

# THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF CHIPPENHAM & CORSHAM

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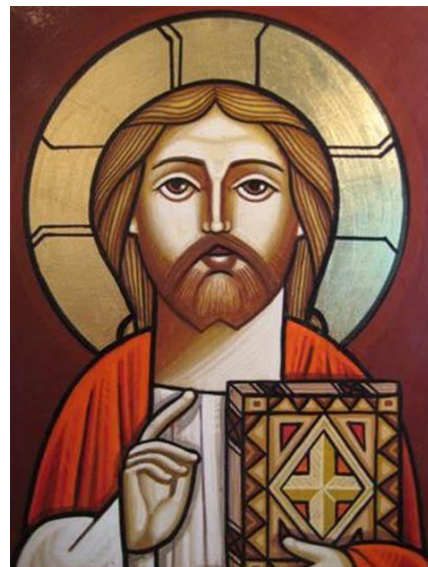
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4.15pm Eucharistic Adoration (Ch)

4.20pm - 4.50pm Confessions (Ch)

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

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

11am (Ch) Sung Mass

(*HRM King Charles III*)

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May

Weekday of Easter No Mass

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May

Weekday of Easter No Mass

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May

Weekday of Easter

12.00pm Funeral Mass

of Phyllis McKay (Cor)

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May

Weekday of Easter

12.10pm Mass (Ch) (*Isabel Pycroft*)

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May Weekday of Easter

12.00pm Mass (Cor) (*B.Hasberry*)

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May

Our Lady of Fatima

### SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

4.15pm Eucharistic Adoration (Ch)

4.20pm - 4.50pm Confessions (Ch)

5pm (Sat) (Ch) Vigil Mass (*S. Corbisiero*)

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

11am (Ch) Sung Mass with Baptism

(*Pro Populo*)

**VOCATIONS - COME FOLLOW ME** This Eastertide we continue in Clifton Diocese to pray for vocations to the priesthood for our own diocese. Please watch Fr Thomas Lawes of Holy Rood, Swindon talk about vocation and his own journey to priesthood, as well as his life and ministry as one of our newer priests: go to [www.cliftondiocese.com/vocations](http://www.cliftondiocese.com/vocations). We thank those who gave to the Clergy Training Fund for our diocese last Sunday. This annual collection helps support our seminarians training for the priesthood for Clifton Diocese. It costs us £30,000 per year for each seminarian. Your generosity is much appreciated. If you missed this collection, there is still time to give.

**CORONATION CELEBRATION** Please join us on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May at 3pm in the grounds of St Patrick's Church for an Afternoon Tea Garden Party to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III. There's no charge, just bring along a picnic rug/chair, a plate of food to share and pray for good weather! There will be activities for children so please bring your friends and family along. If possible, please let Lorraine Miller know what food you are bringing so we don't duplicate plates.

**FIRST RECONCILIATION** for our First Communion Candidates is celebrated at St Mary's on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May at 11am. Confessions will be heard with a short children's penitential service. Would parents please bring their children's Mass attendance sheets with them please so that we can gauge our children's participation at Mass, as this is the most important aspect of preparation for our children.

**SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD** is celebrated this year on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May. This is a holyday of obligation when all Catholics should attend Mass. Mass for the Ascension will be celebrated at St Patrick's at 12noon and at St Mary's at 6pm.

**CORSHAM PARISH IN COUNCIL MEETING** takes place on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm in the hall. Please see the posters for further details.

**MARY'S MONTH OF MAY** The traditional crowning of the statue of Our Lady will take place at the end of Mass next Sunday at St Mary's.

**GATHERING OF EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION TO THE HOUSEBOUND** of both parishes will be held in St Mary's Office on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May at 6.30pm. With increasing numbers of people wishing to receive communion at home, the meeting will coordinate our ministry schedules so that we have a central database of who and when communion is taken to the sick. We will also look briefly at the rite of distribution of Holy Communion. The meeting is open to all, including ministers who at the moment only distribute communion within Mass. We would like to encourage you to help in this enriching ministry.

**THE PARISH OFFICE** is closed on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR SUDAN** The fighting in Sudan will make an already difficult situation much worse for Christians. A web page has been put together with prayers for Sudan and five ways in which you can pray for the country. Despite all they have been through, and are going through at the moment, Christians in Sudan remain strong and determined. Serving Persecuted Christians Worldwide - How to pray for Sudan - Open Doors UK & Ireland.

**WORLD YOUTH DAY - LISBON 2023** - In August of this year, a group of 30 young people will travel on pilgrimage to Portugal to represent our diocese in a huge gathering of young people. It is an opportunity for these young people to pray and invite the Holy Spirit into their lives, empowering them to bring the vitality of hundreds of thousands of young people back to our diocese. Please pray that the Holy Spirit bless these young people with the gifts of faith, hope, and love, and that the encounter with Christ these young people experience may transform them for the mission to which God calls them. Please encourage anyone in your parish community to send their prayer intentions to [www.wyd2023@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:www.wyd2023@cliftondiocese.com). If you are able to make a financial donation, you can find the donate button here [World Youth Day 2023 | Clifton Diocese](#) Any amount is greatly appreciated.

**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.

**CELEBRATION FOR THE MAN WHO COULD BE ENGLAND'S NEXT SAINT** John Bradburne held Buckfast Abbey as a special place in his heart, as that was where he converted to Catholicism. The cause for Beatification for Bradburne is now in full swing and he is likely to become England's next Saint. The John Bradburne Memorial Society will be hosting an event at Buckfast Abbey, South Devon on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at 12 noon, to commemorate his 102<sup>nd</sup> Birthday. This ticketed event will involve a Mass, lunch, talks, music and an exhibition. "*We are delighted, said the Abbot David Charlesworth OSB, to be able to host this event and we look forward to seeing as many people as possible.*" Please note this is a ticketed event so if you would like to attend, please contact JBMS: 07979 187498 or [info@johnbradburne.com](mailto:info@johnbradburne.com). Tickets are available on the JBMS website [www.johnbradburne.com](http://www.johnbradburne.com).

### **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.

**RIP Anniversaries:** Joe Walsh, Alan Hince, John Bullock

**The Holy Father's Prayer May Intention:** We pray that the Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.

**Diocesan Prayer Link:** St Thomas More, Bradford on Avon

**HRH King Charles** on his Coronation Day

*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.*

## May – The Month of the Blessed Virgin Mary



“I want to encourage everyone to rediscover the beauty of praying the Rosary at home in the month of May.” -Pope Francis

The month of May is traditionally considered the month of Mary, a month especially dedicated to devotion to Our Lady, the Mother of God and the Mother of all of us. We spend a whole month celebrating especially the Mother, who is model of all mothers, the Mother God chose for His own Son.

This is a month to grow in devotion to Mary as Our Mother. At the foot of the cross, Jesus said to His mother, who was standing with the beloved disciple (who represents each one of us), “Woman, behold your son.” And then to the beloved disciple—and to each of us--“Behold your mother.” And then, the Gospel tells us, “From that hour the disciple took her into his home.” (John 19:26-27) In the month of May, Jesus invites us in a special way to take Mary into our homes, to show her a special honour, to receive her as our Mother in the spiritual life, and to let her lead us closer to the heart of Jesus.

O Mary,  
You shine continuously on our journey  
as a sign of salvation and hope.  
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,  
who, at the foot of the cross,  
were united with Jesus’ suffering,  
and persevered in your faith.  
“Protectress of the Roman people”,  
you know our needs,  
and we know that you will provide,  
so that, as at Cana in Galilee,  
joy and celebration may return  
after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love,  
to conform ourselves to the will of the Father  
and to do what Jesus tells us.  
For he took upon himself our suffering,  
and burdened himself with our sorrows  
to bring us, through the cross,  
to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.  
*(Pope Francis)*

*We fly to your protection,  
O Holy Mother of God;  
Do not despise our petitions  
in our necessities,  
but deliver us always  
from every danger,  
O Glorious and Blessed Virgin.*

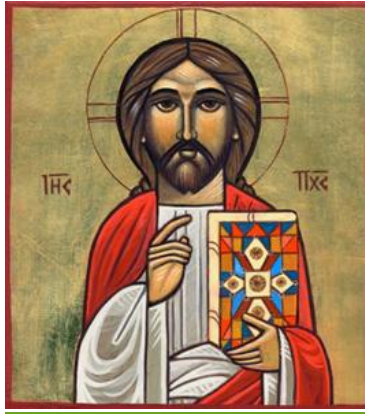
## **A Prayer for Ukraine**



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

## 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER A



### First reading

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles*

Acts 6:1-7

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

The word of the Lord.

### Responsorial Psalm

*May your love be upon us, O Lord,  
as we place all our hope in you.*

**or**

*Alleluia!*

Psalm 32(33):1-2,4-5,18-19

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;  
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.  
Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp,  
with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs.

For the word of the Lord is faithful  
and all his works to be trusted.  
The Lord loves justice and right  
and fills the earth with his love.

The Lord looks on those who revere him,  
on those who hope in his love,  
to rescue their souls from death,  
to keep them alive in famine.

### **Second reading**

1 Peter 2:4-9

*A reading from the first letter of St Peter*

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

The word of the Lord.

### **Gospel Acclamation**

Jn 14:6

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.  
No one can come to the Father except through me.'  
Alleluia!

### **Gospel**

John 14:1-12

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to John*

Jesus said to his disciples:

'Do not let your hearts be troubled.  
Trust in God still, and trust in me.  
There are many rooms in my Father's house;  
if there were not, I should have told you.  
I am going now to prepare a place for you,  
and after I have gone and prepared you a place,  
I shall return to take you with me;  
so that where I am  
you may be too.  
You know the way to the place where I am going.'

Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said:

'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.  
No one can come to the Father except through me.  
If you know me, you know my Father too.  
From this moment you know him and have seen him.'

Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me?'

'To have seen me is to have seen the Father,

so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"?  
Do you not believe  
that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?  
The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself:  
it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work.  
You must believe me when I say  
that I am in the Father and the Father is in me;  
believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason.

I tell you most solemnly,  
whoever believes in me  
will perform the same works as I do myself,  
he will perform even greater works,  
because I am going to the Father.'

The Gospel of the Lord.