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CORPUS CHRISTI THE DIOCESAN SHRINE OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

AUGUST – MONTH DEDICATED TO
THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

✠ HOLY MASS FOR THE WEEK – 30TH AUGUST 2020 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Please note that social distancing is still in force in the church. Please keep a safe distance from those outside of your household. Seats are allocated on a first come, first served basis. Please wear a face mask. 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 heard with social distancing in place.

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

SUNDAY 30TH

✠ 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9.30 am Mass

11.30 am Mass in Latin

NB – No Holy Hour this evening

Ps Week 2

William Patrick Reid RIP

Will White RIP – Anniversary

MONDAY 31ST – BANK HOLIDAY

ST AIDAN, BISHOP, AND THE SAINTS OF LINDISFARNE

10.00 am Mass

NB – No Holy Hour this evening

6.30 pm Mass – Extraordinary Form

Ella Gao – Ints.

TUESDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER

FERIA

8.00 am Mass

Foundation Mass

WEDNESDAY 2ND

FERIA

12noon Exposition

1.05 pm Mass

5.00 pm Vespers, Rosary & Benediction

Isabel Duarte Caprotti – Ints.

THURSDAY 3RD

ST GREGORY THE GREAT, POPE & DOCTOR

12noon Exposition

1.05 pm Mass

6.30 pm Sodality Mass & Benediction

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

Sodality Members

(Friday Abstinence)

FRIDAY 4TH

ST CUTHBERT, BISHOP

12noon Exposition

1.05 pm Mass

5.00 pm Vespers, Rosary & Benediction

Cordelia Freeman – Ints.

SATURDAY 5TH

FERIA

5.00 pm Holy Hour

6.00 pm Vigil Mass

Stanley Holt RIP

SUNDAY 6TH

✠ 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9.30 am Mass *Welfare of Friends & Family of Stanes & Perkins Families*

11.30 am Mass in Latin

5.00 pm Vespers, Rosary & Benediction

Pro Populo

THE GLORY OF THE CROSS

In today's Gospel Jesus explains to his disciples that he must "go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised".

Everything seems to have been turned upside down in the disciples' hearts! How could "the Christ, the Son of the living God" suffer unto death? The Apostle Peter rebels, he refuses to accept this route, he rebukes the Teacher saying: "God forbid, Lord! This shall never happen to you". The divergence between the Father's loving plan — which even went as far as the gift of the Only-Begotten Son on the Cross to save humanity — and the disciples' expectations, wishes and projects stands out clearly. And today too this contrast is repeated: when the fulfilment of one's life is geared solely to social success and to physical and financial well-being, one no longer reasons according to God but according to men.

Thinking as the world thinks is to set God aside, not accepting his plan of love, preventing him, as it were, from doing his wise will. For this reason Jesus says some particularly harsh words to Peter: "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me". The Lord teaches that "the way of discipleship [is] the way to follow him [walk behind him], the Crucified. In all three Gospels he also interprets this 'following' on the way of the Cross" as "the indispensable way for man to 'lose his life', without which it is impossible for him to find" himself".

As he invited the disciples, Jesus also addresses an invitation to us: "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me". A Christian follows the Lord when he accepts lovingly his own cross, which in the world's eyes seems a defeat and to "lose life", knowing that he is not carrying it alone but with Jesus, sharing his same journey of self-giving.

Pope Saint Paul VI wrote: "In a mysterious way, Christ himself accepts death... on the Cross, in order to eradicate from man's heart the sins of self-sufficiency and to manifest to the Father a complete filial obedience". By willingly accepting death, Jesus carries the cross of all human beings and becomes a source of salvation for the whole of humanity.

St Cyril of Jerusalem commented: "The glory of the Cross led those who were blind through ignorance into light, loosed all who were held fast by sin and brought redemption to the whole world of mankind".

Dear friends, let us entrust our prayers to the Virgin Mary and also to St Augustine whose Memorial we celebrated last week, so that each one of us may be able to follow the Lord on the way of the cross and let ourselves be transformed by divine grace, renewing — as St Paul says in the liturgy today — our minds so that we "may prove what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect"

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.

SODALITY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

We are delighted to be resuming the Sodality of the Blessed Sacrament Masses with Adoration and Benediction, starting this **Thursday 3rd September at 6:30pm!** Our guest preacher this month is **Fr Timothy Finigan**, who many of you will know from his blog *The Hermeneutic of Continuity*. For those of you who are unable to join us, you can join the live stream on our website. To find out more about the Sodality and to become a member, visit **sodality.co.uk**

Please note that the Sodality Mass will take the place of the 5pm Holy Hour.

MONDAY 31ST AUGUST

A reminder that Monday 31st August is a Bank Holiday. Mass is at 10am in the Ordinary Form and 6:30pm in the Extraordinary Form. There is no Holy Hour.

MASS INTENTIONS

Unbelievably our Mass book has filled up for the year. This has never happened before, and is a result of the live streaming during lockdown. This is, of course, fantastic that so many people are looking to have Masses offered for particular intentions and placing their loved ones, their concerns, and their thanksgiving before the Lord. We now have a diary for 2021, so if you have any particular anniversaries that you want specific dates for, please get them in early to avoid disappointment. Fr Alan can still offer some of his private Masses for any pressing intentions that come in before then.

OUR LADY OF SORROWS

As we enter September, which is dedicated to the Seven Sorrows of Our Lady, we contemplate Mary sharing her Son's compassion for sinners. As Saint Bernard declares, the Mother of Christ entered into the Passion of her Son through her compassion. At the foot of the Cross, the prophecy of Simeon is fulfilled: her mother's heart is pierced through by the torment inflicted on the Innocent One born of her flesh. Just as Jesus cried, so too Mary certainly cried over the tortured body of her Son. Her self-restraint, however, prevents us from plumbing the depths of her grief; the full extent of her suffering is merely suggested by the traditional symbol of the seven swords. As in the case of her Son Jesus, one might say that she too was led to perfection through this suffering, so as to make her capable of receiving the new spiritual mission that her Son entrusts to her immediately before "giving up his spirit": that of becoming the mother of Christ in his members. In that hour, through the figure of the beloved disciple, Jesus presents each of his disciples to his Mother when he says to her: Behold your Son. Let us contemplate these Sorrows during this month, and let us unite the prayers of our hearts as we say the Rosary to the Most Sorrowful Heart of Our Blessed Mother.

DONATIONS AT MASS

We are so grateful to those of you who are helping us to stay open and keep operating. It is very difficult with so many of the offices still being closed and weekday numbers still not being back to their usual level. Please don't forget the bucket by the door as you leave. There may not be a physical collection during the Mass itself, but please do help us with what you can. There are other ways to help us on our website, including buying Sanctuary Lamps at **maidenlane.org.uk/support** Thank you!

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: Mary Quinlan, 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, Rita Lobo, Bill Tomlinson, Mgr John Klyberg, Mgr. Wolfgang Nastainczyk, Christiane Brown