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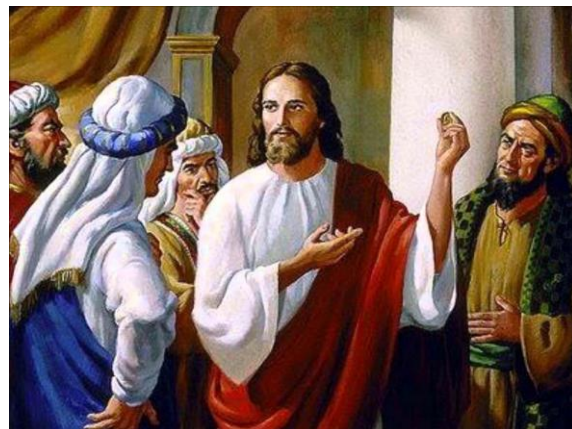
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TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR A

THE FIRST SESSION OF OUR JOURNEY IN FAITH (RCIA) takes place **Tuesday 24th October at 7pm** in St Mary's Office Chippenham. 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 at Easter. We look forward to welcoming you.

SPECIAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE HOLY LAND In response to the horrific violence and deep suffering of the people of the Holy Land, Pope Francis has invited us to participate in a day of prayer, fasting and penance for peace next **Friday, 27th October 2023**. This invitation is to people of all Christian denominations and other religions and all those who advocate a peaceful and just solution. The central event in Rome is an hour of prayer at 6pm in St Peter's Square. We are holding a special day of Adoration/ Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament from 12pm to 7pm at St Mary's which is open to both parishes. The Angelus and Liturgy of the Word is celebrated at 12pm, followed by the prayer Vigil. Please use the sign-up sheet at the back of the church to ensure that the Vigil is fully covered. You are invited to take a slot of 30 minutes. Let us make this day of prayer a priority in our busy schedules.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY "Hearts on fire, feet on the move" is the theme Pope Francis chose for his message for the 97th World Mission Sunday, which this Sunday. Reflecting on three images from the story of the Apostles on the way to Emmaus, in the Gospel of Luke, the Pope encourages "the faithful to renew ... [their] zeal for evangelization in today's world". The full text is available at [World Mission Sunday 2023 | EWTN](http://WorldMissionSunday2023.EWTN) World Mission Sunday supports evangelization and faith formation in dioceses where the Church is young, poor, and persecuted. There is a special collection for 'MISSIO.'

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2024 enrolment 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.

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5pm (Sat) (Ch) Vigil Mass

(World Mission)

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

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

Monday 23rd October

Weekday in OT No Mass

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Wednesday 25th October

Weekday in OT

12pm Mass (Cor)

Thursday 26th October

Saints Chad and Cedd, Bishops

12.10pm Mass (Ch)

Friday 27th October

Weekday in OT No Mass (Cor)

12pm Angelus & Liturgy of the

Word (Ch) followed by Peace Vigil

for the Holy Land until 7pm

Saturday 28th October

Feast of Ss Simon & Jude, Apostles

4.15pm Eucharistic Adoration (Ch)

4.50pm Benediction (Ch)

THE THIRTIETH

SUNDAY OF THE YEAR A

5pm (Sat) (Ch) Vigil Mass

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

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

ALL SAINTS - HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION The Solemnity of All Saints falls this year on Wednesday 1st November. Masses will be celebrated at 12pm at Corsham and 6pm at Chippenham. The following day we celebrate the Commemoration of all the faithful departed (All Soul's) Requiem Masses will be celebrated at 12.10pm at Chippenham and 6pm in Corsham. All Catholics should try to ensure they attend Mass on All Saints Day.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY Please join us after the 9am Mass at St Patrick's on Sunday 12th November for a live streaming of the National Service of Remembrance from the Cenotaph on Whitehall. We'll be showing the BBC live coverage on the big screen in St Patrick's Church Hall. Sandwiches and snacks will be provided. All are welcome.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2024 Thursday 11th 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.

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 during November, please let Fr Michael or Teresa know and that can be arranged or fill out a Mass request envelope available in Church.

WE ARE THE PEOPLE OF GOD - We are delighted to welcome for this series: 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 8th November at 7pm in the Office at St Mary's. Please let Teresa, our Parish Administrator know if you can make it.

MISSIO/MILL HILL MASSES There will be two Missio Masses this year: one on Tuesday 24th October at the Immaculate Conception, Stroud; and the other on Thursday 26th 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. Dave Wheat will also be speaking to our own parishes on Missio on the weekend of 18th/19th November.

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

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK If you know of somebody who is unwell and would appreciate being brought Holy Communion and the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, please let Fr Michael or Teresa (Office) know.

THE PARISH OFFICE will be closed on Tuesday 24th October and re-open on Thursday 26th October.

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.

Recently Departed: Fr Donal Daly.

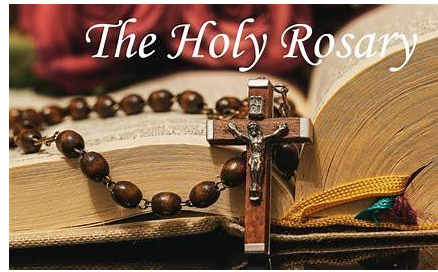
RIP Anniversaries: Eileen Evans, Almyra Tierney, Kitty Witts, Beryl Beames.

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: Immaculate Conception, Devizes with Lavington.

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.

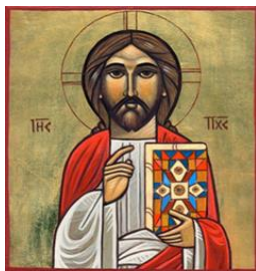
A Prayer for Ukraine



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-NINTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR A



First reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Isaiah 45:1,4-6

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whom he has taken by his right hand
to subdue nations before him
and strip the loins of kings,
to force gateways before him
that their gates be closed no more:

‘It is for the sake of my servant Jacob,
of Israel my chosen one,
that I have called you by your name,
conferring a title though you do not know me.
I am the Lord, unrivalled;
there is no other God besides me.
Though you do not know me, I arm you
that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun
that, apart from me, all is nothing.’

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Give the Lord glory and power.

Psalm 95(96):1,3-5,7-10

O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
Tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples.

The Lord is great and worthy of praise,
to be feared above all gods;
the gods of the heathens are naught.
It was the Lord who made the heavens,

Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
give the Lord glory and power;
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Bring an offering and enter his courts.

Worship the Lord in his temple.
O earth, tremble before him.
Proclaim to the nations: ‘God is king.’
He will judge the peoples in fairness.

Second reading

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

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

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your word is truth, O Lord:
consecrate us in the truth.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 22:15-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.'

The Gospel of the Lord