

# Saint Patrick's Church



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## SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday Readings: Year A  
Weekday Readings: Year 2

Sacrament of Reconciliation Sat 10.30am

Vigil Mass (Sat) 5.30pm

Sunday Mass 9.30am

The People of the Parish

Monday 24 February	No Mass	Weekday in Ordinary Time
Tuesday 25 February	6.00pm Mass	Weekday in Ordinary Time
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>26 February</b>	<b>9.30am Mass (In School)</b> <b>7.00pm Mass (In Church)</b>	<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b> <b>(Day of Fast &amp; Abstinence)</b> <i>Both masses with imposition of ashes</i>
Thursday 27 February	No Mass	Thursday after Ash Wednesday
Friday 28 February	No Mass	Friday after Ash Wednesday
Saturday 29 February	No Mass <i>No Sacrament of reconciliation</i>	Saturday after Ash Wednesday <b>FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT</b> 5.30pm Sung Vigil Mass of Sunday
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	9.30am Solemn Mass	<i>followed by refreshments in the Hall</i>

## THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Second Collection Next Weekend: Spiritan Fathers Mission Appeal*

### First Reading: Leviticus 19: 1-2, 17-18

The God of Moses was **different** from the gods of other tribes, and expected the people following the real God to be different from the people who worshiped pagan gods. This passage gives an adjective to those differences, "**holy**," then it specifies a few ways in which God's people should differ from other peoples.

### Psalm (102) Response

**The Lord is compassion and love**

### Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3: 16-23

Saint Paul tells the church in Corinth that it is holy, and that it is most unwise to let itself be split by loyalties to certain leaders or ideas.

### Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

If anyone loves me he will keep my word,  
and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

### Gospel: Matthew 5: 38-48

Jesus, the new Moses preaching from the mount, continues to contrast the ways of his followers with the accepted ways of earlier peoples.

### Please remember in your prayers

**The Sick:** Christopher Browl, Julia Wright, Pauline Feeney, John Hunt, Margaret Brown, Lindsay Price and Christopher and all in our hospitals and nursing homes and those who care for them.

**Pope Francis February Prayer Intention:** that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of trafficking, may be heard and considered.

**Sunday** is a day of Prayer for the unemployed

**Diocesan Prayer Link:** The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Chippenham

**Christians in Corsham Prayer Link:** Corsham Baptist Church

## NEWS & DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Fasting and Abstinence** As we approach Ash Wednesday a few people have asked what the church teaches about this today. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are both days of Fasting and Abstinence. Fasting is for all aged 18 and older who have not celebrated their 59<sup>th</sup> birthday. One full meal is allowed and two light meals to maintain strength according to need, which together should not equal one full meal. Liquids, including milk and juices are allowed between meals. Parents should ensure that even those who are too young to be bound by the law of fasting and abstinence are trained 'to have a true appreciation of penance'. **Abstinence** is observed by all aged 14 and older when no meat is allowed. Yet when health and ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not apply.

**Dowry Tour of Our Lady of Walsingham** The Bishops are inviting us to prepare for the rededication of our country and its people as the Dowry of Mary. The statue of Our Lady of Walsingham will be 'visiting' Clifton Cathedral on **20–22 Feb** and there is a full itinerary for the two days. See the notice board or go to **behold2020.com** for more information. We are grateful to Christine Harvey for the loan of the beautiful statue of **Our Lady of Walsingham** at this time. The rededication will take place around the Solemnity of the Annunciation (25 March 2020)

**Holy Communion by Self-Intinction** At our gathering of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, the question was raised about people bringing the host to the chalice for them to self-intinct. The Church teaches that intinction should **never** be self-administered and communion is always given and received. At a time when viruses are prevalent, please consider that our hands can be as much a source of pathogens as lips. We are informed that intinction is no safer than drinking and can introduce germs into the chalice. Dipping the host into the chalice can also threaten those with certain immune or allergic conditions, eg those with gluten intolerance for whom traces of gluten can be hazardous and are at greater risk when other communicants have dipped the host into the chalice. Kindly refrain from self-intinction and receive in one kind if you do not wish to receive from the chalice. Thank you for your understanding. Also, Extraordinary Ministers of HC are also asked by the Bishops to gel their hands before and after the distribution of Communion (Gel is available by the door)

**And finally...**real bulletin bloopers. :-) 'Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person(s) you want remembered'.

'Don't let worry kill you off – let the church help'.

**Next weekend** our Annual Diocesan Mission appeal will be made by Fr Gervase Moo of the Spiritan Fathers (Holy Ghost Fathers). We welcome Fr Moo to St Patrick's as he shares with us something of the work of the Spiritans.

**Bishop Barron's 'Catholicism'** film series continues in St Patrick's Church Hall on Thursday 27 February 7.30pm – 8.30pm. Popcorn & other cinema snacks & drinks provided. A big thank you to Mark for hosting this! Everyone had a wonderful evening last week. Do come along!

**Cake Sale** 25 February at St Patrick's School @ 2pm. All proceeds to Will King Tanzania 2020. Any cake donations gratefully received. All welcome. Contact Rachel King 07742667171

**World Day of Prayer 2020** This Ecumenical service, written by the women of Zimbabwe, will take place at St Patrick's Church on Friday 6 March at 1.30pm There will be refreshments in the hall after the service. See poster for details.

**Ecumenical Lent Course** A six week Course entitle 'Saying Yes to Life' will commence on Thurs 27 February (tea/coffee from 10am) at St Patrick's. Each session is repeated on Mondays at St Aldhelm's at 7.30pm tea/coffee from 7.15pm) See poster for details. There is a notice-board list for volunteers to help with refreshments on Thursdays - 2 for each session please.

**Lenten Formation - Preparing for Holy Week** We gather for a series of 3 evenings in the hall to help us celebrate the Sacred Triduum (Three days) as a community with understanding and richness. Thursday 12 March '*Celebrating Holy Thursday*'. 19 March '*Celebrating Good Friday*'. Thursday 2 April '*Celebrating the Great Easter Vigil*'. We will look at what we celebrate, its background and why and how we celebrate this wonderful season of our redemption. Do come along!

**Spring Fling** at St Patrick's School Friday March 6 from 6-9pm with music from Pip-barn and ceilidh band. Tickets £3 adult/ £2 child/ £10 family from [sarahmcleod1980@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:sarahmcleod1980@hotmail.co.uk) or Rachel King on 07742667171. Also PTFa Cream Tea on 21 March, here in the Church hall, more details to follow.

**CAFOD Family Fast Day** falls this year on Friday 6 March. We are invited to give up a meal or have a simpler one than usual and give the saving to CAFOD. Our gifts will save lives. Gift Aid envelopes are available on the table and will be collected on Sunday 8 March. Thank you.

The Diocese is advertising for a part-time **safeguarding officer**. See notice board.