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CORPUS CHRISTI THE DIOCESAN SHRINE OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

JANUARY – MONTH DEDICATED TO
THE MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS

✠ HOLY MASS FOR THE WEEK – 24TH JANUARY 2021 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In spite of the Government Lockdown, the church is open for private prayer and public Mass. Please keep a safe distance from those outside your household. There is no need to book. Please wear a face covering. 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. Live stream continues at maidenlane.org.uk/live

SUNDAY 24TH

✠ 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

9.30 am Mass
11.30 am Sung Latin Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour

Ps Week 3

*Edie Moran – Intentions
Pro Populo*

MONDAY 25TH

THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL THE APOSTLE

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour
6.30 pm Mass – Extraordinary Form

Dipre Family – Intentions

TUESDAY 26TH

SS TIMOTHY AND TITUS, BISHOPS

Private Mass – church closed today.

Vaino Nowak RIP

WEDNESDAY 27TH

ST ANGELA MERICI, VIRGIN

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour

Guillermo Cerron RIP

THURSDAY 28TH

ST THOMAS AQUINAS, PRIEST & DOCTOR

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour

Private Intention – NP

FRIDAY 29TH

FERIA

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour

(Friday Abstinence)

Guy Finnis RIP

SATURDAY 30TH

FERIA

5.00 pm Exposition
6.00 pm Vigil Mass

Pedro Antonio Quadros RIP

SUNDAY 31ST

✠ 4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9.30 am Mass
11.30 am Sung Latin Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour

Ps Week 4

*Pro Populo
Theodore De Souza RIP*

REPENT AND BELIEVE

In the Gospel this Sunday the words of Jesus' first preaching in Galilee resound: "This is the time of fulfilment. The Kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel". And tomorrow, 25 January, is the memorial of the "Conversion of St Paul". In truth, in Paul's case, some prefer not to use this term because, they say, he was already a believer, rather a fervent Hebrew, and therefore he did not pass from no faith to the faith, from the idols to God, nor did he have to abandon the Hebrew faith to adhere to Christ. Actually, the Apostle's experience can be the model of every authentic Christian conversion.

Paul's conversion matured in his encounter with the Risen Christ; it was this encounter that radically changed his life. What happened to him on the road to Damascus is what Jesus asks in today's Gospel: Saul is converted because, thanks to the divine light, "he has believed in the Gospel". In this consists his and our conversion: in believing in Jesus dead and risen and in opening to the illumination of his divine grace. In that moment Saul understood that his salvation did not depend on good works fulfilled according to the law, but on the fact that Jesus died also for him the persecutor and has risen. This truth by which every Christian life is enlightened thanks to Baptism completely overturns our way of life. To be converted means, also for each one of us, to believe that Jesus "has given himself for me", dying on the Cross and, risen, lives with me and in me. Entrusting myself to the power of his forgiveness, letting myself be taken by his hand, I can come out of the quicksands of pride and sin, of deceit and sadness, of selfishness and of every false security, to know and live the richness of his love.

Dear friends, the invitation to conversion, confirmed by St Paul's witness, resounds today, at the conclusion of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, as particularly important also on the ecumenical level. The Apostle indicates to us the spiritual attitude appropriate to being able to progress along the way of communion. He writes to the Philippians, "It is not that I have reached it yet, or have already finished my course; but I am racing to grasp the prize if possible, since I have been grasped by Christ [Jesus]. Certainly, we Christians still have not reached the goal of full unity, but if we let ourselves be continually converted by the Lord Jesus, we will surely reach it. May the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the one holy Church, obtain for us the gift of a true conversion, so that as soon as possible the desire of Christ "Ut unum sint" will be realized.

SEVEN DAY LAMPS

Are available at the back of the church for £5, or online at maidenlane.org.uk/lamps You can also request the Sanctuary lamps to burn for a particular intention in this way.

MASS INTENTIONS

You can still request Masses to be offered for a particular intention. At the moment, the earliest date available is in March. You can make a request either by using the envelopes at the back of the church, or going on the website maidenlane.org.uk/intentions

THE PORCH – THE WORK CONTINUES

The foundation layers to the ceiling have now been completed and need to be left to cure for a couple of weeks before the mosaic works can begin. In the meantime, the porch is still inaccessible due to the scaffolding that is in there. The artists will return at the start of February to begin the actual mosaic work.

YEAR OF ST JOSEPH - CONSECRATION

With his Apostolic Letter *Patris corde*, Pope Francis has proclaimed this year the Year of St Joseph. One thing we can all do to bring St Joseph into our own lives each day, is the **33 Day Consecration to St Joseph**. This course of devotions, readings and prayers has been devised by Fr Donald Calloway and follows a similar course to the 33 Day Consecration to Our Lady that many of you may be familiar with. This book can be bought on Amazon for just £11 by visiting amzn.to/3bZxeft If you were to begin on 15th February, you would complete the Consecration on 19th March – the Solemnity of St Joseph.

When God wishes to raise a soul to greater heights, he unites it to St Joseph by giving it a strong love for the good saint. – St Peter Julian Eymard

KEEPING THE SHRINE OPEN

Whilst the lockdown continues, the church remains open for private prayer and public worship. St Padre Pio once commented: "It would be easier for the world to survive without the sun than to do without Holy Mass." The live streaming facilities we had installed at least gave some access to the Shrine, however 'remote Mass' can never be a substitute for being with Jesus Christ, Truly Present in the Blessed Sacrament. I would like to thank every one of you, both here in the UK and further afield, who have united your prayers with mine over the last year. Your prayers have been truly sustaining. I would also like to say a **huge, heartfelt thank you** to all those who have helped keep the Shrine going, through your donations. With no tourists, theatre-goers, office workers nearby, we have seen a significant reduction in the number of people entering our doors, which obviously affects our collection. Your donations have meant that we can continue paying for the live stream, the musicians, the lighting and heating... etc. **Thank you.**

This year is likely to be more difficult than last, as the impacts of the lockdowns and the pandemic more generally start to be realised. If you are able to help in any way, please visit our website at maidenlane.org.uk/support to donate.

VENERABLE FULTON SHEEN

"We do not know what the future holds — whether the battle will bloody or unbloody. We only know that the world is beginning to polarize, and the good are becoming better and the bad are becoming worse. Whether swords will be used we do not know... There is only one thing that we do know: That is, that if truth wins, we win! And if truth... Ah, but truth can't lose!"

SODALITY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The next **Sodality Mass** will be on at **6.30pm on Thursday 4th February**. This month's guest preacher is **Fr Nicholas Schofield**, who is the Diocesan Archivist and Parish Priest of Our Lady of Lourdes and St Michael. Those of you who can't be here in person can join us online via the live stream. To join the Sodality, visit sodality.co.uk

Our sick parishioners and friends: Kee Ow Peng, Maria Jessiman, 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: Mgr Mark Langham, Olive O'Grady, Fr John Miller, 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 Frederick Canon Miles, Rita Lobo, Bill Tomlinson, Mgr John Klyberg, Mgr. Wolfgang Nastainczyk, Christiane Brown