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WEEKLY GIVING

Sunday 25th August 2019
Loose £427.71
Envelopes £65.00

*Thank you for your continued
generous support*

THE LAMPS ARE BURNING FOR:

SANCTUARY LAMPS

Actors Living & Dead x1
Private Intention x5
Holy Father x1

LADY CHAPEL

All the Faithful

*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

SEPTEMBER - MONTH DEDICATED TO
THE SEVEN SORROWS OF OUR LADY

✠ HOLY MASS FOR THE WEEK – 1ST SEPTEMBER 2019 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 1ST

✠ 22ND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

(Ps Week 2)

ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEATH OF CORMAC CARDINAL MURPHY O'CONNOR

9.30am Mass

Paddy McCarthy RIP

11.30am Sung Mass in Latin

Foundation Mass

MONDAY 2ND

FERIA

1.05pm Mass

Sarah Finegan – Intentions

6.30pm Mass – Extraordinary Form

TUESDAY 3RD

ST GREGORY THE GREAT, POPE & DOCTOR

No Mass – Tuesday Masses will resume later in September

WEDNESDAY 4TH

ST CUTHBERT, BISHOP

1.05pm Mass

MG Bencivenga – Intentions

THURSDAY 5TH

FERIA – VOTIVE MASS OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

1.05pm Mass

Kemal Erzinanlı – Intentions

6.30pm Sodality of the Blessed Sacrament Mass

Sodality Members

FRIDAY 6TH

FERIA – VOTIVE MASS OF THE MOST SACRED HEART

(Friday Abstinence)

1.05pm Mass

Therese Pacheco – sick

SATURDAY 7TH

FERIA

9.00am Church Cleaning

6.00pm Vigil Mass

Patricia Murphy – Intentions

SUNDAY 8TH

✠ 23RD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

(Ps Week 3)

9.30am Mass

Pro Populo

11.30am Sung Mass in Latin

David Canon Bagstaff – Intentions

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?

In this Sunday's Gospel, we find Jesus as a guest dining at the house of a Pharisee leader. Noting that the guests were choosing the best places at table, he recounted a parable in the setting of a marriage feast. "When you are invited by anyone to a marriage feast, do not sit down in a place of honour, lest a more eminent man than you be invited by him; and he who invited you both will come, and say to you, 'Give place to this man'.... But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place". The Lord does not intend to give a lesson on etiquette or on the hierarchy of the different authorities. Rather, he insists on a crucial point, that of humility: "Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted. A deeper meaning of this parable also makes us think of the position of the human being in relation to God. The "lowest place" can in fact represent the condition of humanity degraded by sin, a condition from which the Incarnation of the Only-Begotten Son alone can raise it. For this reason Christ himself "took the lowest place in the world the Cross and by this radical humility he redeemed us and constantly comes to our aid".

At the end of the parable Jesus suggests to the Pharisee leader that he invite to his table not his friends, kinsmen or rich neighbours, but rather poorer and more marginalized people who can in no way reciprocate, so that the gift may be given freely. The true reward, in fact, will ultimately be given by God, "who governs the world.... We offer him our service only to the extent that we can, and for as long as he grants us the strength". Once again, therefore, let us look to Christ as a model of humility and of giving freely: let us learn from him patience in temptation, meekness in offence, obedience to God in suffering, in the hope that the One who has invited us will say to us: "Friend, go up higher". Indeed, the true good is being close to him. St Louis IX, King of France whose Memorial was last Sunday put into practice what is written in the Book of Sirach: "The greater you are, the more you must humble yourself; so you will find favour in the sight of the Lord". This is what the King wrote in his "Spiritual Testament to his son": "If the Lord grant you some prosperity, not only must you humbly thank him but take care not to become worse by boasting or in any other way, make sure, that is, that you do not come into conflict with God or offend him with his own gifts."

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.

SODALITY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The next Sodality Mass is at **6.30pm on this coming Thursday 5th September** 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

MOVING FORWARD WITH THE LORD

I trust that all of you have had a good summer, with plenty of rest. I don't know about you, but I love going away to somewhere sunny and warm, where I can lay quietly in the shade and read. No diary – no time constraints – no telephone or emails: just some "me time". It's the perfect restorative. Being away from our everyday lives is often a good time to consider aspects of our faith and where our life is leading. After all, it's no good just sitting back and rolling on aimlessly, with no thought of what we should be doing. Every single one of us needs to be enabling that necessary "change" (metanoia) to happen in our lives, so that we all gradually become the person God wants us to be. One way of encouraging this is by our Spiritual Reading: whether that's by Lectio Divina or having to hand a "spiritual book", which we dip into each day. These are two very different things: a spiritual book is just that, i.e. a book we read which leads us into or gives us information about the spiritual life in some way. Lectio Divina, i.e. Divine Reading, is a method of reading which leads to meditation and prayer, intended to promote communion with God and to increase the knowledge of God's word. For this, traditionally it is the Bible that is used – giving us life through the living Word of God. It's great if we can make a place for both of these ways of reading in our lives, for they help us on our pilgrimage towards God. Sitting back and doing little or nothing is great for a holiday – but when we're back we need to press on with our life of faith. So, now you're back, ask yourself a fundamental question: "What am I doing to grow as a Catholic and in my relationship with God?" *Fr Alan Robinson*

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.

MY LIFE FOR GOD

Have you completed all the appropriate Sacraments for your life as a Catholic Christian? First Confession, First Holy Communion, Confirmation? Are you considering Religious Life (male or female) or the Sacred Priesthood? Are you considering becoming a Catholic? Please do contact me if you'd like to discuss any of these things.

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,