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THE DIOCESAN SHRINE OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



JULY – MONTH DEDICATED TO
THE MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD

✠ HOLY MASS FOR THE WEEK – 11TH JULY 2021 15TH 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 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*

MONDAY 12TH

FERIA

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

Emma Woodworth – Intentions

TUESDAY 13TH

ST HENRY

Private Mass. Church open for private prayer *Claire Ferrill RIP – Anniversary*

WEDNESDAY 14TH

ST CAMILLUS DE LELLIS, PRIEST

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

Josephine & James O'Brien RIP

THURSDAY 15TH

ST BONAVENTURE, BISHOP & DOCTOR

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour

Foundation Mass

FRIDAY 16TH

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour

(Friday Abstinence)

For Ireland

SATURDAY 17TH

FERIA

5.00 pm Exposition
6.00 pm Vigil Mass

Pro Populo

SUNDAY 18TH

✠ 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

*Ps. Week 4
Josephine & Michael Ryan RIP
Caitlin Marie Maughan – Intentions*

FOR THE PRAISE OF HIS GLORY

This Thursday, 15 July, in the liturgical calendar is the Memorial of St Bonaventure of Bagnoregio, a Franciscan, Doctor of the Church and the successor of St Francis of Assisi at the helm of the Order of Friars Minor. It was he who wrote the first official biography of the “Poverello” and, at the end of his life, he was also Bishop of this Diocese of Albano.

Bonaventure wrote in one of his letters: “I confess before God that the reason which made me most love the life of Blessed Francis is that it resembles the birth and development of the Church”. These words refer us directly to this Sunday’s Gospel which presents the first occasion on which Jesus sent the Twelve Apostles out on mission. Jesus “called to him the Twelve”, St Mark recounts, “and began to send them out two by two.... He charged them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not put on two tunics”. After his conversion Francis of Assisi practised this Gospel to the letter, becoming a very faithful witness of Jesus; and, uniquely bound to the mystery of the Cross, was transformed into “another Christ”, exactly as St Bonaventure describes him.

Jesus Christ is the inspiring centre of St Bonaventure’s entire life and likewise of his theology. We rediscover this centrality of Christ in the Second Reading of today’s Mass, the famous hymn of St Paul’s Letter to the Ephesians that begins: “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places”. The Apostle thus shows in the four passages, that all begin with the same words: “in him”, with reference to Jesus, how this plan of blessing was brought about. “In him”, the Father chose us before the creation of the world; “in him” we have redemption through his blood; “in him” we became his heirs, predestined to live “for the praise of his glory”; “in him” all those who believe in the Gospel receive the seal of the Holy Spirit. This Pauline hymn contains the vision of history which St Bonaventure helped to spread in the Church: the whole of history is centred on Christ, who also guarantees in every era new things and renewal. In Jesus, God said and gave all things, but since he is an inexhaustible treasure, the Holy Spirit never ceases to reveal and to actualize his mystery. So it is that the work of Christ and of the Church never regresses but always progresses.

Dear friends, let us invoke Mary Most Holy whom we shall be celebrating on Friday as Our Lady of Mount Carmel, so that she may help us, like St Francis and St Bonaventure, to respond generously to the Lord’s call to proclaim his Gospel of salvation with our words and, first and foremost, with our lives.

SEVEN DAY LAMPS

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

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.

TODAY IS SEA SUNDAY – SECOND COLLECTION

Today is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Today’s second collection is for **Stella Maris** (Apostleship of the Sea), the Catholic Church’s official maritime welfare agency. It supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. For an appeal talk from Bishop Paul Mason, and a video showing some of what Stella Maris does, please visit stellamaris.org.uk/SeaSunday This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris to continue its important work. To donate, you can give by cash or card at the back of the church, or visit stellamaris.org.uk/donate or text ‘SEA’ to 70460 to donate £5. Stella Maris is dependent on voluntary donations, so please give generously. Thank you.

MASS FOR THOSE IN THE PERFORMING ARTS

Wednesday 25th August is the Feast of **St Genesius**, Patron Saint of actors, dancers, singers and comedians. As the Catholic Actors’ Church in the heart of London’s Theatreland, we will be having a Sung Mass at **6:30pm** in honour of St Genesius, offered for all those who work in the Performing Arts, both on stage as well as behind the scenes.

In a year that has seen theatres closed and many of those who work in the entertainment industry furloughed or made redundant, we will be praying especially for those whose livelihoods have been threatened, and come before the Lord to ask for his help as restrictions are gradually lifted.

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. They cost **£5.95** and can be bought from the back of the church around Mass / Holy Hour times.

MASS INTENTIONS

You can still request Masses to be offered for a particular intention. 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

MORE WORDS FROM QUIDENHAM

We crave passionately for the security of belonging to and being accepted by others. This acceptance seems to validate and its refusal to undermine us. Unconsciously, to a great measure, we tend to build ourselves on the good opinion others have of us and, on the other hand, wilt under their disapproval. Behind this lies the fear of our own poverty. Fear drives us here and there is a desperate search for reassurance. The only answer is trustful acceptance of our innate littleness, sure of our Lord’s love for us. If we accept, if we are sure of His love, then we do not mind discovering more and more of our inner weaknesses. We know we have an answer in Him, we don’t have to find our own answer. **He is the only one we have to please, and we please Him by trusting Him with our sinfulness.** Sr Ruth Burrows

Our sick parishioners and friends: Christos Hana, SPhilip 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