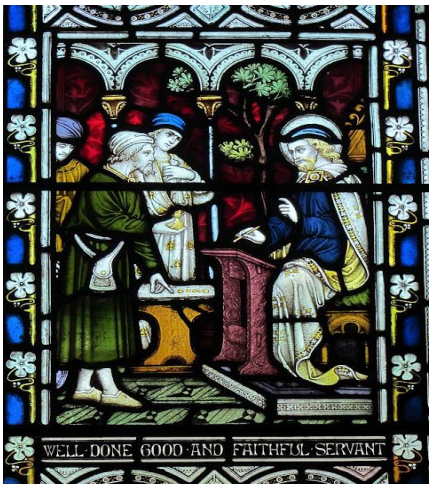
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THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY
OF THE YEAR A
Sunday 15th November
5pm (Sat) (Ch) Vigil Mass *(Pro Populo)*
9am (Cor) Solemn Mass *(Pro Populo)*
with Children's Liturgy
11am (Ch) Solemn Mass
(MacCallum Family)

Monday 16th November
Saint Edmund of Abingdon, Bishop
No Mass

Tuesday 17th November
Saint Hugh of Lincoln
No Mass

Wednesday 18th November
Dedication of the Basilica of Saints
Peter and Paul, Apostles
12pm Mass (Cor) *(John Maloney)*

Thursday 19th November
Weekday in Ordinary Time
12.10pm Mass (Ch) *(Holy Souls)*
Eucharistic Adoration until 6pm

Friday 20th November
Weekday in Ordinary Time
No Mass

Saturday 21st November
Presentation of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
2pm Eucharistic Adoration (Ch)
4.15pm–4.45pm (Sat) Confessions
4.45pm Benediction

SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS
CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE
(Last Sunday in Ordinary Time)
Sunday 15th November
5pm (Sat) (Ch) Vigil Mass
(Rosemary Chapman)
9am (Cor) Solemn Mass *(Pro Populo)*
11am (Ch) Solemn Mass *(Pro Populo)*
with Children's Liturgy

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME A

Please note that there are no midweek Masses on Tuesday or Friday at St Mary's this coming week as the electricians and carpet fitters are working in the church. There will be Mass at St Patrick's on Wednesday at 12noon, and on Thursday at St Mary's at 12.10pm. Weekend masses are at the usual times.

NEW ORGAN AT ST MARY'S The old organ has now been removed. We will be without an organ for a few weeks as a new carpet is fitted on the stairs and in the gallery, together with new electrical sockets. Our new organ will be installed on Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th December. Thanks to those who moved furniture from the choir loft on Sunday.

THE SOLEMNITY OF JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE is celebrated at all masses next weekend, the last Sunday in Ordinary Time. Please note that the readings are of the Solemnity.

YOUTH GROUP Our next Youth Group meeting will take place on Saturday 14th November from 7pm to 9pm in St Patrick's hall. Young people from both our Churches are most welcome.

NOVEMBER MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS If you would like Mass celebrated for your family or a departed loved one during this month, please fill in a Mass Request envelope and give it to Fr Michael, our Administrator 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 18th November at 7pm is 'The Power of Prayer.' Venue: The Parish Office, St Mary's Chippenham. Please keep all who journey to the Easter Sacraments in your prayers.

THIRD WEDNESDAY LUNCH CLUB AT ST PATRICK'S Wednesday in St Patrick's Hall after the 12pm Mass. All are welcome.

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. The first communion Mass will be celebrated on Saturday 29th May 2027. Closing date for applications is Sunday 6th December.

ST PATRICK'S RESTORATION APPEAL – BOOK DONATIONS Many thanks for all your donations. We have raised

over £300 so far. Please continue to donate. Please check your books have bar codes and leave them in the box at the back of the church.
ST PATRICK'S CHRISTMAS HAMPER DRAW Following the success of our draw last Christmas, we will hold a Christmas draw again with proceeds to our Church Restoration Fund. Donations of Christmas food (within a January 2027 sell by date) and drink etc will be most welcome. Please leave any donations in the Sacristy so that the hamper may be put together. Thank you.

FUNERAL MASS of Jan Steadman will be celebrated at St Patrick's on Friday 27th November at 12noon.

CELEBRATION FOR MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE Bishop Bosco is celebrating Mass in the Cathedral on Sat 6th February (12noon) 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.

RED WEDNESDAY 2026 Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) is Catholic charity bringing spiritual and practical help to Catholics and other Christians where they are persecuted, oppressed or in pastoral need through prayer, information, and action. Mgr Liam Slattery, Vicar General and Dean of Clifton Cathedral, will be celebrating a Mass for Persecuted Christians around the world on Wednesday November 18th at 7.00pm in Clifton Cathedral. This will be followed by a short talk on behalf of ACN and refreshments. All welcome. See www.acnuk.org for more information on the work of Aid to the Church in Need.

SAT 7 EVENT You are warmly invited to join us for an inspiring evening of story, prayer, and celebration of all that God is doing in one of the most difficult regions to be a Christian. After a busy year, this free event will be a SAT-7 UK homecoming of sorts, featuring a special guest speaker from the MENA region, and light refreshments. Come and hear Deniz's story of being in a Turkish prison where God met her in a significant way. Meet our local team and hear how God is transforming lives not just in Türkiye but across the Middle East and North Africa. Come to Station Hill Baptist Church at 7:30pm – 8:45pm on Tuesday 24 November.

CHRISTMAS LITURGIES If you are planning ahead, you may like to know that Christmas Masses will be as follows: St Mary's Chippenham Christmas Eve Sung Vigil Mass at 5pm and Christmas Day Solemn Mass at 11am. St Patrick's Corsham Solemn Mass of Christmas Day at 9am.

LGBT+ MASS A monthly celebration of the Eucharist for LGBT+ Catholics, family and friends, Sunday 15th November 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.

RIP Anniversaries: Josephine (Pat) Booker, Lucrezia White, Audrey Ward, Vince Donegan, Bill Tovey, Teresa Martin, Kaz Melchert, Richard Pearce.

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 Teresa of the Child Jesus, Filton; St Vincent de Paul, Southmead, 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

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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 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.



Thirty-Third Sunday of the Year A

First reading **Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31**

A reading from the Book of Proverbs

An excellent wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels. The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain. She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life. She seeks wool and flax, and works with willing hands. She puts her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle. She opens her hand to the poor and reaches out her hands to the needy.

Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised. Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the gates.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm **Ps 128(127)**

Blessed are all who fear the LORD.

Blessed are all who fear the LORD,
and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be blessed and prosper.

Your wife like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive
around your table.

Indeed thus shall be blessed
the husband who fears the LORD.
May the LORD bless you from Sion.
May you see Jerusalem prosper
all the days of your life!

Second reading **1 Thessalonians 5:1-6**

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

Concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you have no need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. But you are not in darkness, brothers and sisters, for that day to surprise you like a thief. For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober.

The word of the Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia.
Abide in me, and I in you, says the Lord.
Whoever abides in me bears much fruit.
Alleluia.

Gospel **Matthew 25:14-15, 19-21**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

At that time: Jesus told his disciples this parable, 'The kingdom of heaven will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away.

'Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, "Master, you delivered to me five talents; here, I have made five talents more." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master." '

The Gospel of the Lord.