

THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF CHIPPENHAM & CORSHAM

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NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

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

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

11am (Ch) Sung Mass (*Canon Millett*)

Monday 14th August

Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest, Martyr

No Mass

Tuesday 15th August

(Holyday of Obligation)

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

12pm Sung Mass (Cor) (*Pro Populo*)

6pm Mass of the Feast of Title (Ch)

(*Pro Populo*) followed by reception in the hall.

Wednesday 16th August

12pm Mass (Cor) (*Sue*)

Thursday 17th August Weekday in OT

12.10pm Mass (Ch) (*Pat Hall*)

Friday 18th August Weekday in OT

12pm Mass (Cor) with Baptism

(*The Newly Baptised*)

Saturday 19th August

Our Lady on Saturday

4.15pm Eucharistic Adoration (Ch)

4.20pm – 4.50pm Confessions (Ch)

4.50pm Benediction (Ch)

TWENTIETH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

5pm (Sat) (Ch) Vigil Mass (*Alan Cross*)

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

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

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THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY is celebrated **this Tuesday 15th August**. This beautiful feast celebrating Mary's heavenly birthday is also the Feast of Title/Patronal Feast in Chippenham. The Catechism of the Church, also quoting the Byzantine Liturgy, states, "The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin is a singular participation in her Son's resurrection and an anticipation of the resurrection of other Christians: 'In giving birth you kept your virginity; in your Dormition you did not leave the world, O Mother of God, but were joined to the source of Life. You conceived the living God and, by your prayers, will deliver our souls from death'" (No. 966). This beautiful feast a Holy Day of Obligation when all Catholics should try to attend Mass. There will be two Masses, 12noon in Corsham and 6pm in Chippenham. Please join us for wine/drinks in the hall after mass in Chippenham to continue the parish celebrations.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED (ACN) is a Pontifical Foundation that seeks to advance the Christian religion by supporting and promoting the Church, especially in countries where Christians are suffering persecution or discrimination. Each year ACN makes grants to help fund over 5,000 projects, primarily in the following areas:

- provision of catechetical material and books
 - broadcasting the Faith
 - help with church buildings
 - support for the training of seminarians
 - grants for the formation of religious and catechists
 - subsidies for priests through grants and Mass stipends
 - emergency aid to refugees
 - provision of transport for those involved in the Church's mission.
- Next weekend Nick Fogg will give a brief talk about ACN at all Masses.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD (CLOW) In the autumn, we hope to resume a CLOW in the parishes twice a month. If you would like to help with this ministry, please see Fr Michael. We particularly need help at St Mary's Chippenham. We also need a person for each session to volunteer to simply be present (not lead the liturgy) to conform with our safeguarding policy.

READERS AT MASS Thanks to those who have offered to proclaim the scriptures at Mass. Teresa has sent out new rotas to include these new people but there is always room for more. The ministry of proclaiming the Word at Mass is central to the Eucharist and we still need more readers especially at St Mary's, so please do come forward.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2024 Would any young people or adults wishing to be confirmed next year please contact the parish office to register their interest. Candidates must be 13 or in Year 9 or over at secondary school. Candidates are asked to make the request themselves and not via their parents. This is your decision to be confirmed and to continue in the practice of the faith. Thank you.

WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH? Would you like to be baptized, confirmed and receive the Eucharist? Would you like to enter the communion with the Catholic Church? If so, our Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)/Journey in Faith might be an exciting journey of faith for you. We explore different aspects of the Catholic faith and the teachings of the Catholic Church. We listen to God's word in Scripture, and we pray together. We hope to begin the RCIA program this autumn. Please let Fr Michael or our Administrator know if you are interested.

RCIA CATECHISTS Do you have experience of RCIA, or would you like to be part of the catechetical team? Thank you to those who have volunteered, we have room for more on the team! Please speak to Fr Michael as soon as possible for more details.

LBGT+ MASS The monthly celebration of the Eucharist for LGBT+ Catholics, families and friends takes place on Sunday 20th August at 3pm at St Nicholas of Tolentino RC Church, Bristol.

HOLY COMMUNION OF THE SICK If you are sick/housebound and would like to receive Holy Communion (or the Sacrament of the Sick) at home, please call or ask a member of your family to call Fr Michael or Teresa Gosling. If you are going into hospital and would like to receive the Sacrament of the Sick please ask Fr Michael before you are admitted and this will be celebrated in the parish. This takes the pressure of the hospital chaplains.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION) Chippenham Saturday 4.20pm – 4.50pm and Corsham after Weekday Masses or by arrangement with Fr Michael.

CLIFTON DIOCESE AND 'LIGHT OF TRUTH' are offering a six-week course for the formation of catechists. This training is for seasoned or new catechists working with children, young people or adults, for everyone involved in Children's Liturgy of the Word, and for anyone interested in passing on the faith. These are all areas which are parish want to grow. To sign up for the series, click on the following link: [Meeting Registration – Zoom](#)

NEWSLETTER Items for inclusion in the weekly newsletter should reach the office by Wednesday please.

A WARM WELCOME to visitors and holidaymakers who join us for Mass over the summer. If you are new to the Parish, you too are very welcome! Please do introduce yourself to us after Mass so that we can properly welcome you!

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, Anne Marie Naylor, Chris Rosario, James Carine, Michaela Finn, Eoin O Mahony, 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: Mary Wilding.

RIP Anniversaries: Eileen Byrne, Howard Evans, Christian Taduch, Bishop Mervyn Alexander, Patrick Greaney, Peter Donegan, Anne Brigden, Hannah Moynihan, Fred Woropay, Austin Brownrigg.

The Holy Father's Prayer August Intention: We pray that World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.

Diocesan Prayer Link: Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Chippenham, St Patrick, Corsham.

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.

August – The Month of the Immaculate Heart of Mary



We know that traditionally May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. October to the Holy Rosary, and Our Lady of the Rosary. Now it's time to also remember something little realised or often forgotten. August is the month traditionally dedicated by to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. In fact, August once saw the celebration of the feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. In 1944 Venerable Pope Pius XII set this feast to be celebrated on 22nd August as the Octave of the Assumption. Two years earlier he had consecrated the Christian family and whole human race to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on the 25th anniversary of the Fatima apparitions. Then in 1969, St. Pope Paul VI moved the date to the Saturday after the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. August still has three Marian feasts —the Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major (also remembering Our Lady of the Snows) on Aug. 5; the Assumption on Aug. 15; the Queenship of Mary on Aug. 22. The roots of the devotion to Mary's Heart are in Scripture, where on two occasions reference is made to Mary's heart by St Luke. He refers to Luke 2:19 "Mary treasured all these things and reflected on them in her heart," and Luke 2:51 "His mother (Mary) meanwhile pondered all these things in her heart."

The expression 'Mary's heart' is to be understood in a biblical sense: it denotes the person of the Blessed Virgin herself, her intimate and unique being; the centre and source of her interior life, of her mind and memory, of her will and love; the single-mindedness with which she loved God and the disciples and devoted herself wholeheartedly to the saving work of her Son.

Lord our God, you made the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary the home of your eternal Word and the sanctuary of the Holy Spirit. Give us a heart that is free from sin and attentive to your will, that, faithful to your commandments, we may love you above all things and seek to help others in their need. 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.

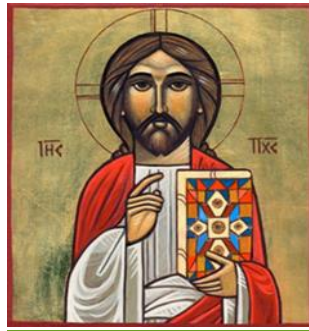
A Prayer for Ukraine



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

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First reading

A reading from the first book of the Kings

1 Kings 19:9,11-13

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 84(85):9-14

*Let us see, O Lord, your mercy,
and give us your saving help.*

I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace.
His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land.

Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven.

The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps.

Second reading

Romans 9:1-5

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

What I want to say now is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

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Gospel Acclamation

Blessings on the King who comes,
in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven
and glory in the highest heavens!
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 14:22-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord