

THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF CHIPPENHAM & CORSHAM

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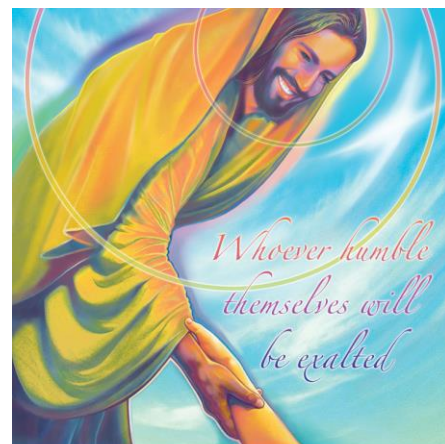
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5pm (Sat) (Ch) Vigil Mass (*Pro Populo*)

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

11am (Ch) Sung Mass (*McWilliams*)

Monday 6th November No Mass

Tuesday 7th November

Weekday in OT 12.10pm (Ch)

(Vernon Dixon)

Wednesday 8th November

Weekday in OT 12pm Mass (Cor)

(Barry Donoghue)

Thursday 9th November

Feast of the Dedication
of the Lateran Basilica

12.10pm Funeral Mass

of Julia Brotherton (Ch)

Friday 10th November

St Leo the Great, Pope, Dr

12pm Mass (Cor) (*Souls of 31 Ashfield Rd*)

Saturday 4th November

Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop

4.20pm-4.50pm Confessions (Ch)

4.15pm Eucharistic Adoration (Ch)

4.50pm Benediction (Ch)

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(Remembrance Sunday)

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

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THE SPIRITAN FATHERS Each year the diocese assigns us a priest for a Mission appeal. This week we welcome Fr Remigius Ndubuisi, a member of the Congregation of the Holy Ghost, who will speak at all masses on the work of the missions. There will be a collection at the end of mass for the Spiritan Fathers.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY next 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 most welcome.

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.

BOOKS OF REMEMBRANCE Our Books of Remembrance are available in the baptistries of our churches, next to the Easter Candle throughout the month of November. The Holy Souls will be remembered at Holy Mass.

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 our Parish Administrator know if you can make it.

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.

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 and we may welcome you as a family. 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/>.

GAZA CHRISTIANS 'Peace - we just want Peace' - A Sister at Gaza's Catholic parish – now caring for more families following the bombing of the local Orthodox church – has made a heartfelt plea for peace. Speaking to ACN by telephone, Sister Nabila, who is caring for Christians sheltering in Gaza's Holy Land parish complex, said they have no electricity and have resorted to drinking water from a well. The Sister, who highlighted concerns for 100 traumatised children she is looking after, said: "We just want peace. We have had six wars in Gaza. Children only know war." Read the full article at Aid to the Church in Need | Holy Land: Gaza Christians: 'Peace – we just want peace' (acnuk.org) ACN is dispatching food coupons, medicine and funds to cover electricity, water and other utilities, supporting families in Gaza, the West Bank and East Jerusalem. Among those ACN is supporting are Christians in Gaza sheltered by Sister Nabila's congregation. Please do whatever you can to help Sister Nabila care for the Christians in Gaza. Donate (acnuk.org) to donate and help suffering Christians in the Holy Land.

RIGHT TO LIFE UK "Let us pray for all those who are alone and suffering with a terminal illness in hospital or hospice care, that they might experience the love of Christ from their carers and that their suffering might be eased".

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.

CHIPPENHAM FINANCE & FABRIC COMMITTEE Tuesday 14th November in St Mary's Office at 12.45pm.

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.

LGBT+ MASS Sunday 19th November at 3pm at St Nicholas of Tolentino RC Church, Bristol. All are welcome. The mass is being streamed on the parish website <https://tolentino.org.uk>.

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.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION - CONFESSIONS are heard at St Mary's on Saturday between 4.20pm and 4.50pm and at St Patrick's after the weekday masses or by prior arrangement with Fr Michael.

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, 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: Anne-Marie Naylor, David Coath Sr, Pauline McNeice.

RIP Anniversaries: Peter Henley, Joseph Raeburn, Margaret Williams, John Finn, Charlie McCarthy, Fr Richard Veasey, Joan Cavaciuti.

The Holy Father's Prayer November Intention: For the Pope - We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfils his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

Diocesan Prayer Link: St Stanislaus, Dulverton; Sacred Heart, Minehead, with Watchet.

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

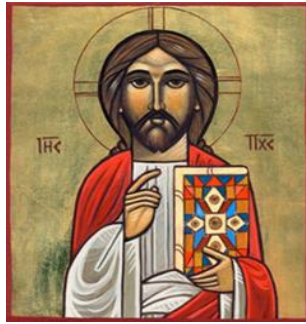
A Prayer for Ukraine



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 prophet Malachi

Malachi 1:14-2:2,8-10

I am a great king, says the Lord of Hosts, and my name is feared throughout the nations. And now, priests, this warning is for you. If you do not listen, if you do not find it in your heart to glorify my name, says the Lord of Hosts, I will send the curse on you and curse your very blessing. But you, you have strayed from the way; you have caused many to stumble by your teaching. You have destroyed the covenant of Levi, says the Lord of Hosts. And so I in my turn have made you contemptible and vile in the eyes of the whole people in repayment for the way you have not kept to my paths but have shown partiality in your administration.

Have we not all one Father? Did not one God create us? Why, then, do we break faith with one another, profaning the covenant of our ancestors?

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Keep my soul in peace before you, O Lord.

Psalm 130(131)

O Lord, my heart is not proud
nor haughty my eyes.
I have not gone after things too great
nor marvels beyond me.

Truly I have set my soul
in silence and peace.
A weaned child on its mother's breast,
even so is my soul.

O Israel, hope in the Lord
both now and forever.

Second reading

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

1 Thessalonians 2:7-9,13

Like a mother feeding and looking after her own children, we felt so devoted and protective towards you, and had come to love you so much, that we were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our whole lives as well. Let me remind you, brothers, how hard we used to work, slaving night and day so as not to be a burden on any one of you while we were proclaiming God's Good News to you.

Another reason why we constantly thank God for you is that as soon as you heard the message that we brought you as God's message, you accepted it for what it really is, God's message and not some human thinking; and it is still a living power among you who believe it.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:
you have the message of eternal life.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 23:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Addressing the people and his disciples Jesus said, 'The scribes and the Pharisees occupy the chair of Moses. You must therefore do what they tell you and listen to what they say; but do not be guided by what they do: since they do not practise what they preach. They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on men's shoulders, but will they lift a finger to move them? Not they! Everything they do is done to attract attention, like wearing broader phylacteries and longer tassels, like wanting to take the place of honour at banquets and the front seats in the synagogues, being greeted obsequiously in the market squares and having people call them Rabbi.

'You, however, must not allow yourselves to be called Rabbi, since you have only one master, and you are all brothers. You must call no one on earth your father, since you have only one Father, and he is in heaven. Nor must you allow yourselves to be called teachers, for you have only one Teacher, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Anyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and anyone who humbles himself will be exalted.'

The Gospel of the Lord