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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 – 20TH SEPTEMBER 2020 25TH 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 20TH

✠ 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9.30 am Mass
11.30 am Sung Mass in Latin
5.00 pm Vespers, Rosary & Benediction

*Ps Week 1
Anne Barrett RIP – Anniversary
Pro Populo*

MONDAY 21ST

ST MATTHEW, APOSTLE & EVANGELIST

12noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Church open for private prayer
6.30 pm Mass – Extraordinary Form

Harold Freeman RIP

TUESDAY 22ND

FERIA

N.B. No Mass today. Church closed all day. Apologies.

WEDNESDAY 23RD

ST PIUS OF PIETRELCINA, PRIEST

12noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Vespers, Rosary & Benediction
7.00 pm Corpus Christi Prayer Group

Joseph Mario Reale RIP

THURSDAY 24TH

OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

12noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Vespers, Rosary & Benediction

Valerie George – Ints.

FRIDAY 25TH

FERIA

12noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Vespers, Rosary & Benediction

(Friday Abstinence)

Alan Mason RIP

SATURDAY 26TH

Ss COSMAS & DAMIAN, MARTYRS

5.00 pm Holy Hour
6.00 pm Vigil Mass

Mgr Augustine Hoey RIP – Anniv.

SUNDAY 27TH

✠ 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9.30 am Mass
11.30 am Sung Mass in Latin
5.00 pm Vespers, Rosary & Benediction

*Ps Week 2
Pro Populo
Special Intention to St Michael*

TUESDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER

Please note there will be **no Mass** on Tuesday 22nd September. There will also be no Holy Hour on Monday 21st. Apologies for this inconvenience.

LABOURER IN THE VINEYARD OF THE LORD

You may remember that when he addressed the crowd in St Peter's Square on the day of his election, Pope Benedict XVI introduced himself as a labourer in the vineyard of the Lord. Well, in today's Gospel, Jesus recounted the very same parable of the owner of the vineyard who at different hours of the day hires labourers to work in it. And in the evening he gives them all the same wages, one denarius, provoking protests from those who began work early.

That denarius clearly represents eternal life, a gift that God reserves for all. Indeed those who are considered the "last", if they accept, become the "first", whereas the "first" can risk becoming the "last". The first message of this parable is inherent in the very fact that the landowner does not tolerate, as it were, unemployment: he wants everyone to be employed in his vineyard. Actually, being called is already the first reward: to be able to work in the Lord's vineyard, to put oneself at his service, to collaborate in his work, is in itself a priceless recompense that repays every effort. Yet only those who love the Lord and his Kingdom understand this: those who instead work only for the pay will never realize the value of this inestimable treasure.

It is St Matthew who recounts this parable, an apostle and an evangelist, whose liturgical feast day we are celebrate next week. I like to emphasize that Matthew lived this experience in the first person. Indeed, before Jesus called him he worked as a tax collector and was therefore seen as a public sinner, excluded from "the Lord's vineyard". But everything changed when Jesus passed by his table, looked at him and said to him: "Follow me". Matthew rose and followed him. From a publican he immediately became a disciple of Christ. From being "last" he found himself "first", thanks to God's logic, which - for our good fortune! - is different from the logic of the world. "My thoughts are not your thoughts", the Lord says, speaking through the mouth of Isaiah, "neither are your ways my ways".

St Paul also experienced the joy of feeling called by the Lord to work in his vineyard. And what a lot of work he accomplished! Yet, as he himself confessed, it was God's grace which worked in him, that grace which from persecutor of the Church transformed him into an Apostle to the Gentiles, to the point of saying: "For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain" However he immediately added: "If it is to be life in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell". Paul clearly understood that working for the Lord is already a reward on this earth.

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 1st 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

WEDNESDAY EVENING PRAYER GROUP

The Corpus Christi Prayer Group is resuming on this coming Wednesday evening at 7.00pm. For more information, please contact Annette at ccpguk@gmail.com

TEN YEARS SINCE THE PAPAL VISIT

This week just gone saw us commemorate ten years since the visit of Pope Benedict XVI to these islands. After visiting Scotland, and meeting with Parliament, he celebrated Mass in Westminster Cathedral, held a prayer vigil in Hyde Park and then beatified Cardinal Newman in Birmingham. What a joyous few days they were and I'm sure many of you have your own fond memories of his visit. In his homily at Westminster Cathedral, Pope Benedict spoke of the Eucharist:

"Faithful to Christ's command to "do this in memory of me" the Church in every time and place celebrates the Eucharist until the Lord returns in glory, rejoicing in his sacramental presence and drawing upon the power of his saving sacrifice for the redemption of the world. The reality of the Eucharistic sacrifice has always been at the heart of Catholic faith; called into question in the sixteenth century, it was solemnly reaffirmed at the Council of Trent against the backdrop of our justification in Christ. Here in England, as we know, there were many who staunchly defended the Mass, often at great cost, giving rise to that devotion to the Most Holy Eucharist which has been a hallmark of Catholicism in these lands.

"The Eucharistic sacrifice of the Body and Blood of Christ embraces in turn the mystery of our Lord's continuing passion in the members of his Mystical Body, the Church in every age. Here the great crucifix which towers above us serves as a reminder that Christ, our eternal high priest, daily unites our own sacrifices, our own sufferings, our own needs, hopes and aspirations, to the infinite merits of his sacrifice. Through him, with him, and in him, we lift up our own bodies as a sacrifice holy and acceptable to God. In this sense we are caught up in his eternal oblation, completing, as Saint Paul says, in our flesh what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, the Church. In the life of the Church, in her trials and tribulations, Christ continues, in the stark phrase of Pascal, to be in agony until the end of the world."

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, 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