

THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF CHIPPENHAM & CORSHAM

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TWENTIETH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

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

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

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

Monday 21st August

Saint Pius X, Pope No Mass

Tuesday 22nd August

The Queenship of

the Blessed Virgin Mary

12.10pm (Ch) pm with Baptism (*Pat Hall*)

Wednesday 23rd August

Saint Rose of Lima, Virgin

12pm Mass (Cor) (*Savelli First Anniversary*)

Thursday 24th August

Feast of Saint Bartholomew, Apostle

12.10pm Mass (Ch) (*Reunion of a Marriage*)

Friday 25th August Weekday in OT

12pm Mass (Cor) (*Brendan Falvey*)

Saturday 26th August

Blessed Dominic of the Mother of God

4.15pm Eucharistic Adoration (Ch)

4.20pm – 4.50pm Confessions (Ch)

4.50pm Benediction (Ch)

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

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

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

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ST MARY'S FEAST OF TITLE thanks to all who helped to make the celebration of the Solemnity of Mary's Assumption such a lovely occasion. Thank you to those who provided our music and to those who helped with refreshments. It was wonderful for us to come together socially after Mass.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED This weekend we welcome Nick Fogg from the 'Aid to the Church in Need.' Nick will be giving a short talk about ACN at each mass over the two parishes.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD (CLOW) will begin in the autumn at St Patrick's at the 9am Sunday Mass twice a month. Thank you to those who have volunteered to make this possible. Unfortunately, we have had no volunteers to enable this ministry to start at St Mary's.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2024 Bishop Declan will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for our parishes on Thursday 11th July next year. Thanks to those who have already registered for the preparation program. Would any young people or adults wishing to be confirmed please contact the parish office to register. 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.

WORLD YOUTH DAY Have a look on the Clifton Diocese website to see short films made by the pilgrims who attended World Youth Day in Lisbon <https://cliftondiocese.com/world-youth-day-2023/>. The Pope has announced that the next World Youth Day will be held in Seoul, South Korea in 2027.

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.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING our next joint parish Council meeting will be held in Corsham on 14th September at 7pm. We would like to thank Frank Harvey for all his wonderful and sterling work as PPC Chair over the past years. Frank is retiring from this post but continues as a member of our Finance and Fabric Committee.

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.

MASS OFFERING ENVELOPES are now available again in Church or through the Parish Office. If you would like to request a Mass intention, please fill one out and enclose any offering and give to Fr Michael or our Administrator. It is also helpful to state in which Church (St Mary's or St Patrick's) you would like the Mass offered. If you do not mind, please mark 'any Church' and often we will be able to schedule the mass a little sooner for you. Please remember that the Sunday 9am Mass at St Patrick's is not available as it is always celebrated 'pro populo', for the people of the Parish, as is one of the weekend Masses at St Mary's.

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. To sign up for the series, click on the following link: [Meeting Registration – Zoom](#)

ALZHEIMER'S CHARITY FUND RAISER Mathew Hendricks-Birtles has asked for donations of used birthday and occasional cards as he is trying to raise his 11th x £1000 before Christmas. Please could you leave the cards at the back of St Mary's Church for him as this would be very much appreciated.

SCHOOL FOUNDATION GOVERNORS or Trust Director are still needed in our schools. Please contact Bill McEntee at Clifton Diocese via bill.mcentee@cliftondiocese.com or on 07710094976 if you would like to be a governor or director or for more information.

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.

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! If you are going on holiday, do remember to check Mass times in advance to ensure that you have details of your holiday Masses. A good site to check is www.catholiclocks.com

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: Doreen Duckman, John Doohan (Funeral Mass St Patrick's 30th August 12pm)

RIP Anniversaries: Caroline Fossacecco, Catherine Law, Jessie Kent, Patrick Harmon, Geraldine Salako.

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: English Martyrs, Chard with Crewkerne & Ilminster.

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.

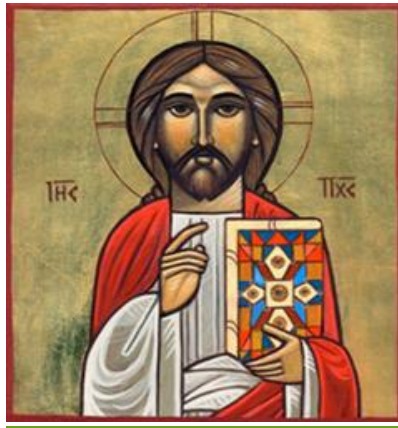
A Prayer for Ukraine



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 prophet Isaiah

Isaiah 56:1,6-7

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

*Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.*

Psalm 66(67):2-3,5-6,8

O God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help.

Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him.

Second reading

Romans 11:13-15,29-32

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.

Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

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 15:21-28

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.

The Gospel of the Lord