

THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF CHIPPENHAM & CORSHAM

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FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE TRANSFIGURATION 6th August is the date of the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord on Mount Tabor. This event is so important in the life of the Church's liturgical year that the feast is celebrated at Mass even when August 6th falls on a Sunday. In that case, the Transfiguration takes the place of the current Sunday in Ordinary Time. Because the Transfiguration is recorded in the Gospel accounts of Matthew, Mark, and Luke, each year we hear one of these three records of the events that took place at Mount Tabor. This year, we hear St. Matthew's account of the Transfiguration. In this account we have a miniature of the entire Gospel, and a miniature of the manner in which God has always made His Divine Revelation known.

A NEW LECTIONARY FROM ADVENT 2024 Rome has confirmed the approval by the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales for a new Lectionary, which includes the scripture readings for Mass and the sacraments, will come into use in Catholic parishes in England and Wales from Advent 2024. The lectionary makes use of the English Standard Version (ESV) – Catholic Edition, already in use in India, along with the Abbey Psalms and Canticles. The Lectionary was revised after the Second Vatican Council, which said "The treasures of the bible are to be opened up more lavishly, so that richer fare may be provided for the faithful at the table of God's word." The new Lectionary gives us an opportunity to hear that word with fresh ears as we engage with a text which is intended for public proclamation and reflects up to date biblical scholarship. The Lectionary will be published by the [Catholic Truth Society \(CTS\)](http://CatholicTruthSociety.org.uk).

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD (CLOW) In the autumn, we hope to resume a CLOW in the parishes twice a month. If you would like to help with this ministry, please see Fr Michael. We also need a person each session to volunteer to simply be present (not lead the liturgy) to conform with our safeguarding policy.

MARCH FOR LIFE UK is taking place in London on Saturday 2nd September. Many are concerned about restrictions on freedom but it's often not until these restrictions affect us personally that we speak up. Abortion destroys the most fundamental freedom, the freedom to live and leaves so many women and men deeply hurting. Join thousands of others for this family-friendly event to speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves. Full details can be found at marchforlife.co.uk.

SUNDAY OF THE FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

5pm (Sat) (Ch) Vigil Mass (*Adrian Pycroft*)

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

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

Monday 7th August Weekday in OT

No Mass

Tuesday 8th August Saint Dominic, Pr.

12pm Funeral Mass Colleen Milne (Cor)

12.10pm Mass (Ch) (*The Dominicans*)

Wednesday 9th August Feast of Saint

Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin
and Martyr, Patron of Europe

12pm Mass (Cor)

Thursday 10th August Feast of Saint

Lawrence, Deacon, Martyr

12.10pm Mass (Ch) (*Procopio Fernandes*)

Friday 11th August Saint Clare, Virgin

12pm Mass (Cor) (*Eileen Scott*)

Saturday 12th August

Weekday in OT

4.15pm Eucharistic Adoration (Ch)

4.20pm – 4.50pm Confessions (Ch)

4.50pm Benediction (Ch)

NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

5pm (Sat) (Ch) Vigil Mass (*Private Intention*)

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

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

FACE COVERINGS & SANITISATION Although these are no longer required you may still wish to wear a mask and sanitize your hands on entering the church if you wish.

THANK YOU to the anonymous person who has been bringing flowers and plants to St Patrick's over the past few weeks and leaving them at the Church door. They have been used to decorate the Church and shrine of Our Lady.

READERS AT MASS The ministry of proclaiming the Word at Mass is central to the Eucharist. We need more people to take on this ministry, particularly in Chippenham. Are you presently exercising a ministry? This is a wonderful opportunity to serve others. It's important that we all do a little something within the Church community, to give as well as to receive. Please see Fr Michael or Teresa Gosling.

CONFIRMATION Would any young people or adults wishing to be confirmed next year please contact the parish office to register their interest. Would candidates please make the request themselves. Thank you.

WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH? Would you like to be baptized, confirmed and receive the Eucharist? Would you like to enter the communion with the Catholic Church? If so, our Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)/Journey in Faith might be an exciting journey of faith for you. We explore different aspects of the Catholic faith and the teachings of the Catholic Church. We listen to God's word in Scripture, and we pray together. We hope to begin the RCIA program this autumn. Please let Fr Michael or our Administrator know if you are interested.

RCIA CATECHISTS Do you have experience of RCIA, or would you like to be part of the catechetical team? Thank you to those who have volunteered, we have room for more on the team! Please speak to Fr Michael as soon as possible for more details.

BOOK REVIEW 'THESE WALLS HAVE SPOKEN' is a collection of the artifacts and items from St John's Seminary, Wonesh which formed men for the priesthood for 130 years. Fr Michael was the director of liturgical formation at the seminary for several years. The book costs £25 and is available from the website, [Wonersh](#).

LBGTQ+ MASS The monthly celebration of the Eucharist for LGBT+ Catholics, families and friends takes place on Sunday 20th August at 3pm at St Nicholas of Tolentino RC Church, Bristol.

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. If you are going into hospital and would like to receive the Sacrament of the Sick please ask Fr Michael before you are admitted and this will be celebrated in the parish. This takes the pressure of the hospital chaplains.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION) Chippenham Saturday 4.20pm – 4.50pm and Corsham after Weekday Masses or by arrangement with Fr Michael.

NEWSLETTER Items for inclusion in the weekly newsletter should reach the office by Wednesday please.

A WARM WELCOME to visitors and holidaymakers who join us for Mass over the summer. If you are new to the Parish, you too are very welcome! Please do introduce yourself to us after Mass so that we can properly welcome you!

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, 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.

RIP Anniversaries: Maureen Knight, Maurice Chave, Jose Manuel Marti, Archie Smith, Peter Frostick, Fr. Benignus Millett.

The Holy Father's Prayer August Intention: We pray that World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.

Diocesan Prayer Link: St Edmund, Calne, St Anthony of Padua, Melksham.

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.

August – The Month of the Immaculate Heart of Mary



We know that traditionally May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. October to the Holy Rosary, and Our Lady of the Rosary. Now it's time to also remember something little realised or often forgotten. August is the month traditionally dedicated by to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. In fact, August once saw the celebration of the feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. In 1944 Venerable Pope Pius XII set this feast to be celebrated on 22nd August as the Octave of the Assumption. Two years earlier he had consecrated the Christian family and whole human race to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on the 25th anniversary of the Fatima apparitions. Then in 1969, St. Pope Paul VI moved the date to the Saturday after the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. August still has three Marian feasts —the Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major (also remembering Our Lady of the Snows) on Aug. 5; the Assumption on Aug. 15; the Queenship of Mary on Aug. 22. The roots of the devotion to Mary's Heart are in Scripture, where on two occasions reference is made to Mary's heart by St Luke. He refers to Luke 2:19 "Mary treasured all these things and reflected on them in her heart," and Luke 2:51 "His mother (Mary) meanwhile pondered all these things in her heart."

The expression 'Mary's heart' is to be understood in a biblical sense: it denotes the person of the Blessed Virgin herself, her intimate and unique being; the centre and source of her interior life, of her mind and memory, of her will and love; the single-mindedness with which she loved God and the disciples and devoted herself wholeheartedly to the saving work of her Son.

Lord our God, you made the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary the home of your eternal Word and the sanctuary of the Holy Spirit. Give us a heart that is free from sin and attentive to your will, that, faithful to your commandments, we may love you above all things and seek to help others in their need. 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.

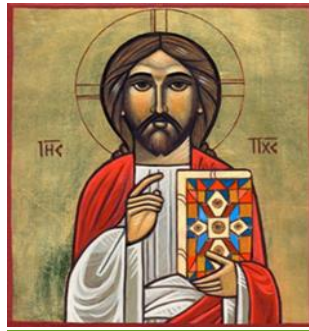
A Prayer for Ukraine



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 FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION



First reading

A reading from the book Daniel

Daniel 7:9-10,13-14

As I watched:
Thrones were set in place
and one of great age took his seat.
His robe was white as snow,
the hair of his head as pure as wool.
His throne was a blaze of flames,
its wheels were a burning fire.
A stream of fire poured out,
issuing from his presence.
A thousand thousand waited on him,
ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him.
A court was held
and the books were opened.
I gazed into the visions of the night.
And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven,
one like a son of man.
He came to the one of great age
and was led into his presence.
On him was conferred sovereignty,
glory and kingship,
and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants.
His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty
which shall never pass away,
nor will his empire ever be destroyed.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 96(97):1-2,5-6,9

*The Lord is king,
most high above all the earth.*

The Lord is king, let earth rejoice,
let all the coastlands be glad.
Cloud and darkness are his raiment;
his throne, justice and right.

The mountains melt like wax
before the Lord of all the earth.
The skies proclaim his justice;
all peoples see his glory.

For you indeed are the Lord
most high above all the earth,
exalted far above all spirits.

Second reading

2 Peter 1:16-19

A reading from the second letter of St Peter

It was not any cleverly invented myths that we were repeating when we brought you the knowledge of the power and the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; we had seen his majesty for ourselves. He was honoured and glorified by God the Father, when the Sublime Glory itself spoke to him and said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour.' We heard this ourselves, spoken from heaven, when we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have confirmation of what was said in prophecies; and you will be right to depend on prophecy and take it as a lamp for lighting a way through the dark until the dawn comes and the morning star rises in your minds.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
This is my Son, the Beloved,
he enjoys my favour;
listen to him.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 17:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

The Gospel of the Lord