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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

Monday 9th November
Feast of the Dedication
of the Lateran Basilica
No Mass

Tuesday 10th November
Saint Leo the Great, Pope,
Doctor of the Church
No Mass

Wednesday 11th November
Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop
12pm Mass (Cor) *(Nikki & Paul Mallia)*

Thursday 12th November
Saint Josaphat, Bishop, Martyr
No Mass (Ch)
No Eucharistic Adoration

Friday 13th November
Weekday in Ordinary Time
12.00pm Mass (Cor)

Saturday 14th November
Beatified Martyrs of the Diocese
2pm Eucharistic Adoration (Ch)
4.15pm–4.45pm (Sat) Confessions
4.45pm Benediction

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 Liturgy
11am (Ch) Solemn Mass
(MacCallum Family)

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME A
Remembrance Sunday

Please note that there are no midweek Masses at St Mary's this coming week as the organ is being removed. There will be Mass at St Patrick's on Wednesday and Friday at 12noon. Weekend masses are at the usual times.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY falls this Sunday. 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. Do wear military honours to these masses and invite the children to ask about them. Let us continue to pray for the peace of the world, remembering that peace is more than the absence of war and must begin within our own hearts and lives.

NEW ORGAN AT ST MARY'S The old organ is to be removed this week. As this will be a very dusty and noisy task, the Church will be closed midweek. The following week, the gallery will be carpeted and new electric points installed, ready for the new organ to be installed the week commencing the 30th of 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.

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. Rest eternal grant to all the faithful-departed O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.

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 11th October at 7pm is 'The Bible.' Venue: The Parish Office, St Mary's Chippenham. Please keep all who journey to the Easter Sacraments in your prayers.

CONGRATULATIONS to Jaimie Cosgrave who was received into the full communion of the Catholic Church last Sunday.

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 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.

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.

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 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.

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.

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.

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: Fr Richard Veasey, Barry Donoghue, Joan Cavaciuti, Richard Morea, Robert Gardner, Sunday Salako, Leslie Wilkins, Gary Pearce, Immaculata La Donna, Rosemary Ashby.

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 Nicholas of Tolentino, Easton; St Joseph, Fishponds/St Patrick, Redfield, 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-Second Sunday of the Year A

(The readings at 9am and 11am Masses this weekend will be of the Requiem for Remembrance Sunday: Wisdom 3:1-5,9. 1 John 3:14-16. John 15: 9-14. (Please contact the Parish Office if you would like a copy in advance)

First reading **Wisdom 6:12-16**

A reading from the Book of Wisdom

Wisdom is radiant and unfading, and she is easily discerned by those who love her and is found by those who seek her. She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her. He who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty, for he will find her sitting at his gates. To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding, and he who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care, because she goes about seeking those worthy of her, and she graciously appears to them in their paths and meets them in every thought.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm **Ps 63(62)**

For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord, my God.

O God, you are my God; at dawn I seek you;
for you my soul is thirsting.
For you my flesh is pining,
like a dry, weary land without water.

I have come before you in the sanctuary,
to behold your strength and your glory.
Your loving mercy is better than life;
my lips will speak your praise.

I will bless you all my life;
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet;
with joyful lips, my mouth shall praise you.

When I remember you upon my bed,
On you I muse through the watches of the night.
For you have been my strength;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.

Second reading **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. For this we declare to you by the word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

The word of the Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia.
Stay awake and be ready,
for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.
Alleluia.

Gospel **Matthew 25:1-13**

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 ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a cry, "Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise answered, saying, "Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves." And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. Afterwards the other virgins came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he

answered, “Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.” Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.’

The Gospel of the Lord.