

THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF CHIPPENHAM & CORSHAM

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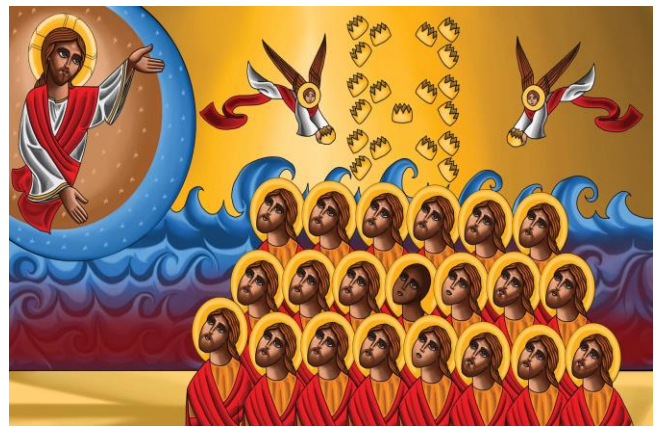
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Monday 30th October

Weekday in OT No Mass

Tuesday 31st October

Weekday in OT No Mass

Wednesday 1st November

THE SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

12pm Mass (Cor) & 6pm Mass (Ch)

Thursday 2nd November

THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

12.10pm Requiem Mass (Ch)

6pm Requiem Mass (Cor)

Friday 3rd November

Saint Martin de Porres, Religious

12pm Mass (Cor)

Saturday 4th November

Saint Charles Borromeo, Bp

4.20pm-4.50pm Confessions (Ch)

4.15pm Eucharistic Adoration (Ch)

4.50pm Benediction (Ch)

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SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS On this beautiful feast we honour all the saints, known and unknown, who have entered Heaven. Our friends in heaven, that great cloud of witnesses, pray with us and for us. 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, when we pray for all the holy souls. All should try to ensure they attend Mass on All Saints Day as this is a holyday of obligation.

RCIA - JOURNEY IN FAITH For those interested in being baptized or becoming a Catholic or those who just want to know a bit more about the Catholic Faith, our 'Journey in Faith' sessions have now begun. They take place on Tuesday evenings at 7pm in the office at St Mary's Chippenham. We look forward to welcoming you.

SPECIAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE HOLY LAND Please continue to pray for the Holy Land and thank you to all those who took the time out of their day for Prayer and Adoration on Friday.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 12th November. Requiem masses for the fallen with an act of remembrance will be held at 9am and 11am. There will also be a live streaming of the National Service of Remembrance from the Cenotaph on Whitehall on the big screen in St Patrick's Hall after Mass. Sandwiches and snacks provided. All are welcome.

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN GAZA The Latin Parish has a compound consisting of the church, presbytery, parish hall, Convent of the Incarnate Word and the Missionary of Charity (Mother Teresa's Sisters) Convent. The Sisters of Mother Teresa look after an orphanage with 54 children and a Residential Home for the Elderly. Outside the compound they have two schools, one LPJ school and the other looked after by the Rosary Sisters. None of the Christian community have decided to leave the area and travel south to the Rafah Crossing which is where the Israeli Defense Force have told people to go. Currently the Latin Church buildings are sheltering approximately 500 people and the Church is providing food and somewhere to stay. They have decided not to go to Rafah as they believe it will be more dangerous and want to 'stay close to Jesus' in the church! Please keep them in your prayers and do not forget them.

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 a departed loved one, family or 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.

CONFIRMATION CATECHISTS Thank you to 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 to outline the program. Please let Teresa, our Parish Administrator know if you can make it.

THE SPIRITAN FATHERS Each year the diocese assigns us a priest for a Mission appeal. A member of the Congregation of the Holy Ghost will speak at all masses next weekend on the work of the missions.

CHIPPENHAM & CORSHAM FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION 2024 Prior to registering, we ask families to attend Sunday Mass so that the child understands and experiences the presence of Christ in the liturgy. 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/>.

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.

DON'T FORGET THE HOLY SPIRIT Fr Matt Anscombe visits St Anthony's Melksham on Friday 3rd November for a Holy Spirit evening. Mass at 7.00 pm, followed by tea and coffee and then a time of prayer, teaching and testimony in the church. The evening ends around 9.00 pm. Everyone is very welcome.

SYNOD EXPERIENCE DAY on Saturday 11th November at St Mary's Church, Julian Road, Bath. The day will be led by Austen Ivereigh, biographer & friend of Pope Francis, freshly returned from the Rome Synod. Check out his website www.austeni.org/ To book: Email stephen-paradox@outlook.com. Please bring a packed lunch.

"SENT/SEEN" is a formation day for young people by the Department for Adult Education and Evangelisation. We invite any 14 - 17-year-olds (Year 10-12) to come and join us at St Johns Parish Hall in Trowbridge on 18th November from 10am – 4pm for an opportunity to personally encounter Christ in, through, and with those around them. There is a limit of 50 participants, so you need to register ASAP to secure a place. Lunch will be provided. To register, or to ask questions, please email youth@cliftondiocese.com or call the Department of Adult Education and Evangelisation between 8.30am and 4.30pm at 0117 902 5595.

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.

END OF BRITISH SUMMER TIME Don't forget to change your clocks this weekend!

THE PARISH OFFICE will be closed on Tuesday 31st October and re-open on Thursday 2nd November.

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.

Recently Departed: Julia Brotherton (*Funeral Mass Thursday 9th November at 12.10pm at St Mary's*).

RIP Anniversaries: Leah Shrimpton, Susan Connor, Veronica Francome, Larry O'Toole, Baby Art Gatland, Dahlia Masters, Sarah Jillings, Ron Knight, Julia Shaw.

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: The Abbey Church, Downside, with St Benedict, Stratton-on-the-Fosse.

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.

November – The Month of the Holy Souls



Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his faithful ones.” Psalm 116:15

The month of November each year is dedicated to commemorating those who have died and departed to their heavenly home. It begins with All Saints Day celebrated on November 1st to remember all the numerous holy souls who died and are believed to have entered into Heaven. As only some of the popular saints have specific dates dedicated as feasts for remembering them, this day is celebrated to mainly honour all those holy souls that have entered into Heaven and do not have any specific day dedicated in their honour.

November 2nd is celebrated as the Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (All Souls Day) to remember all who have gone before us in the faith. This practice of remembering all the dead is believed to have been instituted by St Odilo of Cluny in the year 1030. He was the fifth Benedictine Abbot of Cluny and is believed to have instituted the annual commemoration of all the faithful departed on November 2nd every year in Cluny and his monasteries. He called for the day to be observed by the members of his community with almsgiving, prayers and sacrifices for the relief of the suffering souls in purgatory. This was eventually added to the calendar of the Catholic Church and today is celebrated to honour all the dead.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church says *“Each man receives his eternal retribution in his immortal soul at the very moment of his death, in a particular judgement that refers his life to Christ: either entrance into the blessedness of heaven- through purification or immediately, or immediate and everlasting damnation.” (CCC:1022)*. Hence those who have lived in God’s grace and friendship and are perfectly purified enter into Heaven immediately on death whilst those who die in God’s grace and friendship but still are imperfectly purified will eventually enter Heaven but will undergo purification prior to that. The Church gives the name ‘Purgatory’ to this final purification of the elect. This month is dedicated to these holy souls who are in Purgatory and are being purified. We who are on earth can help these holy souls in their purification by praying for them. The Church from very beginning has always honoured the memory of the dead by offering Holy Masses and prayers, through almsgiving, indulgences and works of penances undertaken for the dead.

Let us dedicate ourselves to praying for the souls of all our departed loved ones as well as those who have no one to pray for them on earth.

**Listen kindly to our prayers, O Lord,
and, as our faith in your Son, raised from the dead, is deepened,
so may our hope of resurrection for your departed servants also find new strength.
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.**

Prayer for Reconciliation and Peace in the Holy Land



God of justice and peace
We bring before you the Israeli and Palestinian people
in all their need, pain and fear.
Bring an end to humiliation and injustice, corruption and violence.
Prosper those who work for peace with justice.
May all peoples enjoy security and prosperity.
We ask this through your Son, the Prince of peace,
Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

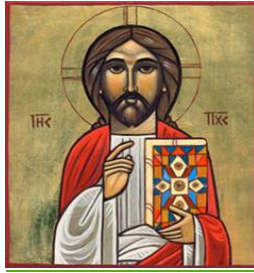
A Prayer for Ukraine



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 book of Exodus

Exodus 22:20-26

The Lord said to Moses, “Tell the sons of Israel this: “You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans.

“If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.

“If you take another’s cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity.”’

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

I love you, Lord, my strength.

Psalm 17(18):2-4,47,51

I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise,
when I call I am saved from my foes.

Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be the God who saves me,
He has given great victories to his king
and shown his love for his anointed.

Second reading

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

1 Thessalonians 1:5-10

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants

of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Open our heart, O Lord,
to accept the words of your Son.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 22:34-40

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: You must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

The Gospel of the Lord