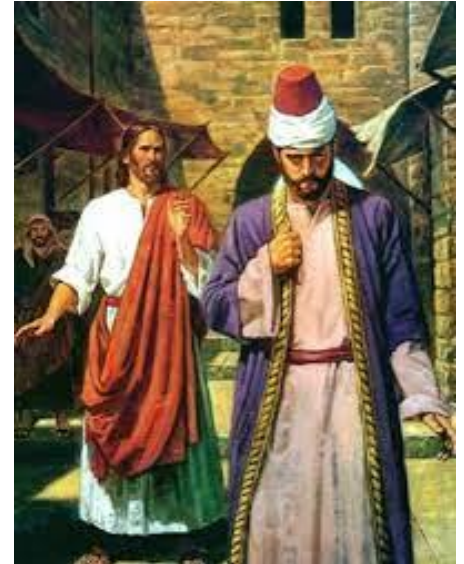


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LATEST NEWS

THE WORD THIS SUNDAY

(Sunday Readings are available at the end of this bulletin)

Wisdom 7: 7-11: This reading praises wisdom, in which the author includes the value of adhering to ancient religious traditions. The book was written for Jews tempted to assimilate into larger pagan societies.

Hebrews 4: 12-13: The context of this reading is a long exposition of why Jesus reveals the word of God more clearly and completely than Moses was able to do. The letter was written for Christians who had converted from Judaism.

Mark 10: 17-30: The story of the rich young man is another passage showing how Saint Mark wants his readers to know the full cost of following Jesus.

ST MARY'S CHIPPENHAM Bishop Declan has appointed Fr Michael as the new Parish Priest of St Mary's Chippenham following the death of Canon Millett. Many parishes throughout our diocese are now sharing one priest. This will sadly mean a reduction in the number of masses that priests are able to offer in any one parish. In consultation with the Bishop Declan and our area Dean, as from 24th October, Fr Michael will celebrate one Sunday Mass at Corsham at 9am. Mass will be celebrated at Chippenham at 5pm (Sat Vigil Mass) and 11am on Sunday. Midweek masses will be shared between the two churches (details to follow). St Patrick's Parish partly grew out of the St Mary's Parish, mass being celebrated by visiting priests from Chippenham until 1957. It is hoped that our two parishes which are very much historically interconnected will be able to flourish together

as partners in mission to our area, announcing the message of the Gospel to those in the Chippenham and Corsham area. Please pray for Fr Michael as he takes up this new post.

MUSIC GROUP A big thank you to all who have responded to our request for singers and musicians. We are meeting at 4.30pm on Wednesdays each week in Church to begin our preparation. All are most welcome to join if you love to sing.

10TH OCTOBER 2021

28TH SUNDAY IN O.T. (YEAR B)

5pm Eucharistic Adoration

5.30pm Vigil Mass (Sat)

10.30am Sung Mass (Pro Populo)

Mon 11th Oct - St John XXIII, Pope

Tue 12th Oct - St Wilfred, Bishop

Wed 13th - St Edward the Confessor

11.30am Eucharistic Adoration

12noon Mass

Thur 14th Oct - Weekday in OT

Fri 15th Oct - St Teresa of Jesus

(Avila) Virgin, Doctor of the church

Sat 16th Oct - St Margaret Mary

Alacoque, Virgin

17th OCTOBER 2021

29TH SUNDAY IN O.T. (YEAR B)

5pm Eucharistic Adoration

5.30pm Vigil Mass (Sat)

10.30am Sung Mass (Pro Populo)

(Confessions are heard after Mass or
by appointment)



PRISONER'S SUNDAY - Today marks Prisoner's Sunday and is the national day of prayer and action for prisoners and their dependants as marked by the Catholic Church and across the Christian denominations. It is a day to direct our thoughts and prayers to prisoners, their families and children. Prisoners' Sunday is the time to reflect on how we as individuals, as a Church and as a community are serving those affected by imprisonment. Prisoners' families, prisoners and people with previous convictions often find themselves on the margins of society due to the social stigma associated with imprisonment. They are often forgotten or come lower down on the list of causes to 'hold a hand out to'. But the gospel of Matthew 25: 36 reminds us of our duties towards them: 'I was naked, and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, 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. Through this campaign we ask you to engage with a core element of Catholic social teaching and put our faith into action. You can donate at www.parish.action@prisonadvice.org.uk.

RIGHT TO LIFE UK URGENT APPEAL The abortion lobby has already been successful at using the Coronavirus crisis to temporarily introduce home 'DIY' abortions. The policy has not only accompanied a large increase in the number of lives ended by abortion but has also been linked to a number of serious incidents where women's lives have been put at risk while performing their abortion at home. Our opposition is now eager to see more widespread changes to legislation enacted and we are currently facing major threats on both abortion and assisted suicide issues. Fighting both the abortion and assisted suicide lobbies over this period has already made a huge dent in Right to Life UK's limited resources. We are, therefore, appealing to you to please give as generously as you can to ensure we can defeat the abortion and assisted suicide lobbies in these upcoming battles. Every donation, no matter how small, will go towards saving the lives of the unborn and many others. Please visit www.righttolife.org.uk/give for more information and to donate now

CHURCH CLEANING TEAM Thank you to all who have volunteered to join a Church cleaning rota. We still need a few more people to join the rota to make it work. Can you please take a turn, even on a monthly basis? Please see Frank Harvey asap.

DIOCESAN YOUTH COUNCIL Bishop Declan is looking for people to join our diocesan youth council, to support the work of those involved in Youth Ministry across the diocese and to encourage and enable others to feel more confident about engaging in the work. To apply, or for more information please email: youth@cliftondiocese.com by 25th October.

CLIFTON & CLIMATE CHANGE Join us on Saturday, 23rd October, 11am at Clifton Cathedral for the Clifton Climate Liturgy. Bishop Declan is inviting us all as the community of Clifton Diocese to join him in celebrating God's creation. Each one of us has talents to bring to the care of our common home, whether beginning our journey or if we have been working for climate justice for some time. Come and meet others to find out what you can do and to share ideas and experiences, share in the challenge to do something about Climate Change, and bring families and friends - all are welcome!

MAINTAINING & IMPROVING ST PATRICK'S CHURCH Our church was built as a Victorian charity school in 1848, is grade 2 listed and has been a church for approximately 75 years. The original building was modified for industrial use (first as a glove factory and then, during the war, producing gas masks) in the 1940s and then into a church between 1950 and 1965. The church originally consisted of the current main part of the church in front of the altar with 2 additional rooms on the carpark side. It was extended in the 1960s by partial opening up of the internal walls and building the extension that is now the flower sacristy beside the car park door. While the church space was increased the internal layout was not changed as the altar has remained directly under the aesthetically attractive gothic style main window. As a result, many parts of the church have poor sight lines to the altar. These various modifications have, unfortunately, compromised the structural

integrity of the original Victorian building. The roof drainage has been disrupted and leaks into the building, the fire escape and associated door are aesthetically disappointing and have caused structural damage to that part of the church, the upper floor is poorly attached to the walls and has been ordered out of use because of structural and fire safety concerns, and the flower sacristy is falling away from the main building and has severe rainwater leaks. There is also a need to increase Mass capacity due to the reduction in weekend masses that will be caused by fewer priests in the diocese. The Parish Finance Committee is working with the Diocese to appoint an architect to establish the current state of the building and to identify how it can be improved to increase capacity, improve the liturgical layout, and to prepare it for another 75 years of church use. Tender responses from architects invited to carry out a design study are between £10,000 to £15,000. These early discussions with architects have led to the realisation that the total bill for refurbishment of the church could be in the order of £500,000.

We have been advised that the Diocesan Finance Committee and the trustees would be unlikely to support a request to spend tens of thousands of pounds on a design study without addressing how the full building cost can be met. We would potentially be wasting a large sum of charitable money if the full project could not proceed. We have therefore asked our potential architects to amend their proposals to reduce the level of detail in their plans and to include an investment appraisal looking at the whole of the current church site. In the meantime, we have a legal obligation to preserve this listed building but are struggling to achieve that due to a reduction in our income resulting from the pandemic. There is a backlog of urgent weatherproofing repairs to the roof and the window which need to be funded from our weekly offertory giving which still falls far below pre pandemic levels, partly due to a move away from cash and our inability to hold a cash collection each week. We will therefore be making appeals to you all in forthcoming weeks to recover our level of income using standing orders, card payments in the church, gift aid, and to ask for an increase in the level of giving. (Vic Steadman – Parish Treasurer)

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION Application forms for the 2022 FHC of children who are baptised Catholics and in Yr 3 or above are now available in Church. Please return asap to Fr Michael if you wish your child to begin preparation in January. The closing date for receipt of completed forms is Sunday November 14th, 2021.

NEW HYMN BOOKS A very big thank you to everyone who has sponsored a new hymnal in memory of a loved one. The response has been wonderful. You can pay for your hymnals via the parish web site online or with card/cash at Mass.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT Each week, we have a wonderful opportunity to come into Our Lord's presence in the Holy Eucharist. The Blessed Sacrament is exposed for adoration and quiet prayer on Wednesday at 11.30am and Saturday at 5pm. Come into the peace and stillness of the Lord. Come and rest with the Lord a while in his healing presence. The gift of the Eucharist is at the very heart of our Catholic faith.



SUMMARY OF THE HOLY FATHER'S WEDNESDAY GENERAL AUDIENCE.

Dear Brothers and Sisters: In our continuing catechesis on Saint Paul's Letter to the Galatians, we now consider the Apostle's teaching on Christian freedom. For Paul, that freedom is a gift, the fruit of our new life in Christ. Through baptism, we have been freed from our bondage to sin and freed for a life of generous love in obedience to the Gospel. Jesus tells us, "If you continue in my word... you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free" (Jn 8:31-32). Christian freedom is thus grounded in the unmerited gift of

God's grace and the truth of Christ. Through his passion, death and resurrection, Christ reveals the depth of God's love, and teaches us that the total gift of ourselves in service of others, even to the point of death, is the mark of supreme freedom. The truth that Christ brings is in fact truthfulness about ourselves. Our journey along the path of Christian freedom is not easy, but guided and sustained by the love of the Crucified Lord, and by his liberating truth, we will find our ultimate fulfilment in accordance with God's saving plan.

BAPTISMAL PREP TEAM Thank you to Tom Martin who has offered to help with our new baptismal preparation ministry. We need just one more person who would be able to assist with this important ministry. This will involve giving a presentation to parents ahead of the baptism and offering support as they introduce their child to the Mass. All course materials and DVD's etc will be provide. Please see Fr Michael if you are interested in helping.

PRAYER GROUP Thursday October 14th Zoom Prayers at 9.30. Friday October 22nd Prayer Group in the Church at 9.30 followed by coffee in the Hall. Thursday October 28th Zoom Prayers at 9.30. Friday November 5th Prayer Group in the Church at 9.30 followed by coffee in the hall.

RETURNING TO A SUNDAY OBLIGATION Since Lockdown in the Lent 2020, our Bishops released us from the Sunday Obligation. As we begin to move to more freedom, our Bishops call us to focus on the First Sunday of Advent (28th November) as a point where we pick up that 'obligation' once again. How can we view this? The Sunday obligation to attend Mass for Catholics shouldn't be seen as an "imposition," but an invitation to grow deeper in love with God. When a person really understands what's going on at Mass and who it is they have an opportunity to encounter and receive, then they literally build their weekend around Mass. St John Paul II explained this in his apostolic exhortation [Dies Domini](#). 'Even if in the earliest times it was not judged necessary to be prescriptive, the Church has not ceased to confirm this obligation of conscience, which rises from the inner need felt so strongly by the Christians of the first centuries. It was only later, faced with the half-heartedness or negligence of some, that the Church had to make explicit the duty to attend Sunday Mass. (47) So even today, the Catholic who is able to attend Mass must make every reasonable effort to be there. But above all, the obligation should not be seen as an "imposition," but an "invitation" to enter into the love of God, as St John Paul II reiterated. Sunday is a day which is at the very heart of the Christian life ... "I would strongly urge everyone to rediscover Sunday: Do not be afraid to give your time to Christ! Yes, let us open our time to Christ, that he may cast light upon it and give it direction. He is the One who knows the secret of time and the secret of eternity, and he gives us "his day" as an ever-new gift of his love ... Time given to Christ is never time lost, but is rather time gained, so that our relationships and indeed our whole life may become more profoundly human.' The Sunday obligation is a great gift to humanity, and Catholics are called to fulfil it with a joyful heart.

STAYING SAFE As we have several clinically extremely vulnerable people in our Church family, we ask that you continue to sanitise your hands on entering the Church, wear a mask, socially distance and observe our one-way system. Communion will be given in one kind only. Thank you.

RUH If you or a loved one is going into the Royal United Hospital, please let the RUH Chaplaincy know on 01225 428331 or email ruh-tr.chaplaincy@nhs.net

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

The Sick: Peter Power: Ann Saba: Coleen Milne, Tony Tredgett, Richard Keat, Karen Lucas, Sheila Taylor, Christopher Brawl, Julia Wright, Pauline Feeney, Margaret Brown, Lindsay Price. Pray for all suffering with Coronavirus, all in our hospitals, nursing homes and those who care for them.

Recently Departed: Frank Geraghty (Funeral Mass St John's Trowbridge 13th October 10am)

The Holy Father's October Prayer Intention: Missionary Disciples. That every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavour of the Gospel.

Diocesan Prayer Link: Immaculate Conception, Stroud with Brownsnshill, Painswick & More Hall.

Christians in Corsham Prayer Link: The Anglican Communities.

October – Month of the Holy Rosary



“With the Rosary, the Christian people *sit at the school of Mary* and is led to contemplate the beauty of the face of Christ and to experience the depths of his love. Through the Rosary the faithful receive abundant grace, as though from the very hands of the Mother of the Redeemer.”
—Pope Saint John Paul II

The Rosary is a traditional devotion which encourages prayerful meditation, through repetition of the prayers ‘Our Father’, ‘Hail Mary’ and ‘Glory Be’ while at the same time reflecting in turn on different episodes from the life of Christ (known as the ‘mysteries’). Rosary beads are used to count off the prayers. The Rosary brings us closer to Jesus Christ by allowing us to see the events of his life through the eyes of his blessed mother, Mary. It is a simple yet profound form of prayer, accessible to all.

Pope Francis has invited Catholics to rediscover the beauty of the rosary prayer this month, encouraging people to carry a rosary with them in their pockets. “I invite everyone to rediscover, especially during this month of October, the beauty of the prayer of the rosary, which has nourished the faith of the Christian people through the centuries.” “I invite you to pray the rosary, and to carry it in your hands or in your pockets. The recitation of the rosary is the most beautiful prayer we can offer to the Virgin Mary; it is a contemplation on the stages of the life of Jesus the Saviour with his Mother Mary and is a weapon that protects us from evils and temptations.” The pope said that the Blessed Virgin Mary has urged the recitation of the rosary in her apparitions, “especially in the face of the threats looming over the world.”

O God, whose only begotten Son, by His life, death, and resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal salvation. Grant, we beseech Thee, that while meditating on these mysteries of the most holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, that we may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Prayer of Spiritual Communion



My Jesus, I believe that You are really present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love You above all things and I desire You in my soul. As I cannot receive you sacramentally now, come at least spiritually into my heart. And, as You have already come, I embrace You and unite myself wholly to You. Let me never be separated from You.

An Act of Contrition



O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended you: and I detest my sins most sincerely because they displease You, my God, who are so deserving of all my love for Your infinite goodness and most amiable perfections: and I firmly purpose by Your holy grace never more to offend You, to avoid all occasions of sin and amend my life. Amen.
I further resolve and promise to go to sacramental confession as soon as practicably possible.

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First reading

A reading from the book of Wisdom

Wisdom 7:7-11

I prayed, and understanding was given me;
I entreated, and the spirit of Wisdom came to me.
I esteemed her more than sceptres and thrones;
compared with her, I held riches as nothing.
I reckoned no priceless stone to be her peer,
for compared with her, all gold is a pinch of sand,
and beside her silver ranks as mud.
I loved her more than health or beauty,
preferred her to the light,
since her radiance never sleeps.
In her company all good things came to me,
at her hands riches not to be numbered.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Fill us with your love that we may rejoice.

Psalm 89(90):12-17

Make us know the shortness of our life
that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?
Show pity to your servants.

In the morning, fill us with your love;
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.
Give us joy to balance our affliction
for the years when we knew misfortune.

Show forth your work to your servants;
let your glory shine on their children.
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:
give success to the work of our hands.

Second reading

Hebrews 4:12-13

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

The word of God is something alive and active: it cuts like any double-edged sword but more finely: it can slip through the place where the soul is divided from the spirit, or joints from the marrow; it can judge the secret emotions and thoughts. No created thing can hide from him; everything is uncovered and open to the eyes of the one to whom we must give account of ourselves.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Mt11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed are you, Father,
Lord of heaven and earth,
for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom
to mere children.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 10:17-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus was setting out on a journey when a man ran up, knelt before him and put this question to him, 'Good master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: You must not kill; You must not commit adultery; You must not steal; You must not bring false witness; You must not defraud; Honour your father and mother.' And he said to him, 'Master, I have kept all these from my earliest days.' Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him, and he said, 'There is one thing you lack. Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' But his face fell at these words and he went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth.

Jesus looked round and said to his disciples, 'How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!' The disciples were astounded by these words, but Jesus insisted, 'My children,' he said to them 'how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.' They were more astonished than ever. 'In that case' they said to one another 'who can be saved?' Jesus gazed at them. 'For men' he said 'it is impossible, but not for God: because everything is possible for God.'

Peter took this up. 'What about us?' he asked him. 'We have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'I tell you solemnly, there is no one who has left house, brothers, sisters, father, children or land for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not be repaid a hundred times over, houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and land – not without persecutions – now in this present time and, in the world to come, eternal life.'

The Gospel of the Lord.