

# The Catholic Parishes of Chippenham and Corsham



## **Ash Wednesday 22 February 2023**

12pm (Corsham) & 6pm (Chippenham)

### **Mass with distribution of Ashes**

Ash Wednesday is the Church's solemn call to keep the season of Lent. We accept this call, united with those preparing for baptism at Easter, and recalling our own baptism as we enter this special time of prayer and penitence. Lent is not simply a time of personal devotion and renewal. It is a time of community renewal as we seek to renew our hearts and souls together. Ashes are blessed and distributed at Mass. These ashes will be ritually washed away in the new waters of the Easter Vigil.

## **The Sundays of Lent – 'The Day of the Lord'**

4.15pm (Sat) Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

5pm (Sat) Vigil Mass (Chippenham)

9am Sung Mass (Corsham)

11am Sung Mass (Chippenham)

On the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent (Gaudete Sunday and Mothering Sunday) we bless and distribute flowers for children to give to their mothers and loved ones at Mass.

## Our Lent & Easter 2023 Evenings

Venue: Saint Patrick's Hall on Thursdays @ 7pm

Lent & Eastertide is an ideal time for us to grow in the faith. This year we will follow **“Sycamore”, an informal course about the Christian faith and its relevance for life today.** The course is designed to give you space to meet other people, share ideas, explore your beliefs, and think about questions that really matter. The focus of these film-based sessions is on knowing God and the salvation he offers in Jesus Christ (Film 2, 4 and 5), and on our response to this offer of salvation in faith, freedom and love (Films, 7, 9 and 10). We will continue our gatherings into Eastertide this year to share our experiences of celebrating the Resurrection of the Lord.

1. **The Existence of God** – 9<sup>th</sup> March. Why bother thinking about religion? Five reasons not to believe in God. Arguments for the existence of God?
2. **Who is Jesus?** – 16<sup>th</sup> March. He came to bring life to the world. The Saving Death of Jesus. The light of the Resurrection.
3. **The Holy Spirit & the Church** – 23<sup>rd</sup> March. How the Holy Spirit can change your life. No one gets into heaven alone. Why we need signs, symbols and sacraments.
4. **The Gift of Faith** – 30<sup>th</sup> March. What is faith? Are Christians just stupid or are there good reasons to believe? How to take a step of faith.
5. **Finding true Freedom** – 13<sup>th</sup> April. Is there such a thing as right and wrong? Where can we find moral guidance? How do you discover your true identity?
6. **The Meaning of Love** – 20<sup>th</sup> April. What is love? How to love your neighbour. Knowing the love of God.

## Lent Stations of the Cross

Tuesdays @ 11.30am (Chippenham)

Fridays @ 11.20am (Corsham)

## **Friday 4 March is CAFOD Lent Fast Day**

Lent Lunch at Corsham after 12pm Mass

We are invited to go without a meal and donate the proceeds to CAFOD. God created a world of abundance with enough food for everyone, but we have turned it into a world of want. Each and every night, one in eight people goes to bed hungry due to lack of food. So, let's hunger for a fairer world by supporting Fast Day and donating what we save. Fast Day envelopes will be available in church.

## **Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)**

Lent is our opportunity to say 'Sorry' to God and one another. It's a time to experience God's mercy, forgiveness and love.

Saturday 4.20pm – 4.50pm (Chippenham)

After Midweek Mass (Corsham)

## **Holy Week 2023**

### **Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord 2 April**

**The Commemoration of the Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem**

**5pm (Sat) Sung Mass (Chippenham)**

**9am Sung Mass with Procession (Corsham)**

**11am Sung Mass with Procession (Chippenham)**

### **Tuesday of Holy Week 4 April**

**12.10pm Mass (Chippenham)**

### **Wednesday of Holy Week 5 April**

**Chrism Mass at Clifton Cathedral 11am**

**6pm Mass (Corsham)**



### **Maundy Thursday 6 April**

#### **7.30pm Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper (Chippenham)**

Followed by Solemn Watch  
10pm Compline (Night Prayer)

### **Good Friday 7 April**

#### **Solemn Celebration of the Passion of the Lord**

with Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion  
**3pm (Corsham) 6pm (Chippenham)**

### **Holy Saturday 8 April**

10.30am Office of Readings and Morning Prayer  
11.15am Traditional Blessing of Easter Baskets  
(Chippenham)

#### **8pm Solemn Easter Vigil (Chippenham)**

with Blessing of the Fire, Vigil of Readings,  
Renewal of Baptismal Promises and the First Mass of Easter

### **Easter Sunday 9 April**

**9am Solemn Mass of the Day (Corsham)**

**11am Solemn Mass of the Day (Chippenham)**

*both with the blessing of Easter Eggs for Children*

For details of all events go to

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