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CORPUS CHRISTI

THE DIOCESAN SHRINE OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

JULY – MONTH DEDICATED TO
THE MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD



✠ HOLY MASS FOR THE WEEK – 4TH JULY 2021 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Please continue to keep a safe distance from those outside your household. There is no need to book for Mass. You must wear a face covering, unless exempt. **Confessions** may be heard half an hour before Masses, or upon appointment, in the Confessional. Live stream continues at maidenlane.org.uk/live

SUNDAY 4TH

✠ 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

*Ps. Week 2
Pro Populo
Raffelina Norona*

MONDAY 5TH

ST ANTHONY ZACCARIA, PRIEST

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

Elizabeth Howard RIP

TUESDAY 6TH

ST MARIA GORETTI, VIRGIN & MARTYR

Private Mass. Church open for private prayer *Catherine & Fergus Macleod – Intentions*

WEDNESDAY 7TH

FERIA

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour
7.00 pm Corpus Christi Prayer Group

Fr Patrick Cope & Arthur Cope RIP

THURSDAY 8TH

FERIA

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
6.30 pm Sodality Mass & Benediction

*Benefactors of Corpus Christi
Members of the Sodality*

FRIDAY 9TH

ST AUGUSTINE ZHAO RONG, PRIEST, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour

Holy Souls in Purgatory

(Friday Abstinence)

SATURDAY 10TH

FERIA

5.00 pm Exposition
6.00 pm Vigil Mass

Deceased Family of Ines Vieira & Fr Patrick Cope

SUNDAY 11TH

✠ 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

*Ps. Week 3
Bridget Walsh RIP – Anniversary
Pro Populo*

A PROPHET IS DESPISED IN HIS OWN COUNTRY

This week's Gospel is taken from the text that has the famous saying "*Nemo propheta in patria*". In other words no prophet is properly accepted among his own people who watched him grow up. Indeed after Jesus, when he was about 30 years old, had left Nazareth and had already been travelling about preaching and working miracles of healing elsewhere, he once returned to his birthplace and started teaching in the synagogue.

His fellow citizens "were astonished" by his wisdom, and knowing him as "the son of Mary", as the carpenter who had lived in their midst, instead of welcoming him with faith were shocked and took offence. This reaction is understandable because familiarity at the human level makes it difficult to go beyond this in order to be open to the divine dimension. That this son of a carpenter was the Son of God was hard for them to believe. Jesus actually takes as an example the experience of the prophets of Israel, who in their own homeland were an object of contempt, and identifies himself with them. Due to this spiritual closure Jesus "could do no mighty work there [Nazareth], except that he laid his hands upon a few sick people and healed them". In fact Christ's miracles are not a display of power but signs of the love of God that is brought into being wherever it encounters reciprocated human faith. Origen writes: "as in the case of material things there exists in some things a natural attraction towards some other thing, as in the magnet for iron... so there is an attraction in such faith towards the divine power".

It would therefore seem that Jesus—as is said—is making sense of the negative welcome he received in Nazareth. Instead, at the end of the account, we find a remark that says precisely the opposite. The Evangelist writes that Jesus " marvelled because of their unbelief". The astonishment of Jesus' fellow townspeople is matched by his own surprise. In a certain sense he too is shocked! Although he knows that no prophet is well accepted in his homeland, the closed heart of his people was nevertheless obscure and impenetrable to him: how could they fail to recognize the light of the Truth? Why did they not open themselves to the goodness of God who deigned to share in our humanity? Effectively Jesus of Nazareth the man is the transparency of God, in him God dwells fully. And while we are constantly seeking other signs, other miracles, we do not realize that he is the true Sign, God made flesh, he is the greatest miracle in the world: the whole of God's love contained in a human heart, in a man's face.

The One who fully understood this reality was the Virgin Mary, who is blessed because she believed. Mary was not shocked by her Son: her wonder for him was full of faith, full of love and joy, in seeing him so human and at the same time so divine. Let us therefore learn from her, our Mother in faith, to recognize in the humanity of Christ the perfect revelation of God.

SEVEN DAY LAMPS

Are available at the back of the church for £5, or online at maidenlane.org.uk/lamps

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION TODAY

Today there will be a second collection for **Peter's Pence**. Peter's Pence is the most characteristic expression of the participation of all the faithful in the Bishop of Rome's charitable initiatives in favour of the universal Church. The gesture has not only a practical value, but also a strong symbolic one, as a sign of communion with the Pope and attention to the needs of one's brothers; and therefore your service possesses a refined ecclesial character. Please be generous. Donations can be made by cash or via the card machine. Thank you.

SODALITY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The next Sodality Mass will be at **6:30pm on this coming Thursday 8th July**. This will be a First Mass of **Fr Gildas Parry, O.Praem.** of the Norbertines in Chelmsford, and so will bring with it the extra graces of a newly ordained priest. Those who can't join us in person can follow via the live stream. To join the Sodality, visit sodality.co.uk

INTERNATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS – 11 SEPTEMBER

On Saturday 11th September we will be having a day of Prayer to coincide with the International Eucharistic Congress, which will be taking place in Budapest. As travel there will be difficult, given the various restrictions, we will be hosting a day of Adoration from 7am, with Mass celebrated by His Eminence, Cardinal Nichols at 12noon. There will be more information about this in the coming weeks – but please do put it in your diary for now!

BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS BOOKS

At the back of the church after Mass, there are books on the life of Blessed Carlo Acutis – the young Eucharistic beatus, who died at the age of 15. They cost **£5.95** and can be bought from the back of the church around Mass / Holy Hour times. There is a board dedicated to his Eucharistic Miracles project at the back of the church, near the Confessional.

MASS INTENTIONS

You can still request Masses to be offered for a particular intention. I'm afraid, that at the moment, the earliest date available is in October. 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

CONFESSION

Confessions are heard before all Masses. Without Confession we drift away from the life of God; it's inevitable, for we are all sinners. Don't stay away – listen to God's call to repentance.

GOD IS IN REACH OF EVERYONE

I'm presently re-reading "To Believe in Jesus" by Sr Ruth Burrows. She is a Carmelite sister in the monastery at Quidenham in Norfolk. Her books are really marvellous and straightforward – but need a bit of reflection. All of her books indicate that what they contain comes from the life of someone who has really lived the devout life she talks about. One sentence really hit me the other day: "The dull, ungifted person has just the same chance of holiness as the most intelligent, intense and dynamic." These are such important words for us to hear – we are not limited by ability, only by intention – or lack of it. If we truly desire God in our life, and wish to embrace His will and share His life; then putting ourselves in His way, holiness can be ours.

Our sick parishioners and friends: Philip Barney, Donna Webb, Christopher Bronne, Sandra Jones, Velrich Fernandes, 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: Giovanna Proto, Concetta Wager, Nellie Goodwin, Marlis Okeke, Michael Canon McCoy, HRH The Prince Philip, Paul Coleman, Nancy McWilliams, Virginia Maria Vaz, Fr Kidane Lebasi, Mgr Mark Langham, Mary Quinlan, Fr Frederick Jackson, Larinka Wright, Claus Tenzler, Mgr Frederick Canon Miles, Rita Lobo, Bill Tomlinson, Mgr John Klyberg, Mgr. Wolfgang Nastainczyk, Christiane Brown