

THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF CHIPPENHAM & CORSHAM

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THE TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

5pm (Sat) (Ch) Vigil Mass (*Vicky Orr*)

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

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

Monday 2nd October

Holy Guardian Angels

No Mass

Tuesday 3rd October

Weekday in OT

10.30am St Mary's School Mass

(No Mass in Church today)

Wednesday 4th October

Saint Francis of Assisi

12pm Mass (Cor) (*Terry Yates*)

Thursday 5th October

Saint Faustina Kowalska, Religious

12.10pm Mass (Ch) (*Teresa Arthur*)

Friday 6th October

Weekday in OT

12pm Mass (Cor) (*Ruby*)

Saturday 7th October

Our Lady of the Rosary

4.15pm Eucharistic Adoration (Ch)

4.20pm – 4.50pm Confessions (Ch)

4.50pm Benediction (Ch)

THE TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

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

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

11am (Ch) Sung Mass (*Rupert Rhymes*)

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR A

RCIA (JOURNEY IN FAITH) We warmly invite all who would like to know more about Jesus Christ and the Catholic Faith to our opening session on Tuesday 17th October 2023 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.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY APPEAL Friday 6th October 2023. Please collect your CAFOD envelope and return it to mass next weekend. Here is one example of CAFOD's valuable work. Dr Nasha's mobile medical clinic gets life-saving help to where it's needed most, so when her team arrived in Meera's village in Pakistan after it had been destroyed by flooding, Meera rushed to the clinic to get her children the treatment they needed. Donate to CAFOD today so that more families can get the expert help they need. Please use the envelope in church or give online at cafod.org.uk

HARVEST SUPPER is celebrated on Friday 6th October in St Patrick's Hall. Entrance by free ticket from Lorraine Miller. There will be a raffle and donations are invited. All are very welcome from both parishes.

ECUMENICAL BIBLE SUNDAY SERVICE at St Patrick's Church at 6pm on Sunday 8th October. Come and celebrate the gift of God's word and enjoy tea/coffee and cake in the church hall after the service. All welcome.

BAPTISM The next Baptismal preparation session takes place on Saturday 14th October from 10.30am to 12pm in St Patrick's church hall, Corsham. If you are hoping to have your child baptized at Corsham or Chippenham soon, we ask you to attend. Regular attendance at mass is also a vital preparation for the sacrament. Please could you let Teresa Gosling, Parish Administrator, know if you are planning to attend.

ST MARY'S PRESBYTERY We have a major problem with the roof and you will see scaffolding has been erected on the presbytery. We ask you to take extra care around the house. We have also discovered electrical faults in the building and these have to be resolved before we can let the house to Ukrainian refugees. However, we need volunteers to prepare the house for occupation and we would like to invite you to join us on **Friday 13th October at 9.30am** to start this work. Please just come along to the presbytery – the more the merrier!

PROPARENT Promoting Confident Parenting. ProParent's hubs bring together 4-8 couples to share experiences, promote learning and form lasting friendships. We are fortunate to have local co-ordinators in the parish, Sam and Sarah Savelli, who can be contacted on 07907 732997.

KITTIWAKE (Teaching Ukrainian and Syrian refugees English) urgently needs volunteers to help run our creche. We would also be interested to hear from anyone can help these men and women to become fluent in English and the English way of life. Formal qualifications are not required – guidance and resources will be provided. The sessions take place on Fridays during school term time. They are held in St Andrews Church Hall (King Arthur's Hall) Chippenham and run from 11 am to 12.30 pm. Please contact Julia Brotherton jb141@aol.com or 01249651783

DOORWAY is having its annual Harvest food collection and is asking for donations of tins and packets of food. Collections can be dropped off most days at their office, The Citadel, Chippenham (Monday to Thursday).

WE ARE THE PEOPLE OF GOD - We are delighted to welcome for this series: Dr Gemma Simmonds CJ - 4 October. 'For a Synodal Church - an integral experience' Dr Greg Ryan - 10 October. '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](#)

COVID CASES RISING As we approach flu season and Covid cases are again rising, we ask all parishioners to be mindful of the elderly and the vulnerable. If you display any symptoms of Covid, do not come to Mass until you have tested negative. If you feel more comfortable coming to church in a mask, please feel free to do so.

CONFIRMATION CATECHISTS from both parishes are warmly invited to a meeting at 7pm on Wednesday 8th November in the Parish office in Chippenham to begin planning for the course next year. Would you please let Teresa (our Parish Administrator) know if you are able to come along.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2024 Thursday 11th July. Would any young people or adults wishing to be confirmed please contact the parish office to register as soon as possible. Candidates must be 13 or in Year 9 or over

TIME FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL If you have a Year 6 child (born between 1 September 2012 and 31 August 2013), then NOW is the time to apply for their secondary school place for September 2024. To make your application to either 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 additionally complete their Supplementary Information form on the school's website and provide the school with a copy of your child's baptism certificate, both by 31st October 2023.

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

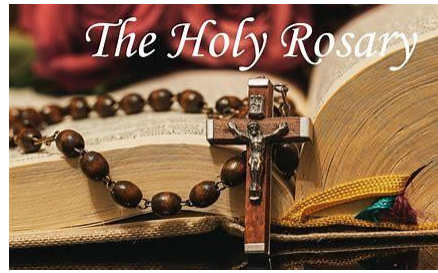
RIP Anniversaries: Ann Doran, Philip Butler, Ernest Gadsden, Hilda Griffiths, John Burrowes, Janet Pordage, Salv Mallia, Mike Liston, Bryn Rees, Robert Connor, Teresa Arthur, Tom O'Neill.

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 Peter, Cirencester, St Aldhelm, Malmesbury/St Michael, Tetbury

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.

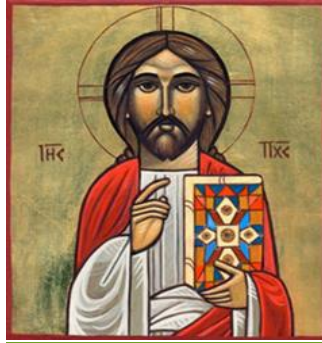
We pray for the world that in this moment of crisis,
we may reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters in need.

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

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First reading

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

Ezekiel 18:25-28

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: ‘You object, “What the Lord does is unjust.” Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.’

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Remember your mercy, Lord.

Psalm 24(25):4-9

Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour.

Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord.

The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
He guides the humble in the right path,
He teaches his way to the poor.

Second reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

Philippians 2:1-11

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that

nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:

His state was divine,
yet he did not cling
to his equality with God
but emptied himself
to assume the condition of a slave,
and became as men are;
and being as all men are,
he was humbler yet,
even to accepting death,
death on a cross.
But God raised him high
and gave him the name
which is above all other names
so that all beings in the heavens,
on earth and in the underworld,
should bend the knee at the name of Jesus
and that every tongue should acclaim
Jesus Christ as Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

If anyone loves me he will keep my word,
and my Father will love him,
and we shall come to him.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 21:28-32

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

The Gospel of the Lord