. Please call the Parish Office to register or turn up on the night.

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.

ADOREMUS – SAT 10th OCT The 2026 National Eucharistic Congress is the invitation of the bishops of England and Wales to renew our devotion to the Eucharistic Lord. There are two main strands to the Adoremus National Eucharistic Congress in 2026. In London, there will be a representative gathering of the Church with bishops, priests, and people. Adoremus is also marked in our parishes throughout England and Wales. Local Masses, processions of the Blessed Sacrament and Holy Hours will unite these local events with the national gathering. Please do try to give extra support our periods of Eucharistic Adoration at this time.

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

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.

YOUTH GROUP The next Youth Group will take place on Saturday 10th October from 7pm to 9pm in St Patrick's Hall. All our young people from both our parishes are welcome.

RED MISSIO BOXES Please could you bring your red Missio boxes to both churches for counting.

POWER OF THE ROSARY TALK on Thursday 22nd October at 7pm by Fr Lawrence Lew, OP, Promoter General for the Holy Rosary of the Order of Preachers (Dominicans) in the Apostle Room of the Cathedral.

ST GREGORY'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE, BATH Sixth Form Taster Day on Wednesday 7th October (please book online); and an Open Evening on Thursday 8th October 6pm to 8.30pm.

CARITAS CLIFTON ADMINISTRATION SUPPORT www.csan.org.uk. The bishop is keen to develop practical resources for parishes. We are looking for volunteers to assist in the setting up, and administration, of the initiative. This could be for a few hours per week or days. For more information, please contact Deacon Robert von Hawrylak on caritasclifton@cliftondiocese.com.

FR MILLETT'S GRAVE CARERS Please could those people who look after Fr Millett's grave, please contact Steve Riley via email as he is having difficulties contacting them. If you haven't got his email, then please ask for it from Teresa in the office.

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.

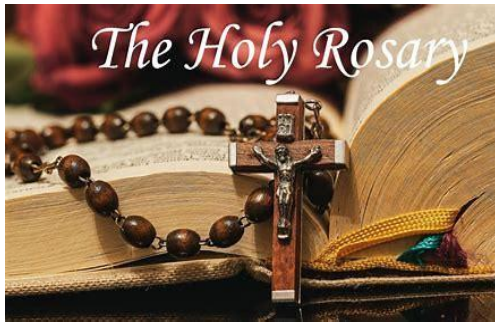
RIP Anniversaries: Mike Liston, Bryn Rees, Robert Connor, Teresa Arthur, Tom O'Neill, Patrick O'Neill, Mary Bridewell.

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: Cathedral Church of St Peter and St Paul, Clifton, 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 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

First reading

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

Isaiah 5:1-7

Let me sing for my beloved
my love song concerning his vineyard:
My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill.
He dug it and cleared it of stones,

and planted it with choice vines;
he built a watchtower in the midst of it,
and hewed out a wine vat in it;
and he looked for it to yield grapes,
but it yielded wild grapes.

And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah,
judge between me and my vineyard.
What more was there to do for my vineyard,
that I have not done in it?
When I looked for it to yield grapes,
why did it yield wild grapes?

And now I will tell you
what I will do to my vineyard.
I will remove its hedge,
and it shall be devoured;
I will break down its wall,
and it shall be trampled down.
I will make it a waste;
it shall not be pruned or hoed,
and briers and thorns shall grow up;
I will also command the clouds
that they rain no rain upon it.

For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts
is the house of Israel,
and the men of Judah
are his pleasant planting;
and he looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed;
for righteousness, but behold, an outcry!

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

The vineyard of the LORD is the house of Israel.

You brought a vine out of Egypt;
you drove out the nations and planted it.
It stretched out its branches to the sea;
to the River it stretched out its shoots.

Then why have you broken down its walls?
It is plucked by all who pass by the way.
It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,
devoured by the beasts of the field.

God of hosts, turn again, we implore;
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the stock your right hand has planted,
the son you have claimed for yourself.

And we shall never forsake you again;
give us life that we may call upon your name.
Bring us back, O LORD God of hosts;
let your face shine forth, and we shall be saved.

Ps 80(79)

Second reading

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians

Philippians 4:6-9

Brothers and Sisters: Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise: think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me — practise these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

The word of the Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia.

I chose you out of the world, says the Lord,
that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should abide.
Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 21:33-43

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

At that time: Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence round it and dug a wine press in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants and went into another country. When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again, he sent other servants, more than at first. And they did the same to them. Finally, he sent his son to them, saying, "They will respect my son." But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, "This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance." And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?'

They said to him, 'He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons.'

Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the Scriptures: "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes"? Therefore, I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits.'

The Gospel of the Lord.