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## CORPUS CHRISTI THE DIOCESAN SHRINE OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

SEPTEMBER – MONTH DEDICATED TO  
THE SEVEN SORROWS OF OUR LADY

### ✠ HOLY MASS FOR THE WEEK – 6<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2020 23<sup>RD</sup> 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](http://maidenlane.org.uk/live)

#### SUNDAY 6<sup>TH</sup>

##### ✠ 23<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Ps Week 3*

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

11.30 am Mass in Latin *Pro Populo*

5.00 pm Vespers, Rosary & Benediction

#### MONDAY 7<sup>TH</sup>

##### FERIA

12noon Exposition

1.05 pm Mass

*Donald Raecke – sick*

5.00 pm Vespers, Rosary & Benediction

#### TUESDAY 8<sup>TH</sup>

##### THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

8.00 am Mass

*Jolanta Choinska-Mika – Intentions*

#### WEDNESDAY 9<sup>TH</sup>

##### ST PETER CLAVER, PRIEST

12noon Exposition

1.05 pm Mass

*Benefactors of Corpus Christi*

5.00 pm Vespers, Rosary & Benediction

#### THURSDAY 10<sup>TH</sup>

##### FERIA

12noon Exposition

1.05 pm Mass

*Arthur Ernest Robinson RIP – Anniversary*

5.00 pm Vespers, Rosary & Benediction

#### FRIDAY 11<sup>TH</sup>

##### FERIA

12noon Exposition

1.05 pm Mass

*Edna May Giles RIP – Anniversary*

5.00 pm Vespers, Rosary & Benediction

6.30 pm Mass – Extraordinary Form

*Good Counsel Network*

#### SATURDAY 12<sup>TH</sup>

##### THE MOST HOLY NAME OF MARY

5.00 pm Holy Hour

6.00 pm Vigil Mass

*Sean Margaret Josephine Reyan RIP*

#### SUNDAY 13<sup>TH</sup>

##### ✠ 24<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Ps Week 4*

9.30 am Mass *Deceased Family & Friends of Stanes & Perkins Family*

11.30 am Mass in Latin

*Pro Populo*

5.00 pm Vespers, Rosary & Benediction

## LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOUR AS YOURSELF

The biblical Readings of Mass this Sunday converge on the theme of brotherly love in the community of believers whose source lies in the communion of the Trinity. The Apostle Paul says that the whole Law of God finds fullness in love, so that in our relationships with others the Ten Commandments and every other precept are summed up in these words: "Love your neighbour as yourself".

The Gospel text from chapter 18 of Matthew on the life of the Christian community tells us that brotherly love also involves a sense of mutual responsibility. For this reason if my brother commits a sin against me I must treat him charitably and first of all, speak to him privately, pointing out that what he has said or done is wrong. This approach is known as "fraternal correction": it is not a reaction to the offence suffered but is motivated by love for one's brethren.

St Augustine comments: "Whoever has offended you, in offending you, has inflicted a serious injury upon himself; and would you not care for a brother's injury?... You must forget the offence you have received but not the injury of one of your brethren.

And what if my brother does not listen to me? In today's Gospel Jesus points to a gradual approach: first, speak to him again with two or three others, the better to help him realize what he has done; if, in spite of this, he still refuses to listen, it is necessary to tell the community; and if he refuses to listen even to the community, he must be made to perceive that he has cut himself off by separating himself from the communion of the Church.

All this demonstrates that we are responsible for each other in the journey of Christian life; each person, aware of his own limitations and shortcomings, is called to accept fraternal correction and to help others with this specific service.

Another fruit of love in the community is unanimous prayer. Jesus said: "If two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in Heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them". Personal prayer is of course important, indeed indispensable, but the Lord guarantees his presence to the community — even if it is very small — which is united and in agreement, because this reflects the very reality of the Triune God, perfect communion of love. Origen says "we should practise this symphony", in other words this harmony within the Christian community. We should practise both fraternal correction — which demands deep humility and simplicity of heart — and prayer so that it may rise to God from a community truly united in Christ.

**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 were delighted to be resume the Sodality of the Blessed Sacrament Masses with Adoration and Benediction, last week. The next Mass will be on **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October at 6:30pm** and our guest preacher will be **Fr Thomas Skeats, OP**, who was until recently the Prior of the Rosary Shrine in Haverstock Hill. 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**

### 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.

### 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!

### THE SEVEN SORROWS OF OUR BLESSED LADY

God vouchsafed to select the very things about Him which are most incommunicable, and in a most mysteriously real way communicate them to her. See how He had already mixed her up with the eternal designs of creation, making her almost a partial cause and partial model of it. Our Lady's co-operation in the redemption of the world gives us a fresh view of her magnificence. Neither the Immaculate Conception nor the Assumption will give us a higher idea of Mary's exaltation than the title of co-redemptrix. Her sorrows were not necessary for the redemption of the world, but in the counsels of God they were inseparable from it. They belong to the integrity of the divine plan. Are not Mary's mysteries Jesus' mysteries, and His mysteries hers? The truth appears to be that all the mysteries of Jesus and Mary were in God's design as one mystery. Jesus Himself was Mary's sorrow, seven times repeated, aggravated sevenfold. During the hours of the Passion, the offering of Jesus and the offering of Mary were tied in one. They kept pace together; they were made of the same materials; they were perfumed with kindred fragrance; they were lighted with the same fire; they were offered with kindred dispositions. The two things were one simultaneous oblation, interwoven each moment through the thickly crowded mysteries of that dread time, unto the eternal Father, out of two sinless hearts, that were the hearts of Son and Mother, for the sins of a guilty world which fell on them contrary to their merits, but according to their own free will. *Fr Frederick Faber - The Foot of the Cross*

**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, 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:** Jack Ward, 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, Mgr Frederick Canon Miles, Fr Austin Garvey, Rita Lobo, Bill Tomlinson, Mgr John Klyberg, Mgr. Wolfgang Nastainczyk, Christiane Brown