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CORPUS CHRISTI THE DIOCESAN SHRINE OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

OCTOBER – MONTH DEDICATED TO
THE HOLY ROSARY

✠ HOLY MASS FOR THE WEEK – 4TH OCTOBER 2020 27TH 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 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*

MONDAY 5TH

ST FAUSTINA KOWALSKA, VIRGIN

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

Kathleen McCabe RIP

TUESDAY 6TH

ST BRUNO, PRIEST

8.00 am Mass

Elfrida Antonio RIP

WEDNESDAY 7TH

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

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

Monica Remedios RIP

THURSDAY 8TH

FERIA

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

Benefactors of Corpus Christi

FRIDAY 9TH

ST JOHN HENRY NEWMAN, PRIEST

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

(Friday Abstinence)

Alida Boudreau RIP

Good Counsel Network

SATURDAY 10TH

ST PAULINUS OF YORK, BISHOP

5.00 pm Holy Hour
6.00 pm Vigil Mass

Paddy Josephine Michael Hanley RIP

SUNDAY 11TH

✠ 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

*Ps Week 4
Jim Ryan RIP
Pro Populo*

SECOND COLLECTION – PETER’S PENCE

This weekend is the collection for Peter’s Pence – usually taken in June. This is the Holy Father’s charity.

THE CORNER STONE

This Sunday’s Gospel ends with a particularly severe warning from Jesus, addressed to the chief priests and the elders of the people: “The kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a nation producing the fruits of it”. These are words that call to mind the great responsibility of those in every epoch who are called to work in the Lord’s vineyard, especially in roles of authority, and they press for a renewal of full fidelity to Christ.

He is “the very stone which the builders rejected”, because they judged him to be hostile to the law and a danger to public order; but he himself, rejected and crucified, is risen, to become the “corner stone” on which the foundations of every human life and of the whole world may rest in total safety.

The truth of this is the subject of the Parable of the Unfaithful Tenants to whom a man entrusted his vineyard so that they might cultivate and harvest the produce. The owner of the vineyard symbolizes God himself, while the vineyard symbolizes his people, as well as the life he gives, so that with his grace and our hard work, we may do good. St Augustine comments: “God does also cultivate us... as a field, that he may make us better”. God has a project for his friends, but unfortunately the human response is often oriented to infidelity which is expressed in rejection. Pride and selfishness prevent us from recognizing and welcoming even God’s most precious gift: his Only-Begotten Son.

When, in fact, “he sent his son to them”, the Evangelist Matthew wrote, “[the tenants] took him and cast him out of the vineyard, and killed him”. God puts himself in our hands, agrees to make himself an unfathomable mystery of weakness and manifests his omnipotence in his faithfulness to a plan of love which, in the end, also provides for the proper punishment of the wicked.

Firmly anchored in faith to the cornerstone which is Christ, let us abide in him, like the branch that can bear no fruit unless it remains attached to the vine. The Church, the People of the New Covenant, is built only in him, for him and with him. On this Pope St Paul VI wrote: “The first benefit which We trust the Church will reap from a deepened self-awareness, is a renewed discovery of its vital bond of union with Christ. This is something which is perfectly well known, but it is supremely important and absolutely essential. It can never be sufficiently understood, meditated upon and preached”.

Dear friends, the Lord is ever close and active in humanity’s history and accompanies us with the unique presence of his Angels, whom on Friday the Church venerated as “Guardian Angels”, that is, ministers of the divine care for every human being. From the beginning until the hour of death, human life is surrounded by their constant protection. And the Angels encircle the august Queen of Victories, the Blessed Virgin Mary of the Rosary, who, on the first Sunday of October, at this very moment, receives the fervent supplication from the whole world that evil may be defeated and God’s goodness revealed in its fullness.

NOVEMBER HOLY SOULS

It may only be the start of October, but November - the month of the Holy Souls - will be upon us before we know it! Throughout November, we will be offering at least three Masses a week for the **Holy Souls in Purgatory**. You can have your departed relatives and friends remembered at the Altar at these Masses by adding their names to the list by simply filling out the form on our website, or one of the forms at the back of the church. Visit maidenlane.org.uk/holysouls to make your offering today!

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.

SODALITY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The next Sodality Mass will be on **Thursday 5th November at 6:30pm**. 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

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: 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