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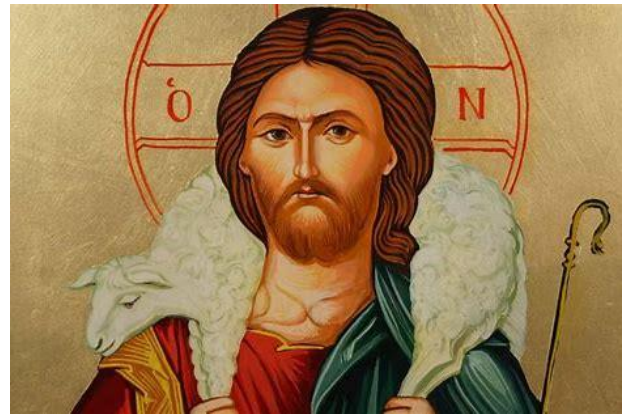
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THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY

IN ORDINARY TIME A

5pm (Sat) (Ch) Vigil Mass (/)

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

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

Monday 19th June Weekday in OT

No Mass

Tuesday 20th June

Saint Alban, Martyr No Mass

Wednesday 21st June

Saint Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious

12.00pm (Cor)

Thursday 22nd June

Feast of Saints John Fisher, Bishop
and Thomas More, Martyrs

12.10pm Mass (Ch) (*Private Intention*)

Friday 23rd June Saint Etheldreda, Ab

11.30pm Funeral Mass

of Margaret Quarmbay (Cor)

Saturday 24th June

SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

4.15pm Eucharistic Adoration (Ch)

4.20pm – 4.50pm Confessions (Ch)

4.50pm Benediction

THE TWELFTH SUNDAY IN

ORDINARY TIME A

5pm (Sat) (Ch) Vigil Mass

(*Kathleen Mollaghan*)

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

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

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SECOND COLLECTION DAY FOR LIFE The Church teaches that life is to be nurtured from conception to natural death. In England and Wales, *Day for Life* is celebrated on the third Sunday of June each year. This year it falls on 18 June. The theme is 'Listen to Her' and focuses on post-abortion trauma and the impact of abortion primarily on women, but also men and others. Each year a message is released, usually by the Church's Lead Bishop for Life Issues, offering a reflection on the year's theme. The 2023 message is unique in that the bishops' have given it over to a Catholic woman who has had an abortion to share her experiences. Often the voices of women who have had an abortion are silent in Church and in society. The hope is that this will help break this silence and offer further opportunities for healing and reconciliation. To read more go to [DFL23-Download-A4-b.pdf \(cbcew.org.uk\)](https://www.cbcew.org.uk/DFL23-Download-A4-b.pdf) This weekend there is a second collection for 'Day for Life'.

FIND OUT ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH? Are you interested to know about the Catholic Faith? Would you like to be baptized, confirmed and receive the Eucharist? Would you like to become a Catholic? Do you know anyone who would like to know more about 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.

QUIZ NIGHT at St Patrick's Corsham on Sat 1st July at 6.30pm in aid of the Corsham Churches Foodbank. Teams of six please and a round for children. Please bring your own drinks and snacks. Donations of raffle prizes will be gratefully appreciated. Tickets: £5 adult, children free. To register (incl. children) go to www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/quiz-night-tickets-639812385067. Please pay on the door or to Ewan in advance.

ST MARY'S FINANCE COMMITTEE We are still looking for people to join our finance committee. A finance committee is required by the Canon Law of the Church. Could you help in some way? We need your help as a matter of urgency. Please see Fr Michael or Teresa.

SOLEMNITY OF SS PETER & PAUL THURSDAY 29TH JUNE is a holyday of obligation. Masses will be celebrated at 12noon at Corsham and 6pm at Chippenham.

GATHERING FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION Our rescheduled 'get together' will be held on Tuesday 4th July at 6pm at St Mary's for ministers who take Holy Communion to the household of

both parishes This will enable us to coordinate cover and discuss pastoral needs. EMHC who do not presently take communion to the sick would be most welcome as our housebound numbers are rising.

NEXT BAPTISM PREPARATION session for parents (and Godparents if available) is Saturday 1st July in St Patrick's Hall, Corsham from 10.30am to 12pm. Please let the Parish Administrator, know if you are attending. Corsham/Chippenham parishioners are asked to attend a session before submitting a baptismal application.

THE ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY (SVP) give their time to help in our community, whether by a phone chat, a visit, taking elderly parishioners to church, shopping or giving financial help to families in need at Christmas. Thank you to those who donate using DONA as it is much appreciated. Unfortunately, donations are down since the pandemic. If you can donate in any small way this will enable the SVP to help further within our parish. We will also collect at the Church door via our red boxes on a regular basis and leave boxes on the tables. With many thanks for your support.

CALLING ALL CATECHISTS In the autumn we plan to begin the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) program for adults looking to be baptised at Easter and those who wish to enter into the full communion of the Church. Do you have experience of RCIA, or would you like to be part of the catechetical team? A catechist is a person of faith called to hand on the living tradition and teachings of the Catholic Church. Thank you to those who volunteered last week, we have room for more on the team! Please speak to Fr Michael or Teresa Gosling for more details.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS Please keep in your prayers the 14 children from our Parishes who will make their First Holy Communion in St Mary's on Saturday 8th July.

CAFOD Church teaching says that we should not only support those in poverty but also tackle the root causes of poverty, Pope Benedict said that "Love – caritas – is an extraordinary force which leads people to opt for courageous and generous engagement in the field of justice and peace." For decades CAFOD has spoken out against injustice. To find out more and get involved in tackling the root causes of poverty, please go to www.cafod.org.uk/latestcampaigns.

PARISH BBQ Sunday 23rd July at 3pm in St Patrick's, Corsham. Please bring your own drinks/cups, chairs plus a salad or dessert to share. Burgers, sausages and rolls provided. Please book online for catering purposes. Go to <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/parish-bbq-tickets-639817410097> All welcome.

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.

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

THE PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED until Tuesday 27th June at 10am. Parish admin emails will be monitored but may not be responded to until the office reopens. For emergencies, please contact Fr Michael directly.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

The Sick: Corsham: Coleen Milne, 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. Pray for all suffering with Coronavirus, all in our hospitals, nursing homes and those who care for them.

RIP Anniversaries: Ada Smith, Peter Begen, Maureen Rosario, Paddy Treacey, Stuart Sharp, Mary Adair, Pat Willinson

The Holy Father's Prayer June Intention: We pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families.

Diocesan Prayer Link: St Mary-on-the-Quay, Bristol with St James Priory.

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.

June - The Month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus



June is known as the month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus because the solemnity of the Sacred Heart is celebrated during this month. This year, the solemnity falls on June 16th. The date changes each year because it is celebrated on the Friday after the Corpus Christi octave, or the Friday after the second Sunday after Pentecost. The feast dates back to 1673, when a French nun belonging to the Order of the Visitation of Holy Mary (Visitandines) in France began to receive visions about the Sacred Heart. Jesus appeared to Sister Margaret Mary Alacoque and revealed ways to venerate his Sacred Heart and explained the immense love he has for humanity, appearing with his heart visible outside his chest, on fire, and surrounded by a crown of thorns. Jesus told Sister Margaret Mary: "My Sacred Heart is so intense in its love for men, and for you in particular, that not being able to contain within it the flames of its ardent charity, they must be transmitted through all means."

A short Act of Consecration to the Sacred Heart

Sacred Heart of Jesus,
filled with infinite love,
broken by my ingratitude,
pierced by my sins,
yet loving me still,
accept the consecration which I make to you,
of all that I am and all that I have.
Take every faculty of my soul and body,
and draw me, day by day, nearer and nearer to your sacred side:
There, as I can hear the lesson,
teach me your blessed ways. 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.

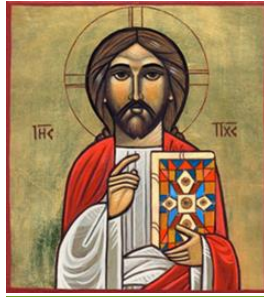
We pray for the world
that in this moment of crisis,
we may reach out in solidarity
to our brothers and sisters in need.

May we walk in your ways
so that peace and justice
become a reality for the people of Ukraine
and for all the world.

Amen.

THE WORD THIS WEEK

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME A



First reading

A reading from the book of Exodus

Exodus 19:2-6

From Rephidim the sons of Israel set out again; and when they reached the wilderness of Sinai, there in the wilderness they pitched their camp; there facing the mountain Israel pitched camp.

Moses then went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, ‘Say this to the House of Jacob, declare this to the sons of Israel, “You yourselves have seen what I did with the Egyptians, how I carried you on eagle’s wings and brought you to myself. From this you know that now, if you obey my voice and hold fast to my covenant, you of all the nations shall be my very own for all the earth is mine. I will count you a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation.”’

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 99(100):2-3,5

*We are his people,
the sheep of his flock.*

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Serve the Lord with gladness.
Come before him, singing for joy.

Know that he, the Lord, is God.
He made us, we belong to him,
we are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Indeed, how good is the Lord,
eternal his merciful love.
He is faithful from age to age.

Second reading

Romans 5:6-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God's anger? When we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we have been reconciled, surely, we may count on being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Jn10:27

Alleluia, alleluia!
The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice,
says the Lord,
I know them and they follow me.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 9:36-10:8

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

When Jesus saw the crowds he felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest.'

He summoned his twelve disciples, and gave them authority over unclean spirits with power to cast them out and to cure all kinds of diseases and sickness.

These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, the one who was to betray him. These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them as follows:

'Do not turn your steps to pagan territory, and do not enter any Samaritan town; go rather to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. And as you go, proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out devils. You received without charge, give without charge.'

The Gospel of the Lord