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SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY A

TRINITY SUNDAY celebrates the mystery of the Holy Trinity, one God in three persons. Today's Gospel passage follows Jesus' conversation with a Pharisee, Nicodemus, about what it means to be born of both water and the spirit. Nicodemus approaches Jesus at night and acknowledges Jesus as a teacher from God. Jesus tells him that only those who are born from above will see the Kingdom of God. Nicodemus misunderstands and questions how a person can be born more than once. Jesus tells Nicodemus that no one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. Jesus is essentially explaining Baptism, which we celebrate as a sacrament today. Yet Nicodemus, we are told, still does not understand what Jesus is saying. Jesus continues by testifying to the need to be born from above so that one might have eternal life. After the dialogue with Nicodemus, John offers his own explanation of Jesus' words which we read in today's Gospel, John 3:16-18. The Gospel calls our attention to the action of God, who reveals himself in three persons: God the Father, Jesus the Son, and the Holy Spirit. God the Father, out of love for the world, sent his Son into the world in order to save it. Through the death and resurrection of the Son, we have been given the gift of the Holy Spirit. As three persons, God acts always as a God of love; he does not condemn the world but acts to save it. The Gospel also calls attention to the response that is required of us. God's love for us calls us to respond in faith by professing our belief in God's son, Jesus, and the salvation that he has won for us. This profession of faith (Creed) is a sign of the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

SECOND COLLECTION PRIESTS RETIREMENT FUND for our diocese. This annual collection helps support our sick and retired priests. It allows us to help retired priests living on their own with rental costs and utility bills; it goes towards care home fees where needed; and also enables us to help with medical costs. We currently pay out about £300,000 per year to support our sick and retired priests. Your generosity is much appreciated, and we do hope that you are able to make a generous donation. You will find information leaflets in Church.

JOINT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 7pm Thursday 8th June at St Mary's Office Chippenham.

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

5pm (Sat) (Ch) Vigil Mass (*Maeiya*)

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

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

Monday 5th June St Boniface, Bp, Mr

No Mass

Tuesday 6th June Weekday in OT

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

Wednesday 7th June Weekday in OT

12.00pm (Cor) (*Int of family & Vasil & Svitlana*)

Thursday 8th June Weekday in OT

12.10pm Mass (Ch) (*Mary & Stephen Lawlor*)

Friday 9th June St Columba, Abbot

12.00pm Mass (Cor) (*Fr Millet*)

Saturday 10th June Weekday in OT

4.15pm Eucharistic Adoration (Ch)

4.20pm - 4.50pm Confessions (Ch)

4.50pm Benediction

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)

5pm (Sat) (Ch) Vigil Mass (*Fr Millet*)

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

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

QUIZ NIGHT at St Patrick's Corsham on Saturday 1st July at 6.30pm in aid of the Corsham Churches Foodbank. Everyone is welcome. Teams of six please and a special round for children. Please bring your own drinks and snacks. There will be a raffle and donations of prizes will be gratefully appreciated. Tickets: £5 per adult, children free. Everyone will need to register (incl. children) so we can monitor numbers. Either scan the QR code on posters in church or see <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/quiz-night-tickets-639812385067>. Please pay cash on the door or Lorraine, Guy or Ewan in advance.

ST MARY'S FINANCE COMMITTEE We are still looking for people to join a finance committee. A finance committee is required by the Canon Law of the Church. Do you have experience in finance or work in this area or feel you could help in some way? We need your help as a matter of urgency. Please see Fr Michael or Teresa.

GATHERING FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION Our rescheduled 'get together' will be held on Tuesday 4th July at 6pm at St Mary's. This is for ministers who take Holy Communion to the sick and the housebound of both parishes, to enable us to coordinate cover and discuss pastoral needs. EMHC who do not presently take communion to the sick would be most welcome as our housebound numbers are rising.

SPUC (Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child) is holding a Petition Day on 1st to 2nd July 2023 asking the government to stop funding China who have a policy of forced abortions despite the ending of the One Child Policy, particularly against the Uyghur population. In 2020-21 the UK government sent China £60 million. Sadly, many women are pressured to have abortions in this country too and you can read more about this on their website at <https://www.spuc.org.uk/complicit>.

ANNUAL GLASTONBURY PILGRIMAGE Bishop Declan will be leading the annual Glastonbury Pilgrimage on Sunday 9th July 2023. For detailed information, please see the poster for more information.

PARISH BBQ Sunday 23rd July at 3pm. Summer Parish BBQ in St Patrick's Church grounds, Corsham. Please bring your own drinks/cups, something to sit on (chair or picnic blanket) plus a salad or dessert to share. Burgers, sausages and rolls will be provided. If you have any special dietary requirements, please supply your own items to avoid any cross-contamination. Please book online for catering purposes. Please scan the QR code on posters or go to <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/parish-bbq-tickets-639817410097> All welcome.

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 our Administrator and we will be very happy to arrange this.

ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL is looking for volunteers to take on the role of Foundation Governor to help lead the school for future generations of Catholic and other children. "To be a governor of a Catholic School is to be involved in the mission of the Church because our Catholic schools are a very important part of our work for young people in the Church." (Cardinal Basil Hume) If you would like to be part of the school's journey and so be involved in the mission of the Church, please complete a nomination form <https://schools.cliftondiocese.com/form-2> as soon as possible. Further details from Bill McEntee at bill.mcentee@cliftondiocese.com or on 07710094976 – he would be delighted to hear from you! Alternatively contact Sharon Gilbert, via clerk@st-patricks.wilts.sch.uk

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: Coleen Milne, 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. Pray for all suffering with Coronavirus, all in our hospitals, nursing homes and those who care for them.

Recently Departed: Nicola Doyle. Margaret Quarmby.

RIP Anniversaries: Mollie McPherson, Patricia O'Neill, Jim O'Donovan, Janet Adams.

The Holy Father's Prayer June Intention: We pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families.

Diocesan Prayer Link: St Bonaventure, Bishopston, Bristol.

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

June - The Month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus



June is known as the month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus because the solemnity of the Sacred Heart is celebrated during this month. This year, the solemnity falls on June 16th. The date changes each year because it is celebrated on the Friday after the Corpus Christi octave, or the Friday after the second Sunday after Pentecost. The feast dates back to 1673, when a French nun belonging to the Order of the Visitation of Holy Mary (Visitandines) in France began to receive visions about the Sacred Heart. Jesus appeared to Sister Margaret Mary Alacoque and revealed ways to venerate his Sacred Heart and explained the immense love he has for humanity, appearing with his heart visible outside his chest, on fire, and surrounded by a crown of thorns. Jesus told Sister Margaret Mary: "My Sacred Heart is so intense in its love for men, and for you in particular, that not being able to contain within it the flames of its ardent charity, they must be transmitted through all means."

A short Act of Consecration to the Sacred Heart

Sacred Heart of Jesus,
filled with infinite love,
broken by my ingratitude,
pierced by my sins,
yet loving me still,
accept the consecration which I make to you,
of all that I am and all that I have.
Take every faculty of my soul and body,
and draw me, day by day, nearer and nearer to your sacred side:
There, as I can hear the lesson,
teach me your blessed ways. Amen

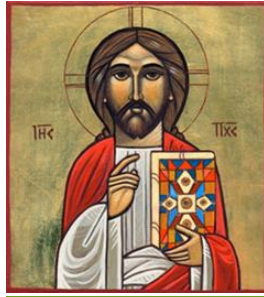
A Prayer for Ukraine



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.
Amen.

THE WORD THIS WEEK

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First reading

A reading from the book of Exodus

Exodus 34:4-6,8-9

With the two tablets of stone in his hands, Moses went up the mountain of Sinai in the early morning as the Lord had commanded him. And the Lord descended in the form of a cloud, and Moses stood with him there. He called on the name of the Lord. The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, 'Lord, Lord, a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness and faithfulness.' And Moses bowed down to the ground at once and worshipped. 'If I have indeed won your favour, Lord,' he said 'let my Lord come with us, I beg. True, they are a headstrong people, but forgive us our faults and our sins, and adopt us as your heritage.'

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Daniel 3:52-56

To you glory and praise for evermore.

You are blest, Lord God of our fathers.

Blest your glorious holy name.

You are blest in the temple of your glory.

You are blest on the throne of your kingdom.

You are blest who gaze into the depths.

You are blest in the firmament of heaven.

Second reading

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

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

Brothers, we wish you happiness; try to grow perfect; help one another. Be united; live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you.

Greet one another with the holy kiss. All the saints send you greetings.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

cf.Rv1:8

Alleluia, alleluia!
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
the God who is, who was, and who is to come.
Alleluia!

Gospel

John 3:16-18

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

‘God loved the world so much
that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost
but may have eternal life.
For God sent his Son into the world
not to condemn the world,
but so that through him the world might be saved.
No one who believes in him will be condemned;
but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already,
because he has refused to believe
in the name of God’s only Son.’

The Gospel of the Lord

