

THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF CHIPPENHAM & CORSHAM

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THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME A

PEACE SUNDAY Today is observed as Peace Sunday. This year the message from Pope Francis tells us: 'No one can be saved alone. Combatting Covid-19 together, embarking together on paths of peace'. He asks us: 'What did we learn from the pandemic? What new paths should we follow to cast off the shackles of our old habits, to be better prepared, to dare new things? What signs of life and hope can we see, to help us move forward and try to make our world a better place?' A vaccine has been found for Covid-19, says the Holy Father, but we still need to tackle the virus of war, and of inequality, and this can only be done together. In this country we have an active Catholic peace movement in Pax Christi, which aims at working together to promote peace through parishes, schools and social media. Their website suggests ways we can all become better peacemakers. There are activities for families to do at home, including a peace liturgy for young children. <https://paxchristi.org.uk/peace-sunday-2023>. Pax Christi needs our support to keep going. If you'd like to make a donation, small or large, here is the link: <https://tinyurl.com/yxfew67x> or send a cheque payable to 'Pax Christi' to: Pax Christi, St Joseph's, Watford Way, London NW4 4TY.

THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY begins on Wednesday 18th January and concludes on 25th Jan with the Feast of the Conversion of St Paul. We rejoice in the unity we already share by virtue of our common baptism and we pray that all may eventually be one at the Eucharistic table of the Lord, the sign of perfect unity for Catholic Christians. A votive Mass 'for the unity of Christians' will be offered on Friday 20th January at 12noon in Corsham.

POST CHRISTMAS LUNCH Tuesday 17th January in St Mary's Hall. Please sign the sheets at the back/front of the church to book your place and encourage a friend to come. There will be plenty of food, drink and fun! There will be no charge, but donations to the parish are welcome. Parishioners from Corsham are also most welcome to come.

NEXT SUNDAY IS "SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD". In a real sense, every Sunday is a Sunday of the Word of God. When we hear the Gospel proclaimed within the Sacred Liturgy, as Vatican II reminds us, it is Christ who speaks to us. Christ is present in the proclamation of the Word of God. "Devoting a specific Sunday of the liturgical year to the word of God can enable the Church to experience anew how the risen Lord opens up for us the treasury of his word and enables us to proclaim its unfathomable riches before the world." (Pope Francis - 'Aperuit illis') Scripture, says the Second Vatican Council (Dei Verbum 21), is "food for the soul." Who eats

15TH JANUARY 2023

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4.20pm - 4.50pm (Sat) Confessions

4.15pm Eucharistic Adoration (Ch)

5pm (Sat) (Ch) Vigil Mass

(K & P Mollaghan)

9am (Cor) Sung Mass (Pro Populo)

11am (Ch) Sung Mass (Pro Populo)

Mon 16th Jan

Weekday in OT No Mass

Tue 17th January St Anthony, Ab

12.10pm Mass (Ch) (Frankie Molligan)

Wed 18th Jan Weekday in OT

12pm Mass (Cor) (Varkey Varkey)

Thurs 19th Jan St Wulstan Bp

12.10pm Mass (Ch) (P.Mollaghan)

Fri 20th Jan Weekday in OT

12pm Votive Mass

for the Unity of Christians (Cor)

Sat 21st Jan St Agnes, V, Martyr

22ND JANUARY 2023

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4.20pm - 4.50pm (Sat) Confessions

4.15pm Eucharistic Adoration (Ch)

5pm (Ch) Vigil Mass (Pro Populo)

9am (Cor) Sung Mass (Pro Populo)

11am (Ch) Sung Mass

(Sonia and Maria Thanksgiving)

just once a week at Mass? To survive and thrive, you need daily nourishment. You can have a steady diet of Scripture by attending Mass daily, participating in the liturgy of the hours, or reading Scripture in daily prayer

ST MARY'S HALL CLEANING After many years of devoted service, Finola McWilliam is retiring from cleaning St Mary's parish hall. We thank Finola for her hard work and dedication. Please get in touch with Fr Michael or Teresa Gosling in the Parish Office if you would be willing to volunteer to help with the hall cleaning.

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT COURSE 3rd -5th March 2023 at The Campanile Hotel, Great Western Way, Delta Business Park, Swindon, SN5 7XG. The marriage enrichment course offers a unique opportunity for couples to rekindle their relationships and focus on what is important to them. More details at <https://wwme.org.uk>.

ST MARY'S SCHOOL is holding a charity clothing collection for school funds. If you've had a post-Christmas clear out, and would like to donate, then bagged donations can be handed into the reception until Thursday 26th January.

LGBT+ MASS Sunday 15th at 3pm for the LGBT+ community, family, friends at St Nicholas of Tolentino, Bristol BS5 0RE. All are most welcome to join us.

RETROUVAILLE is a programme to support couples who have difficulties in their marriage. It brings a positive focus, new hope and helps nourish and grow your marriage. For confidential information about 'Retrouvaille' or to register for the next programme commencing with a face to face weekend in Welwyn Garden City on 24 - 26 February 2023, or a Virtual weekend on 6 - 9 July 2023, call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443 or email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com - or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

"ANSWERING GOD'S CALL" A vocations discernment retreat for young Catholic adults for Lent – *listening to the 'voice' of Christ, discerning, responding to the call* at Brownhill monastery, near Stroud, Gloucestershire, GL6 8AL. Friday 3 to Sunday 5 March 2023. For Catholic men and women aged 18-35. This Lenten retreat will help with discerning our vocation in life and answering God's call to each of us. £90 full board. For more information or to book contact: Rina at rina@youngcatholicadultnetwork.uk.

UNIVERSE CATHOLIC WEEKLY has devoted much of this week's paper to Pope Benedict XVI. Use this link to access the digital version of the paper [Layout 1 \(universecatholicweekly.co.uk\)](http://Layout1(universecatholicweekly.co.uk)).

OUR NEWSLETTER Please note the deadline for material is Wednesday morning. Thank you.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

This Sunday is a Day of Prayer for Peace

The Sick: Corsham: Julia Wright, Coleen Milne, Tony Tredgett, Richard Keat, Anne Keat, Sheila Taylor, Christopher Brawl, Julia Wright, Pauline Feeney, Lindsay Price, Derek Keohane. Chippenham: Graham Masters, Brian Tuersley, Lydia Connell, David Lunt, Jon Taylor, Michael Kenny, Mike Merry, Nic Pollastrone, Anne Marie Naylor, Chris Rosario, James Carine, Michaela Finn. Pray for all suffering with Coronavirus, all in our hospitals, nursing homes and those who care for them.

Recently Departed: Adela Vanin de Duenas, Trea O'Boyle, Jane Kelson.

RIP Anniversaries: Drew Masters, Malcolm Hayward, Sheelagh Farrell, Margaret Wilson.

The Holy Father's January Prayer Intention: We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

Diocesan Prayer Link: Christ the King, Thornbury; Holy Cross, Wootton-under-Edge

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 of any changes to be made to this list.

January– Month of the Holy Name of Jesus



January is the month of the Holy Name of Jesus, and it's an ideal time to strengthen our connection to the beautiful name of our Lord. On 3rd January, we celebrate the memorial of the Most Holy Name of Jesus at Mass. A name is an emblem of one's dignity, but the name of Jesus in particular should be held in the highest regard; spoken and heard only in a sacred way. The Jews had the highest esteem for the name of God, a holy acclaim that finds continuation in the Our Father: "Hallowed be Thy Name."

"Jesus" means, "God saves", the name conveyed in a dream, to Joseph, together with its meaning and to Our Lady at the Annunciation by the Archangel Gabriel. So, the name of Jesus is not only the name of our Saviour but also, by its meaning, states the purpose of His existence, reminding us of the incredible blessing of salvation. Let us therefore give that name great honour! Also, let us remember that Jesus's name in Aramaic is "Yeshua" So that is what Jesus was called in his own native language (the name Joshua is derived from this name, too).

There continues a lovely custom of bowing your head whenever you say or hear the name of Jesus. Scripture tells us: "At the name of Jesus every knee should bend of those in heaven, on earth, and under the earth" (Phil 2:10). The Council of Lyons in 1274 stated: "Each should fulfill in himself that which is written for all, that at the Name of Jesus every knee should bow; whenever that glorious Name is recalled, especially during the sacred Mysteries of the Mass, everyone should bow the knees of his heart, which he can do even by a bow of his head."

The Holy Name of Jesus has been venerated since the beginning of Christianity and appears in the earliest Christian manuscripts in Greek. In the second century the final Greek character was added to the IH abbreviation making it IHS. This in turn was transliterated into Latin or English characters as IHS, the monogram later adopted by the Jesuit Order as an abbreviation for Iesus Hominum Salvator which we see today on Pope Francis' coat of arms.

The Collect for the Memorial of the Most Holy Name of Jesus

O God, who founded the salvation of the human race
on the Incarnation of your Word,
give your peoples the mercy they implore,
so that all may know there is no other name to be invoked
but the Name of your Only Begotten Son.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

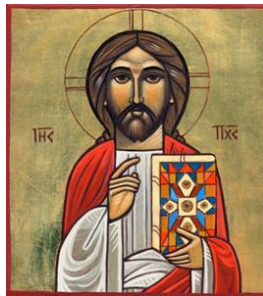
A Prayer for Ukraine



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.
Amen.

THE WORD THIS WEEK

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First reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Isaiah 49:3,5-6

The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel,
in whom I shall be glorified';
I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord,
my God was my strength.
And now the Lord has spoken,
he who formed me in the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him,
to gather Israel to him:

'It is not enough for you to be my servant,
to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors of Israel;
I will make you the light of the nations
so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.'

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 39(40):2,4,7-10

Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.

I waited, I waited for the Lord
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry.
He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God.

You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings,
but an open ear.
You do not ask for holocaust and victim.
Instead, here am I.

In the scroll of the book it stands written
that I should do your will.
My God, I delight in your law
in the depth of my heart.

Your justice I have proclaimed
in the great assembly.
My lips I have not sealed;
you know it, O Lord.

Second reading

1 Corinthians 1:1-3

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle, together with brother Sosthenes, send greetings to the church of God in Corinth, to the holy people of Jesus Christ, who are called to take their place among all the saints everywhere who pray to our Lord Jesus Christ; for he is their Lord no less than ours. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

cf. Lk19:38,2:14

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

Gospel

John 1:29-34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of when I said: A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me. I did not know him myself, and yet it was to reveal him to Israel that I came baptising with water.' John also declared, 'I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did not know him myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water had said to me, "The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit." Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord

