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CORPUS CHRISTI THE DIOCESAN SHRINE OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

JULY – MONTH DEDICATED TO THE PRECIOUS BLOOD

✠ HOLY MASS FOR THE WEEK – 26TH JULY 2020 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Please note that this church is restricted to **43** seats, due to social distancing regulations (A family in a pew is one 'seat'). Seats are allocated on a first come, first served basis. The church will open just before the times listed below, and will close soon after Mass to allow for cleaning. Full details on the website.

Confessions may be heard before Masses, or upon appointment, but will be done outside with social distancing in place.

We will continue to live stream on our website at maidenlane.org.uk/live

SUNDAY 26TH

✠ 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ps Week 1

9.30 am Mass *Welfare of S, D & M Woodman-Stanes Family*
11.30 am Mass in Latin *Pro Populo*
5.00 pm Vespers, Rosary & Benediction

MONDAY 27TH

FERIA

12noon Holy Hour
1.05 pm Mass *Julia Robinson RIP*
5.00 pm Vespers, Rosary & Benediction
6.30 pm Mass – Extraordinary Form

TUESDAY 28TH

FERIA

8.00 am Mass *Holy Souls in Purgatory*

WEDNESDAY 29TH

ST MARTHA

12noon Holy Hour
1.05 pm Mass *Lady Catherine & Sir Vincent Agbonrofo RIP*
5.00 pm Vespers, Rosary & Benediction

THURSDAY 30TH

ST PETER CHRYSOLOGUS, BISHOP & DOCTOR

N.B. No Mass or Holy Hour today. Apologies.

FRIDAY 31ST

(Friday Abstinence)

ST IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA, PRIEST

12noon Holy Hour
1.05 pm Mass *Welfare of A & N Stanes*
5.00 pm Vespers, Rosary & Benediction

SATURDAY 1ST AUGUST

ST ALPHONSUS LIGUORI, BISHOP & DOCTOR

5.00 pm Holy Hour
6.00 pm Vigil Mass *Johnny Benson RIP*

SUNDAY 2ND

✠ 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ps Week 2

9.30 am Mass *Welfare of A & N Stanes*
11.30 am Mass in Latin *Pro Populo*
5.00 pm Vespers, Rosary & Benediction

AN UPRIGHT CONSCIENCE

Today, in the liturgy, the Old Testament Reading presents to us the figure of King Solomon, the son and successor of David. It presents him at the beginning of his reign, when he was still very young. Solomon inherited a very demanding task and the responsibility that lay heavily on his shoulders was great for a young king. He first of all offered God a solemn sacrifice, “a thousand burnt offerings”, as the Bible says. Then the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night and promised to grant him what he asked in prayer. And here we see the greatness of Solomon’s soul. He did not ask for a long life, nor wealth, nor the elimination of his enemies; instead he said to the Lord: “Give your servant, therefore, an understanding heart to judge your people and to distinguish right from wrong”. And the Lord heard him, so that Solomon became famous throughout the world for his wisdom and his right judgements.

Therefore he prayed God to grant him “an understanding heart”. What do these words mean? We know that the “heart” in the Bible does not only indicate a part of the body, but also the centre of the person, the seat of his intentions and opinions. We might say: the conscience. Thus an “understanding heart” means a conscience that knows how to listen, that is sensitive to the voice of truth and for this reason can discern right from wrong.

In Solomon’s case, the request was motivated by the responsibility of leading a nation, Israel, the people whom God chose to show the world his plan of salvation. The King of Israel, therefore, had to try always to be in tune with God, listening to his word, in order to guide the people on the paths of the Lord, the path of justice and of peace.

However, Solomon’s example is valid for every person. Each one of us has a conscience so as to be, in a certain way, “king”, that is, to exercise the great human dignity of acting in accordance with an upright conscience, doing what is right and avoiding wrong.

The moral conscience presupposes the ability to hear the voice of truth and to be docile to its indications. People who are called to the task of government naturally have a further responsibility and, therefore — as Solomon teaches — are in even greater need of God’s help. Yet each one has his own part to play, in the concrete situation in which he finds himself. An erroneous mentality suggests to us that we ask God for favourable things or conditions; in fact, the true quality of our life and of social life depends on the upright conscience of each one, on the capacity of one and all to recognize right, separating it from wrong and seeking patiently to put it into practice, thereby contributing to justice and to peace.

A PRAYER AGAINST PLAGUE *A prayer from the 17th Century...*

Grant, we beseech you, almighty God, that we who in your name seek the grace of your protection, through the intercession of Blessed Mary ever Virgin, your saints Sebastian, Adrian, Anthony, Roch, Benno and of all the saints, having been freed from plague, and sudden death, may serve you with untroubled minds. Amen.

GETTING BACK ON TRACK

Lockdown was an odd experience for many of us – and from what people have told me, made the practising of our Catholic Faith a little tricky at times. Well; now we’re freer again and moving forward in large strides, and are able to get to Mass, it’s a good time to regain our focus and get back on track. So, here are a few thoughts to help: nothing new, but all essential.

Do I have an authentic “Yes” to God in my heart? We can only say yes if we have an intimate relationship with Him.

Let’s get back to Mass AND Confession – both of these are essential to this true and intimate living relationship.

Daily Prayer; especially the Rosary and mental prayer

Make a regular (daily?) Examination of Conscience – to be able to honestly ask ourselves whether we are on track, and have God as the focus of our life.

These few simple ideas will help us to refocus and keep us close to the Lord.

PS Unless you’re shielding, for whatever reason, you should now really try to get back to Mass.

PLEASE BE AWARE that there will not be a lunchtime Mass or Holy Hour here on this coming **Thursday 30th July** – Fr Robinson is celebrating a Requiem Mass elsewhere.

PLEASE HELP THE SHRINE STAY OPEN

Thank you to everyone who has donated and helped support us this far. As you know, we rely 100% on donations from those who come to Mass here, in person or through the live stream. We have no investments or rents like some larger parishes to help supplement our income. While some restaurants and bars are slowly beginning to reopen, many of the offices remain shut as people continue to work from home, and so our weekday and Sunday Mass attendance is significantly lower than usual. If you are able to help us keep going through this difficult time for everyone, please visit maidenlane.org.uk/support for ways to help us. Thank you!

A NEW COPE

Those of you who come to Vespers, or watch online, will have noticed Fr Robinson wearing a new green cope. This, like all the vestments here at the Shrine, was kindly donated by some benefactors, to whom we are very grateful.

All the vestments you see being worn at Mass have been donated by benefactors and parishioners of the Shrine, often in memory of a loved one. Each has a name stitched into the lining, and every time they are worn, the priest prays for the soul in whose memory they have been donated. If you would like to make a similar gift to the Shrine, please speak to Fr Robinson or Alex who will be able to tell you more about how to arrange this.

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION My Jesus, I most firmly believe that You are really present in the Blessed Sacrament. I place my whole confidence in You, and I love You above all things. Oh that I had never offended You! I ardently desire to be united to You, my loving Saviour, and never to be separated from You. What have I in heaven, and besides you what do I desire upon earth! Veni, Domine Jesu

Our sick parishioners and friends: Sue Wingfield, Marilyn Bruce-Mitford, Peter Noakes, Tony Pearce, David Jordan, 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, Ann Gorman, Janet Seeley,

Of your charity – please pray for those who have died recently: Fr Frederick Jackson, Beatrice Marti, Stephen Rose, Christopher Canon Tuckwell, Larinka Wright, Claus Tenzler, Eva Wiesinger, Revd. Dr. Cadoc Douglas Auld Leighton, Mgr Anthony Conlon, Fr John Seabrook, Mgr John Coghlan, Fr John O’Halloran, Mgr Frederick Canon Miles, Fr Austin Garvey, Fr Bryan Jones, Rita Lobo, Bill Tomlinson, Mgr John Klyberg, Mgr. Wolfgang Nastainczyk, Christiane Brown