

# THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF CHIPPENHAM & CORSHAM

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## THE THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR A (Remembrance Sunday)

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

9am (Cor) Requiem Mass (*The Fallen*)

11am (Ch) Requiem Mass (*The Fallen*)

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November

Weekday in OT No Mass

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November

The Beatified Martyrs of the Diocese.

12.10pm Mass (Ch) (*Figueiyya & Fernandes*)

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November

Weekday in OT 12pm Mass (Cor)

(*Douglas Haig Stevenson*)

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November

Saint Edmund of Abingdon, Bishop

12.10pm Mass (Ch) (*Patrick Donnellan*)

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November

Saint Hugh of Lincoln, Bishop

\*11am\* Mass (Cor) (*Former teachers RIP*)

with St Patrick's School in Church

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November

Weekday in OT

4.15pm-4.45pm Confessions (Ch)

4.15pm Eucharistic Adoration (Ch)

4.50pm Benediction (Ch)

## THE THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR A

5pm (Sat) (Ch) Vigil Mass

(*David Delaney*)

9am (Cor) Sung Mass (*Pro Popolo*)

11am (Ch) Sung Mass (*Pro Popolo*)

## THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR A

**REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY** Requiem masses for the fallen with an act of remembrance are celebrated at 9am and 11am. There will also be a live streaming of the National Service of Remembrance from the Cenotaph on Whitehall on the big screen in St Patrick's Hall after Mass. Sandwiches and snacks provided. All are most welcome.

**FR JOHN O'BRIEN** of the St Patrick's Missionary Society and former parish priest of Corsham, died on November 7<sup>th</sup>, peacefully in the Care Unit, at Kiltegan. We give thanks for his ministry and pray that Fr John may be granted eternal rest. A Requiem Mass will be celebrated at St Patrick's on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November at noon.

**MISSIO** There will be a red box appeal for Missio by Dave Wheat next weekend at all masses, at all churches.

**THE SPIRITAN FATHERS** Many thanks to those who gave so generously to the Holy Ghost Fathers appeal last weekend. St Mary's raised £558 and St Patrick's raised £328.

**WEDNESDAY MASS AT ST PATRICK'S** this week. Please note this is celebrated at 11am NOT 12noon to enable classes from the school to attend.

**NOVEMBER – MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS** We traditionally pray for all our departed loved ones during the month of November. If you would like a Mass offered for a departed loved one, family or friends during November, please let Fr Michael or Teresa know and that can be arranged or fill out a Mass request envelope available in Church. Due to the high number of Mass requests some masses will need to be scheduled in early December.

**RCIA - JOURNEY IN FAITH** For those interested in being baptized or becoming a Catholic or those who just want to know a bit more about the Catholic Faith, our 'Journey in Faith' sessions have now begun. They take place on Tuesday evenings at 7pm in the office at St Mary's Chippenham. We look forward to welcoming you.

**CHIPPENHAM & CORSHAM FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION 2024** Prior to registering, we ask families to attend Sunday Mass so that the child understands and experiences the presence of Christ in the liturgy and we may welcome you as a family. Please join our database via the following link [Joint Parish Register - The Catholic Churches of Saint Patrick, Corsham & Our Lady of the Assumption, Chippenham](http://www.chippenham-and-corsham-catholics.org.uk) ([chippenham-and-corsham-catholics.org.uk](http://www.chippenham-and-corsham-catholics.org.uk)) Parents wishing to register their child are invited to register at <https://chippenham-and-corsham-catholics.org.uk/first-holy-communion/>.

**DIOCESAN YOUTH DAY** Saturday 18th November 10.00am-4.00pm at St John's Parish Hall, Trowbridge to register or for more information [youth@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:youth@cliftondiocese.com)

**CAFOD ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN CRISIS APPEAL** Donate to CAFOD's Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal at [cafod.org.uk/ipc](http://cafod.org.uk/ipc) or call 0303 303 3030 to support those affected and get funds to local trusted experts in Gaza and southern Israel who have been working alongside communities helping those most in need. Your donation will help support aid workers providing urgent humanitarian aid including food, water and emergency shelter to those in need. Thank you for your prayers."

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2024** Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July. Would any young people or adults wishing to be confirmed from either parish please contact the parish office to register.

**CHIPPENHAM FINANCE & FABRIC COMMITTEE** Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November in St Mary's Office at 12.45pm.

**STARTING SCHOOL** If you have a child born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020, then now is the time to apply for a place at a primary school for admission from September 2024 onwards. You must complete an application form that is available from the school admissions team of Wiltshire Council. If your child has been baptised and you are applying for a Catholic school, you must also provide a copy of the baptism certificate to the school. Please ensure you apply by the closing date of 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

**LGBT+ MASS** Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November at 3pm at St Nicholas of Tolentino RC Church, Bristol. All are welcome. The mass is being streamed on the parish website <https://tolentino.org.uk>.

**UNIVERSE CATHOLIC WEEKLY** You may have noticed some free copies of the Universe at the back of the church. Please contact the Universe [www.universecatholicweekly.co.uk](http://www.universecatholicweekly.co.uk) to order your regular copy.

**JOB VACANCY – FINANCE OFFICE SUPPORT Work for Clifton Diocese** The Finance department based in Alexander House, Bristol, are looking to recruit a team administrator to strengthen its central Finance Office. The role is part-time, 12 hours across three days. Attention to detail, flexible can-do attitude, and the ability to be well organised are important. Experience in a similar role and knowledge of MS Outlook, Word and Excel would be highly beneficial.

**SACRAMENT OF THE SICK** If you know of somebody who is unwell and would appreciate being brought Holy Communion and the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, please let Fr Michael or Teresa (Office) know.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION - CONFESSIONS** are heard at St Mary's on Saturday between 4.15 pm and 4.45pm and at St Patrick's after the weekday masses or by prior arrangement with Fr Michael.

#### **PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK**

**The Sick:** Corsham: Richard Keat, Sheila Taylor, Christopher Brawl, Lindsay Price. Chippenham: Brian Tuersley, Lydia Connell, David Lunt, Jon Taylor, Michael Kenny, Mike Merry, Nic Pollastrone, Chris Rosario, James Carine, Michaela Finn, Alan Houghton, Elena Alberti, Adrian Pycroft, Henny Pycroft. Pray for all suffering with Coronavirus, all in our hospitals, nursing homes and those who care for them.

**Recently Departed:** Fr John O'Brien.

**RIP Anniversaries:** Robert Gardner, Sunday Salako, Leslie Wilkins, Gary Pearce, Immaculata La Donna, Rosemary Ashby, Lucrezia White, Audrey Ward, Vince Donegan.

**The Holy Father's Prayer November Intention:** For the Pope - We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfils his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

**Diocesan Prayer Link:** St Dominic, Dursley; St Joseph, Nympsfield.

*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.*

## 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 on November 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

November 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

## Prayer for Reconciliation and Peace in the Holy Land



God of justice and peace  
We bring before you the Israeli and Palestinian people  
in all their need, pain and fear.  
Bring an end to humiliation and injustice, corruption and violence.  
Prosper those who work for peace with justice.  
May all peoples enjoy security and prosperity.  
We ask this through your Son, the Prince of peace,  
Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

## A Prayer for Ukraine



Loving God,  
We pray for the people of Ukraine, for all those suffering or afraid,  
that you will be close to them and protect them.  
We pray for world leaders,  
for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices.  
We pray for the world that in this moment of crisis,  
we may reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters in need.  
May we walk in your ways so that peace and justice  
become a reality for the people of Ukraine  
and for all the world.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

# THE WORD THIS WEEK

## THE THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR A (Requiem Mass Readings at 9am & 11am)



### First reading

*A reading from the book of Wisdom*

Wisdom 6:12-16

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim.  
By those who love her she is readily seen,  
and found by those who look for her.  
Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them.  
Watch for her early and you will have no trouble;  
you will find her sitting at your gates.  
Even to think about her is understanding fully grown;  
be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you.  
She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her  
and graciously shows herself to them as they go,  
in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

The word of the Lord

### Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 62(63):2-8

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

O God, you are my God, for you I long;  
for you my soul is thirsting.  
My body pines for you  
like a dry, weary land without water.

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary  
to see your strength and your glory.  
For your love is better than life,  
my lips will speak your praise.

So 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,  
my mouth shall praise you with joy.

On my bed I remember you.  
On you I muse through the night  
for you have been my help;  
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.



## **Second reading**

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

*A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians*

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them; to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

The word of the Lord.

## **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Stay awake and stand ready,  
because you do not know the hour  
when the Son of Man is coming.  
Alleluia!

## **Gospel**

Matthew 25:1-13

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew*

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: "The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

The Gospel of the Lord