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THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME A

“SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD” Today we pray for openness to 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) Scripture, says the Second Vatican Council (Dei Verbum 21), is “food for the soul.” Who eats 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.

THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 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.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS to Jane and Peter Wragg who are celebrating their Golden Wedding this weekend. They will receive an 50th Anniversary blessing at Mass in Corsham today.

“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.

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 S In Thanksgiving*)

Mon 23rd January No Mass

Tue 24th January

St Francis de Sales, Bp, Dr

12.10pm Mass (Ch) (*Unity of Christians*)

Wed 25th January Feast of the

Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle

12pm Mass (Cor) (*Benefactors*)

Thurs 26th January

Ss Timothy & Titus, Bps

12.10pm Mass (Ch) (*Jane Kelson*)

Fri 27th January Weekday in OT

12pm Mass (Cor) (*Private Intention*)

Sat 28th January

St Thomas Aquinas P, Dr

29TH JANUARY 2023

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4.20pm – 4.50pm (Sat) Confessions

4.15pm Eucharistic Adoration (Ch)

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

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

11am (Ch) Sung Mass

CHIPPENHAM 100 CLUB We are reviewing the 100 Club to see if the cost of administering it outweighs the financial benefit to the Parish. If you have strong views either way then please contact Teresa Gosling. A big thank you to everyone that has contributed in the last year, the proceeds have helped towards the purchase of the beautiful six altar candle sticks.

NEXT FILM NIGHT on 'Catholicism' by Bishop Robert Baron will be held in St Patrick's Hall Corsham, on Thursday 26th January at 7.30pm beginning with drinks and nibbles.

CHRISTIAN ECO-FRIENDS - NEW MINISTRY FOR SINGLE CHRISTIANS There is a brilliant new Ministry for single Christians in our Diocese! Christian Eco-Friends is the place for single Christians to connect through team events which help save our Planet, Our Common Home. To book on the next event - helping to re-green Stoke Park in Bristol on February 4th - see here to book: <https://christianecofriends.co.uk/events/>

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>.

ADULT FORMATION AND EVANGELISATION OFFICER Are you passionate about your faith and have a desire to share it with others? The person appointed to this role will be someone committed to the mission of the Church, a confident communicator, able to promote the Gospel and support parishes to grow in their capacity to be places of mission and outreach. He or she will work closely with the Officer for Caritas and Environment on some joint projects, particularly in the area of Youth Ministry. If you are interested in such a role and would like to work for Clifton Diocese, please send your application to Sarah.Adams@cliftondiocese.com. For more information and an informal conversation, prior to applying, please contact Sarah Adams, Director for the Department of Adult Education and Evangelisation, on 0117 902 5595. Further Information and Application form can be found here: <https://cliftondiocese.com/diocese/working-for-us/> Closing Date for Applications: Friday 11th February 2023; interviews week beginning Monday 20th February 2023.

CAFOD The Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, are looking for people to give some time (could be as little as 2 minutes short talk twice a year) and join them in their mission in schools or churches. Training and support is provided. See cafod.org.uk/Volunteer for more information or get in touch with clifton@cafod.org.uk

SACRMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION) is celebrated in Chippenham on Saturday at 4.20pm to 4.50pm and at Corsham after the midweek mass or by arrangement with Fr Michael.

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

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

The Sick: Corsham: Julia Wright, Coleen Milne, Tony Tredgett, Richard Keat, Anne Keat, Sheila Taylor, Christopher Brawl, Julia Wright, Lindsay Price, Derek Keohane. Chippenham: Graham Masters, Jason Harbour, 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: Pauline Feeney, Christine Flannery, Jane Kelson (Funeral Mass Tue 31st Jan 12.1pm Ch)

RIP Anniversaries: Gerry Arthur, Tom Allen, Timothy Bishop, Margaret Jennings, Ellen Melchert

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: Sacred Heart, Tisbury, with Wardour

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.

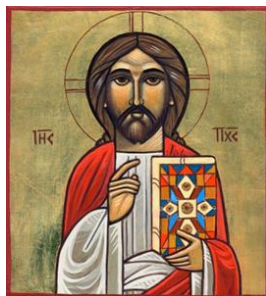
A Prayer for Ukraine



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 8:23-9:3

In days past the Lord humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in days to come he will confer glory on the Way of the Sea on the far side of Jordan, province of the nations.

The people that walked in darkness
has seen a great light;
on those who live in a land of deep shadow
a light has shone.

You have made their gladness greater,
you have made their joy increase;
they rejoice in your presence
as men rejoice at harvest time,
as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils.
For the yoke that was weighing on him,
the bar across his shoulders,
the rod of his oppressor –
these you break as on the day of Midian.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 26(27):1,4,13-14

The Lord is my light and my help.

The Lord is my light and my help;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
before whom shall I shrink?

There is one thing I ask of the Lord,
for this I long,
to live in the house of the Lord,
all the days of my life,
to savour the sweetness of the Lord,
to behold his temple.

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness
in the land of the living.
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.
Hope in the Lord!

Second reading

1 Corinthians 1:10-13,17

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

I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between you, and instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice. From what Chloe's people have been telling me, my dear brothers, it is clear that there are serious differences among you. What I mean are all these slogans that you have, like: 'I am for Paul', 'I am for Apollos', 'I am for Cephas', 'I am for Christ.' Has Christ been parcelled out? Was it Paul that was crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul?

For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the Good News, and not to preach that in the terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be expressed.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

cf.Mt4:23

Alleluia, alleluia!
Jesus proclaimed the Good News of the kingdom
and cured all kinds of sickness among the people.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 4:12-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Hearing that John had been arrested, Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled:

‘Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali!
Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan,
Galilee of the nations!
The people that lived in darkness has seen a great light;
on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death
a light has dawned.’

From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.’

As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee he saw two brothers, Simon, who was called Peter, and his brother Andrew; they were making a cast in the lake with their net, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, ‘Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.’ And they left their nets at once and followed him.

Going on from there he saw another pair of brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they were in their boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. At once, leaving the boat and their father, they followed him.

He went round the whole of Galilee teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom and curing all kinds of diseases and sickness among the people.

The Gospel of the Lord