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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 – 27TH SEPTEMBER 2020 26TH 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 and maintain the Government's 'Rule of Six'. The church will open just before the times listed below, and will close soon after Mass to allow for cleaning. An NHS Track & Trace QR Code is by the entrance.

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

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

MONDAY 28TH

ST WENCESLAUS, MARTYR

12noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Vespers, Rosary & Benediction
6.30 pm Mass – Extraordinary Form

Paul Woodfield RIP

TUESDAY 29TH

SS MICHAEL, GABRIEL AND RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS

8.00 am Mass

Ann Murray RIP

WEDNESDAY 30TH

ST JEROME, PRIEST & DOCTOR

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

Patrick Golden RIP

THURSDAY 1ST OCTOBER

ST THÉRÈSE OF THE CHILD JESUS, VIRGIN & DOCTOR

12noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
6.30 pm Sodality of the Blessed Sacrament Mass

Foundation Mass

Sodality Members

(Friday Abstinence)

FRIDAY 2ND

THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS

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

Doreen O'Callaghan – Ints.

SATURDAY 3RD

FERIA

5.00 pm Holy Hour
6.00 pm Vigil Mass

Patrick Golden RIP

SUNDAY 4TH

✠ 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

Ps Week 3

Eileen Osborne RIP

Pro Populo

HUMILITAS

Today the liturgy presents to us the Gospel parable of the two sons sent by their father to work in his vineyard. One of them immediately agrees to go but then does not; the other instead refuses but later repents and complies with his father's wishes. With this parable Jesus reaffirms his predilection for sinners who convert and teaches us that humility is necessary in order to accept the gift of salvation. St Paul too, in the passage from his Letter to the Philippians on which we are meditating today, urges us to be humble: "Do nothing from selfishness or conceit", he writes, "but... let each of you... in humility count others better than yourselves". These are the same sentiments as those of Christ who, emptying himself of divine glory out of love for us, became a man and humbled himself even to dying on a Cross. The verb used - *ekenósen* - means literally that he "emptied himself" and sheds clear light on the deep humility and infinite love of Jesus, the humble Servant par excellence.

In reflecting on these biblical texts, one thinks of Pope John Paul I, whose anniversary of death we commemorate tomorrow. John Paul I chose as his episcopal motto the same motto as St Charles Borromeo, namely: *Humilitas*. This single word sums up the essential of Christian life and indicates the indispensable virtue of those in the Church who are called to the service of authority. At one of the four General Audiences held during his extremely short Pontificate, he said, among other things, with that familiar tone that distinguished him: "I will just recommend one virtue so dear to the Lord. He said, "Learn from me who am meek and humble of heart!... Even if you have done great things, say: "We are useless servants". And he observed: "On the contrary the tendency in all of us, is rather the opposite: to show off". Humility can be considered his spiritual testament.

Because of this virtue of his, it only took 33 days for Pope Luciani to win people's hearts. In his Addresses he always referred to events in practical life, from his family memories and from popular wisdom. His simplicity was a vehicle for a solid, rich teaching which, thanks to the gift of an exceptional memory and a vast knowledge, he embellished with numerous citations from ecclesiastical and secular writers. Thus, he was an incomparable catechist, following in the footsteps of St Pius X, who came from the same region and was his Predecessor first on the throne of St Mark and then on that of St Peter. "We must feel small before God", he said during the same Audience. And he added, "I am not ashamed to feel like a child before his mother; one believes in one's mother; I believe in the Lord, in what he has revealed to me". These words reveal the full depth of his faith. As we thank God for having given him to the Church and to the world, let us treasure his example, striving to cultivate his same humility which enabled him to talk to everyone, especially the small and the "distant".

WEDNESDAY EVENING PRAYER GROUP

The Corpus Christi Prayer Group has resumed on Wednesday evenings at 7.00pm. For more information, please contact Annette at ccpguk@gmail.com

SODALITY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

We were delighted to be resume the Sodality of the Blessed Sacrament Masses with Adoration and Benediction. The next Mass will be on **Thursday 1st October at 6:30pm** and our guest preacher will be **Fr David Rocks, OP**, Parish Priest of the Rosary Shrine in Haverstock Hill. This replaces the Holy Hour on that Thursday. 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

GETTING SERIOUS ABOUT OUR FAITH

We have been though a very strange time this year, and the life of the Church is nowhere back to normal. HE Robert Cardinal Sarah has written about the real need for us to get back to the celebration of Mass – not “online” or virtually – but by being physically present in the church. And let’s face it: inside a church is one of the safest places to be at present, when we think about the possibility of being infected by the Covid-19 virus. The rules we follow are so comprehensive compared to some other venues, that it would be very difficult to become infected whilst at Mass. Joining Mass “online” was a good stop-gap as we made our way through lockdown: but now it’s time to return to the Altar and to receive the Lord.

Confession is something else which needs to be high on our agenda. Unless we are saints, and I’m certainly not; it’s almost impossible to have lasted this long without the need to have recourse to this great sacrament. So, the confessional is the first stop before we come to the Altar to receive Holy Communion. I’m going to commend a great book to all of you, and it’s absolutely FREE! **The Faith of our Fathers** by HE James Cardinal Gibbons is available online (as part of Project Gutenberg) and can be found at gutenberg.org/ebooks/27435 It’s a marvellous catechetical book, written in a most engaging manner, and is very easy to read and to understand. Why not download this and read a section each day? It’s the sort of book which brings about a great rekindling of enthusiasm and interest in the faith.

So, let’s get down to it. We really need to immerse ourselves in the life of the Church; and work on rekindling and stoking-up our relationship with the Catholic Faith.

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!

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: Adam Serdiuchenko, 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