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WEEKLY GIVING

Sunday 18th August 2019
Loose £679.23
Envelopes £105.00

*Thank you for your continued
generous support*

THE LAMPS ARE BURNING FOR:

SANCTUARY LAMPS

Actors Living & Dead x1
Private Intention x1
In Reparation x5

LADY CHAPEL

Christiane Brown

*To have the lamps burning for your intentions,
use an envelope at the back of the church or
visit the website.*



CORPUS CHRISTI

THE DIOCESAN SHRINE OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

AUGUST - MONTH DEDICATED TO
THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

✠ HOLY MASS FOR THE WEEK – 25TH AUGUST 2019 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 25TH

✠ 21ST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

9.30am Mass
11.30am Mass in Latin

*(Ps Week 1)
Johnny Benson RIP
Keith Edgington RIP*

MONDAY 26TH – BANK HOLIDAY

BLESSED DOMINIC OF THE MOTHER OF GOD, PRIEST

10.00am Mass
6.30pm Mass – Extraordinary Form

Dipre Family

TUESDAY 27TH

ST MONICA

No Mass – Tuesday Masses will resume in September

WEDNESDAY 28TH

ST AUGUSTINE, BISHOP & DOCTOR

1.05pm Mass

Private Intention

THURSDAY 29TH

THE PASSION OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

1.05pm Mass

MG Bencivenga – Ints.

FRIDAY 30TH

SS MARGARET CLITHEROW, ANNE LINE & MARGARET WARD, MARTYRS

1.05pm Mass

*(Friday Abstinence)
Will White RIP – Anniv.*

SATURDAY 31ST

ST AIDAN, BISHOP, AND THE SAINTS OF LINDISFARNE

9.00am Church Cleaning
6.00pm Vigil Mass

Pro Populo

SUNDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER

✠ 22ND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEATH OF CORMAC CARDINAL MURPHY O'CONNOR

9.30am Mass
11.30am Sung Mass in Latin

*(Ps Week 2)
Paddy McCarthy RIP
Foundation Mass*

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT*:

7.30am – 8.30am & 12noon – 1pm

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION:

30 mins before Mass*

* except Tuesdays

REGULAR PARISH GROUPS:

Sodality of the Blessed Sacrament: First Thursday of the Month, 6:30pm, Mass, Adoration and Benediction with a different guest preacher each month. All welcome!

Mass in the Extraordinary Form (Missal of 1962): 6.30pm Mondays & Bank Holidays; 6:30pm Second Friday of the month (Contact Latin Mass Society Tel: 020 7404 7284)

Eucharistic Prayer Group: Young Adults Prayer Group each Wednesday 7pm in Church with Eucharistic Adoration and Rosary - Mass first Wednesday of the Month. Contact Annette: ccpguk@gmail.com

CaAPA (The Catholic Association for Performing Arts) 020 7240 1221

St. John Paul II Prayer Group (Fraternity of St. Genesius) 7.00pm on 2nd Thursday of each month – Mass, Benediction and Blessing with First Class Relic of Pope St. John Paul II.

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Saturday evening after the Vigil Mass.

WHO WILL BE SAVED?

Today's liturgy presents to us enlightening yet at the same time disconcerting words of Christ. On his last journey to Jerusalem someone asked him: "Lord, will those who are saved be few?" And Jesus answered: "Strive to enter by the narrow door; for many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able".

What does this "narrow door" mean? Why do many not succeed in entering through it? Is it a way reserved for only a few of the chosen? Indeed, at close examination this way of reasoning by those who were conversing with Jesus is always timely: the temptation to interpret religious practice as a source of privileges or security is always lying in wait.

Actually, Christ's message goes in exactly the opposite direction: everyone may enter life, but the door is "narrow" for all. We are not privileged. The passage to eternal life is open to all, but it is "narrow" because it is demanding: it requires commitment, self-denial and the mortification of one's selfishness.

Salvation, which Jesus brought with his death and Resurrection, is universal. He is the One Redeemer and invites everyone to the banquet of immortal life; but on one and the same condition: that of striving to follow and imitate him, taking up one's cross as he did, and devoting one's life to serving the brethren. This condition for entering heavenly life is consequently one and universal.

In the Gospel, Jesus recalls further that it is not on the basis of presumed privileges that we will be judged but according to our actions. The "workers of iniquity" will find themselves shut out, whereas all who have done good and sought justice at the cost of sacrifices will be welcomed.

Thus, it will not suffice to declare that we are "friends" of Christ, boasting of false merits: "We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets". True friendship with Jesus is expressed in the way of life: it is expressed with goodness of heart, with humility, meekness and mercy, love for justice and truth, a commitment to reconciliation.

We might say that this is the "identity card" that qualifies us as his real "friends"; this is the "passport" that will give us access to eternal life.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

If you're on holiday now or going away on holiday – have a great time and come back refreshed and full of beans. Be safe, and every blessing from the Shrine.

MASS INTENTIONS

Envelopes are at the back of the Church. Return them ASAP, especially if you require a particular date! Please don't leave it until the last moment – the date may well be taken.

SEVEN DAY LAMPS

Seven Day Lamps are available from the Presbytery for £5 or after Sunday Masses. You can also have the Sanctuary Lamps burning for a particular intention of yours. Envelopes to arrange this are at the back of the church.

SUMMER CHANGES

As lots of our regular parishioners and those involved at Corpus Christi are away having a break over the summer, there will be the following changes to our usual program here:

- The 11:30am Sunday Masses will be said whilst the musicians are on holiday. Music returns in September.
- There are no Masses on a Tuesday until September.
- The Wednesday Prayer Group returns with a Mass on the 4th September.

LET US PRAY FOR OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS

In a Shrine like Corpus Christi, situated right in the very heart of Covent Garden, we are sometimes very aware of noise coming from the street. Corpus Christi is really an oasis of calm and peace, but occasionally, when people are outside working or having a good time, we can be aware of them. If you're in the church and trying to pray, it might make it slightly more difficult for you. It's very easy to get annoyed and to lose your thread of prayer. But there is a better way of thinking about it.

All of the noise and commotion in the street is made by our brothers and sisters, whether Catholic or not. People getting on with their work lives, people partying, couples arguing, those who are distressed. We hear much of it – and that gives us the opportunity to bring them to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, instead of getting annoyed about being interrupted and our prayer time being spoilt, Jesus gives us the opportunity to bring these people to Him. For many of those in the street would never think of coming into the church; they might even be anti the Catholic Faith. But incorporating them into our prayers brings them to the notice of God. We can pray for them by holding them before Him. We don't need to know anything about them, except that they need our prayers, as does everyone. Praying for someone is far better than getting annoyed about a little bit of disturbance. *Fr Alan Robinson*

SODALITY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The next Sodality Mass is at **6.30pm Thursday 5th September** (no Mass in August) and our guest preacher will be **Fr Alexander Master**, Private Secretary to HE Cardinal Nichols. The confraternity meets on a monthly basis for Mass, Adoration and Benediction, adoring Jesus truly present in the Blessed Sacrament and the Mass is offered for the intentions of members. Leaflets containing application forms are available at the back of the church, or visit sodality.co.uk

CONFESSIONS are heard for half an hour before all Masses – but if you can't make it then, please ring the doorbell of the Rectory. If there is a priest around he'll be very happy to hear your Confession. Each Confession heard is a precious soul reunited with God, and given the hope and possibility of Heaven. Don't stay away – Examine your Conscience and come frequently to the sacrament: we ALL need this Sacrament so much.

NOTTING HILL CARNIVAL If you're planning to go – please take care, and watch out for pickpockets!

Our sick parishioners and friends

Sean Brennan, Swee Khoo, Bunny France, Collette Nevens, Peter Noakes, Tony Pearce, Mgr Frederik Miles, David Jordan, Bill Tomlinson, Christopher Browne, Margaret Griffith, Pascal James, Jean Bernard, Brian Keenan, Sid Shepherd, Terry Miles, John Hughes, Warren Peterson, Nicholas Pollock, Fr Patrick Hayward, Jack Ward, Traute Pollock, Noël Tobin, Geoff Smale, David Michael Barrett, Christopher Browne, John Lynch, Peter Georgeson, Colin Folan, Ann Gorman, Janet Seeley, Margaret Hopley DGCHS

Of your charity – please pray for those who have died recently: Fr Tom Quinn, Essi Tamaddom, Ruth Nicol, Christiane Brown, Fr Denis Patrick Watters, Mrs Anne Mary Youde DHS, Martin King, Mary Muir, Gedeon Egbert Woodworth, Anthony Pearce, Anthony Shanagher, Mgr Edwin Barnes, Fr Adrian Walker, Sheila Gaeton, Jean Teresa Wadsworth, Sebastian Jeans, Maureen Goodey, Mark Gregory Kay, Maria-Stella Ngombe, Bishop Friedrich Ostermann, Rosaleen Hunt, Craig, Rosa Silvester, Fr James Minogue, Marie Fe Lorenzo Ruiz,