

THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF CHIPPENHAM & CORSHAM

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THE TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR A

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

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

11am (Ch) Sung Mass (*Rupert Rhymes*)

Monday 9th October

Feast of Saint John Henry Newman

No Mass

Tuesday 10th October

Weekday in OT

No Mass (Ch)

Clergy Deanery Meeting

Wednesday 11th October

Saint John XXIII, Pope

12pm Mass (Cor) (*Mrs Bowman*)

Thursday 12th October

Saint Wilfrid, Bp

12.10pm Mass (Ch)

Friday 13th October

Saint Edward the Confessor

12pm Mass (Cor) (*Prisoners and their families*)

Saturday 14th October

Our Lady on Saturday

4.15pm Eucharistic Adoration (Ch)

4.20pm – 4.50pm Confessions (Ch)

4.50pm Benediction (Ch)

THE TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR A

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

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PRISONERS SUNDAY marks the first day of a week of prayer which raises awareness of issues faced by those affected by the criminal justice system. We pray for prisoners and direct our thoughts and prayers to their families and children. Prisoners' families, prisoners and people with previous convictions often find themselves on the margins of society due to the social stigma associated with imprisonment. Matthew 25 reminds us of our duties towards them: 'I was in prison, and you came to see me.' Pact's work embodies the Christian value of mercy and belief in the innate dignity of every human being. If you would like to donate to the Prison Advice & Care Trust, there are giving envelopes available in Church.

WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT JESUS & THE CATHOLIC CHURCH? COME & SEE (RCIA) We warmly invite all who would like to know more about Jesus and the Catholic Faith to our opening session on **Tuesday 17th October at 7pm** in St Mary's Office Chippenham. This will be an opportunity to get to know people and outline the program which runs until Easter. Any adult who would like to be baptized, confirmed and receive First Eucharist is invited, together with anyone already baptized (christened) who would like to be received into the full communion of the Catholic Church. We look forward to welcoming you.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY APPEAL Envelopes are available for your Harvest fast day contributions. Thank you.

ECUMENICAL BIBLE SUNDAY SERVICE at St Patrick's Church at 6pm on Sunday 8th October. Come and celebrate the gift of God's word and enjoy tea/coffee and cake in the church hall after the service.

BAPTISM The next Baptismal preparation session takes place on Saturday 14th October from 10.30am to 12pm in St Patrick's church hall, Corsham. If you are hoping to have your child baptized at Corsham or Chippenham soon, we ask you to attend. Regular attendance at mass is also a vital preparation for the sacrament. Please could you let Teresa Gosling, Parish Administrator, know if you are planning to attend.

ST MARY'S PRESBYTERY We have a major problem with the roof and you will see scaffolding has been erected on the presbytery and we ask you to take extra care. We have also discovered electrical faults in the building and these have to be resolved before we can let the house to Ukrainian refugees. However, we need volunteers to prepare the house for occupation and invite you to join us on **Friday 13th October at 9.30am** to start this work. Please just come along to the presbytery – the more the merrier!

KITTIWAKE (Teaching Ukrainian and Syrian refugees English) urgently needs volunteers to help run their creche. They would also be interested to hear from anyone can help these men and women to become fluent in English and the English way of life. Sessions are held on Fridays in St Andrews Church Hall Chippenham from 11 am to 12.30 pm. Please contact Julia Brotherton jb141@aol.com or 01249651783 for more info.

WE ARE THE PEOPLE OF GOD - We are delighted to welcome for this series: Dr Greg Ryan - 10 October. 'A Communion that Radiates' Jenny Sinclair- 19 October. 'Co-responsibility in Mission - How can we better share gifts and tasks in the service of the Gospel?' Canon Christopher Thomas - 24 October (to be confirmed. 'Participation, governance and authority in a synodal Church' You can register at [Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams](#)

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

MATHEW HENDRICKS-BIRTLES thanks all who have saved their greetings cards for him. He is hoping to achieve his £11 x £1000 by Christmas, by his 80th birthday in January!

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2024 Thursday 11th July. Would any young people or adults wishing to be confirmed please contact the parish office to register as soon as possible. Candidates must be 13 or in Year 9 or over.

TIME FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL If you have a Year 6 child now is the time to apply for a place for September 2024. For St Augustine's College, Trowbridge or St Gregory's College, Bath, you must complete the secondary transfer application form provided by your home Local Authority (available on the LA website), and if you are applying for a baptised child you should also complete their Supplementary form on the school's website and provide the school with a baptism certificate, both by 31st October 2023.

ST AUGUSTINE'S ADMISSION POLCY Arrangement for 2025/26 has been put out for consultation and is available on their web site until 23 November. They have added the Parish of St Patricks, Corsham into the policy.

CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY INTERNSHIPS Castlerigg Manor is looking for young Catholics aged 18-25 to join their internship programme. The scheme lasts for one or two years and gives participants wide ranging experience, skills, training, and qualifications as well as the opportunity to work with a fantastic team based in the Lake District. For more information contact director@castleriggmanor.co.uk

LGBT+ MASS Sunday 15th October 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 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: 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: Medona Thomas

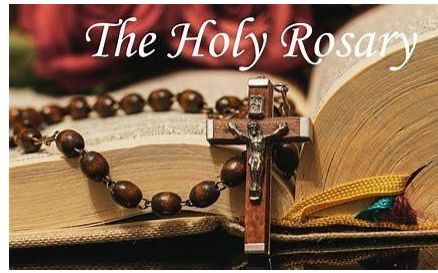
RIP Anniversaries: Patrick O'Neill, Lewis Harlowe

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: Immaculate Conception, Clevedon, St Francis of Assis, Nailsea, St Joseph, Portishead

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.

October – The Month of the Holy Rosary



On October 7th, the Church celebrates the memorial of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary. The feast day was established by Pope Saint Pius V on the anniversary of the victory at Lepanto on October 7, 1571. The naval victory was attributed to the Virgin Mary whose intercession was entreated through the recitation of the Holy Rosary.

The Church then proceeded to dedicate the entire month of October to the Holy Rosary so that individuals, families, and communities would pray the Holy Rosary, if possible, on a daily basis for peace in the world. “Not only do we earnestly exhort all Christians to give themselves to the recital of the pious devotion of the Rosary publicly, or privately in their own house and family, and that unceasingly, but we also desire that the whole of the month of October (in this year) should be consecrated to the Holy Queen of the Rosary” (Pope Leo XII; *On Devotion of the Rosary*, September 1, 1883).

O Virgin Mary, grant that the recitation of thy Rosary may be for me each day, in the midst of my manifold duties, a bond of unity in my actions, a tribute of filial piety, a sweet refreshment, an encouragement to walk joyfully along the path of duty. Grant, above all, O Virgin Mary, that the study of thy fifteen mysteries may form in my soul, little by little, a luminous atmosphere, pure, strengthening, and fragrant, which may penetrate my understanding, my will, my heart, my memory, my imagination, my whole being. So shall I acquire the habit of praying while I work, without the aid of formal prayers, by interior acts of admiration and of supplication, or by aspirations of love. I ask this of thee, O Queen of the Holy Rosary, through Saint Dominic, thy son of predilection, the renowned preacher of thy mysteries, and the faithful imitator of thy virtues.

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.

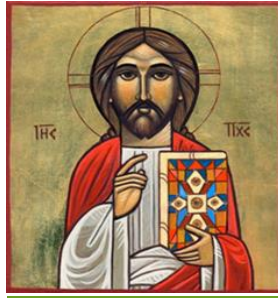
We pray for the world that in this moment of crisis,
we may reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters in need.

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 Isaiah

Isaiah 5:1-7

Let me sing to my friend
the song of his love for his vineyard.
My friend had a vineyard
on a fertile hillside.
He dug the soil, cleared it of stones
and planted choice vines in it.
In the middle he built a tower,
he dug a press there too.
He expected it to yield grapes,
but sour grapes were all that it gave.
And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
and men of Judah,
I ask you to judge
between my vineyard and me.
What could I have done for my vineyard
that I have not done?
I expected it to yield grapes.
Why did it yield sour grapes instead?
Very well, I will tell you
what I am going to do to my vineyard:
I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on,
and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on.
I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug;
overgrown by the briar and the thorn.
I will command the clouds
to rain no rain on it.
Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of Hosts
is the House of Israel,
and the men of Judah
that chosen plant.
He expected justice, but found bloodshed,
integrity, but only a cry of distress.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

Psalm 79(80)

You brought a vine out of Egypt;
to plant it you drove out the nations.
It stretched out its branches to the sea,
to the Great River it stretched out its shoots.

Then why have you broken down its walls?
It is plucked by all who pass by.
It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,
devoured by the beasts of the field.

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted.

And we shall never forsake you again;
give us life that we may call upon your name.
God of hosts, bring us back;
let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.

Second reading

Philippians 4:6-9

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
I call you friends, says the Lord,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 21:33-43

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son" he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures:

It was the stone rejected by the builders
that became the keystone.
This was the Lord's doing
and it is wonderful to see?

'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

The Gospel of the Lord