

# THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF CHIPPENHAM & CORSHAM

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## THE TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR A

5pm (Sat) (Ch) Vigil Mass *(Anne Brown)*

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

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

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October

Weekday in OT No Mass

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October

Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bp, Mr

12.10pm Mass (Ch)

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October

Feast of Saint Luke, Evangelist

12pm Mass (Cor)

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October

Ss John de Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues,  
Priests, and Companions, Martyrs

12.10pm Mass (Ch)

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October

Weekday in OT

No Mass (Cor)

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October

Our Lady on Saturday

4.15pm Eucharistic Adoration (Ch)

4.50pm Benediction (Ch)

## THE TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR A

5pm (Sat) (Ch) Vigil Mass

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

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

## TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR A

**INTRODUCTORY EVENING FOR OUR JOURNEY IN FAITH RCIA** We warmly invite all who would like to know more about Jesus and the Catholic Faith to our opening session on **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm** in St Mary's Office Chippenham. This will be an opportunity to get to know people and outline the program which runs until Easter. Any adult who would like to be baptized, confirmed and receive First Eucharist is invited, together with anyone already baptized (christened) who would like to be received into the full communion of the Catholic Church. We look forward to welcoming you.

**HARVEST SUPPER** The St Patrick's Harvest Supper raised £190 for the Corsham Foodbank. Thank you to everyone who contributed and to Jane and her team for all their hard work.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2024** enrollment will begin shortly. Prior to enrolling, it is important that the family attend Mass each Sunday so that the child understands the Mass and experiences the presence of Christ in the liturgy. Families who regularly come to Mass at Saint Mary's and Saint Patrick's are invited to enroll their children for Reconciliation/Eucharist when they are in Year 3 or above. Preparation will be done jointly over our two parishes once again. Parents wishing to register their child for Communion in 2024 are invited to sign up using the form on our Parish Website <https://chippenham-and-corsham-catholics.org.uk/first-holy-communion/>. The date of the First Holy Communion will be set after registration and the venue and dates of the preparation classes will be announced soon.

**WE ARE THE PEOPLE OF GOD** - We are delighted to welcome for this series: 'A Communion that Radiates' Jenny Sinclair- 19 October. 'Co-responsibility in Mission - How can we better share gifts and tasks in the service of the Gospel?' Canon Christopher Thomas - 24 October (to be confirmed). 'Participation, governance and authority in a synodal Church' You can register at [Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams](#)

**CONFIRMATION CATECHISTS** Thank you to the Confirmation catechists who have offered to help with the formation of our candidates. There will be an initial gathering on 8<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm in the Office at St Mary's. Please let Teresa, our Parish Administrator know if you can make it.

**MATHEW HENDRICKS-BIRTLES** thanks all who have saved their greetings cards for him. He is hoping to achieve his £11 x £1000 by Christmas, by his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday in January!

**MISSIO/MILL HILL MASSES** Are taking place within our Diocese during October. There will be two Masses this year: one on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October at the Immaculate Conception, Stroud; and the other on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October at Corpus Christi, Weston-super-Mare at 7pm. The Masses will be followed by a time to share together our enthusiasm and experiences of supporting the mission of the Church, including short presentations from Father Gary Brassington, the Diocesan Director for Missio, Brother Eddie Slawinski, the Diocesan Organiser, and Dave Wheat the Missio Community Fundraiser for the South of England. All are welcome to these Masses. Dave Wheat will also be speaking to our own parishes on Missio on the weekend of 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> November.

**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 as soon as possible. Candidates must be 13 or in Year 9 or over.

**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 departed family and friends, please let Fr Michael or Teresa know and that can be arranged or fill out a Mass request envelope available in Church.

**TIME FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL** If you have a Year 6 child now is the time to apply for a place for September 2024. For St Augustine's College, Trowbridge or St Gregory's College, Bath, you must complete the secondary transfer application form provided by your home Local Authority (available on the LA website), and if you are applying for a baptised child, you should also complete their Supplementary form on the school's website and provide the school with a baptism certificate, both by 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023.

**ST AUGUSTINE'S ADMISSION POLICY** Arrangement for 2025/26 has been put out for consultation and is available on their web site until 23 November. They have added the Parish of St Patricks, Corsham into the policy.

**ST ANDREW'S HYMATHON** St Andrew's Church in Chippenham is raising money for Christian Aid on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October from 10am to 1pm. Tickets are £5 per person to include light refreshments. All are welcome.

**PRIVATE FOSTERING** Wiltshire Council would like to reduce the number of children in un-notified private fostering arrangements across the county. Many privately fostered children do not receive the services and protection they are entitled to because they are not known to the local authority. It is the responsibility of everyone working with children and families to make sure the local authority has been notified of any private fostering arrangement.

**MOBILE PHONES** Recently several mobile phones have been ringing during Sunday masses. We ask that you ensure your mobile phone is always on silent while in church. Thank you for your understanding.

**NEXT WEEKEND** There is a special collection for Missio – World Mission Sunday.

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

**The Sick:** Corsham: Richard Keat, Sheila Taylor, Christopher Brawl, Lindsay Price. Chippenham: Julia Brotherton, Brian Tuersley, Lydia Connell, David Lunt, Jon Taylor, Michael Kenny, Mike Merry, Nic Pollastrone, Anne Marie Naylor, 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.

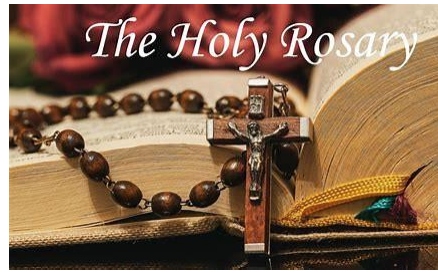
**RIP Anniversaries:** Geoffrey Marshall, Steve Arthur, Derek Chappell, Suetress Allen, Jack Coggles.

**The Holy Father's Prayer October Intention:** For the Synod - We pray for the Church: that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.

**Diocesan Prayer Link:** St Margaret Mary, Coleford, Our Lady of Victories, Cinderford.  
Our Lady of Lourdes, Newent, with Blaisdon

*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.*

## October – The Month of the Holy Rosary



On October 7th, the Church celebrates the memorial of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary. The feast day was established by Pope Saint Pius V on the anniversary of the victory at Lepanto on October 7, 1571. The naval victory was attributed to the Virgin Mary whose intercession was entreated through the recitation of the Holy Rosary.

The Church then proceeded to dedicate the entire month of October to the Holy Rosary so that individuals, families, and communities would pray the Holy Rosary, if possible, on a daily basis for peace in the world. “Not only do we earnestly exhort all Christians to give themselves to the recital of the pious devotion of the Rosary publicly, or privately in their own house and family, and that unceasingly, but we also desire that the whole of the month of October (in this year) should be consecrated to the Holy Queen of the Rosary” (Pope Leo XII; *On Devotion of the Rosary*, September 1, 1883).

O Virgin Mary, grant that the recitation of thy Rosary may be for me each day, in the midst of my manifold duties, a bond of unity in my actions, a tribute of filial piety, a sweet refreshment, an encouragement to walk joyfully along the path of duty. Grant, above all, O Virgin Mary, that the study of thy fifteen mysteries may form in my soul, little by little, a luminous atmosphere, pure, strengthening, and fragrant, which may penetrate my understanding, my will, my heart, my memory, my imagination, my whole being. So shall I acquire the habit of praying while I work, without the aid of formal prayers, by interior acts of admiration and of supplication, or by aspirations of love. I ask this of thee, O Queen of the Holy Rosary, through Saint Dominic, thy son of predilection, the renowned preacher of thy mysteries, and the faithful imitator of thy virtues.

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.

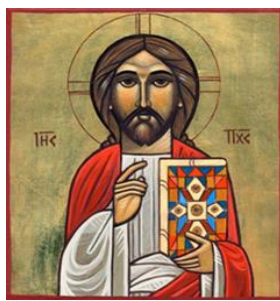
We pray for the world that in this moment of crisis,  
we may reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters in need.

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 TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR A



### First reading

*A reading from the prophet Isaiah*

Isaiah 25:6-10

On this mountain,  
the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples  
a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines,  
of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines.  
On this mountain he will remove  
the mourning veil covering all peoples,  
and the shroud enwrapping all nations,  
he will destroy Death for ever.  
The Lord will wipe away  
the tears from every cheek;  
he will take away his people's shame  
everywhere on earth,  
for the Lord has said so.  
That day, it will be said: See, this is our God  
in whom we hoped for salvation;  
the Lord is the one in whom we hoped.  
We exult and we rejoice  
that he has saved us;  
for the hand of the Lord  
rests on this mountain.

The word of the Lord

### Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 22(23)

*In the Lord's own house shall I dwell  
for ever and ever.*

The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures  
where he gives me repose.  
Near restful waters he leads me,  
to revive my drooping spirit.

He guides me along the right path;  
he is true to his name.  
If I should walk in the valley of darkness  
no evil would I fear.  
You are there with your crook and your staff;  
with these you give me comfort.

You have prepared a banquet for me  
in the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil;  
my cup is overflowing.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me  
all the days of my life.  
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell  
for ever and ever

### **Second reading**

**Philippians 4:12-14,19-20**

*A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians*

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

### **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
The Word was made flesh and lived among us:  
to all who did accept him  
he gave power to become children of God.  
Alleluia!

### **Gospel**

**Matthew 22:1-14**

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew*

Jesus began to speak to the chief priests and elders of the people in parables: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next, he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So, these servants went out on to the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests, he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

The Gospel of the Lord