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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 – 18TH JULY 2021 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Confessions may be heard half an hour before Masses, or upon appointment.
As restrictions are eased on Monday, please continue to be considerate in your use of the church and be aware that others may not be as comfortable with the new guidelines as you may be.

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*

MONDAY 19TH

FERIA

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour
6.30 pm Latin Mass Society - info@lms.org.uk

Czeslawa Gryko RIP – Anniv.

TUESDAY 20TH

ST APOLLINARIS, BISHOP

Private Mass. Church open for private prayer *Stephen & Felicia Lai – Ints.*

WEDNESDAY 21ST

ST LAWRENCE OF BRINDISI, PRIEST & DOCTOR

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

Paul Chng & Family – Ints.

THURSDAY 22ND

ST MARY MAGDALENE

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour

Emma & Jeremy Leong

FRIDAY 23RD

(Friday Abstinence)

ST BRIDGET OF SWEDEN, PATRON OF EUROPE

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour

Margaret Hegarty – Intentions

SATURDAY 24TH

ST SHARBEL MAKHLUF, PRIEST

5.00 pm Exposition
6.00 pm Vigil Mass

Pro Populo

SUNDAY 25TH

✠ 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

Ps. Week 1

*Pauline McMabon RIP – Anniversary
Margaret Hegarty – Intentions*

THE GOOD SHEPHERD HAD TO BECOME A LAMB

The Word of God this Sunday presents us once again with a fundamental, ever fascinating theme of the Bible; it reminds us that God is the Shepherd of humanity. This means that God wants life for us, he wants to guide us to good pastures where we can be nourished and rest. He does not want us to be lost and to perish, but to reach the destination of our journey which is the fullness of life itself. This is what every father and mother desires for their children: their good, their happiness and their fulfilment.

In today's Gospel Jesus presents himself as the Shepherd of the lost sheep of the House of Israel. He beholds the people, so to speak, with a "pastoral" gaze. For example, this Sunday's Gospel says: As he disembarked, "he saw a great throng, and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things". Jesus embodies God the Shepherd with his manner of preaching and his works, caring for the sick and sinners, for those who are "lost", in order to bring them back to safety through the Father's mercy.

Among the "lost sheep" that Jesus rescued there was also a woman called Mary, a native of the village of Magdala on the Sea of Galilee, who for this reason was known as "Magdalene". It is her liturgical Memorial in the Church Calendar on Thursday. Luke the Evangelist says that Jesus cast out seven demons from her, that is, he saved her from total enslavement to the Evil One. In what does this profound healing which God works through Jesus consist? It consists in true, complete peace, brought about by the inner reconciliation of the person, as well as in every other relationship: with God, with other people and with the world. Indeed, the Evil One always seeks to spoil God's work, sowing division in the human heart, between body and soul, between the individual and God, in interpersonal, social and international relations, as well as between human beings and creation. The Evil One sows discord; God creates peace. Indeed, as St Paul says, Christ is our peace, he who made us both one and broke down the dividing wall of enmity, through his flesh.

In order to carry out this work of radical reconciliation Jesus the Good Shepherd had to become a Lamb, "the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world". Only in this way could he keep the marvellous promise of the Psalm: "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me / all the days of my life; / and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord / for ever".

Dear friends, these words make our heart beat fast for they express our deepest desire, they say what we are made for: life, eternal life! These are the words of those who, like Mary Magdalene, have experienced God in their life and know his peace. They are words truer than ever on the lips of the Virgin Mary, who already lives for eternity in the pastures of Heaven where the Shepherd-Lamb led her. Mary, Mother of Christ our peace, pray for us!

SEVEN DAY LAMPS

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

NO HOLY HOUR UNTIL SEPTEMBER

This week will be the last week of the 5pm Holy Hours until Wednesday 1st September. Exposition before the lunchtime Masses, as well as on Saturday evenings before the Vigil Mass will continue.

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.

LONDON EUCHARISTIC OCTAVE: 11TH – 19TH SEPTEMBER

The International Eucharistic Congress is due to take place in September in Budapest. Travel restrictions are likely to make it difficult for there to be a large British contingent there, and as such, there will be a Eucharistic Octave here in London organised by several of the London Parishes to celebrate our Eucharistic Lord.

The week will begin on **Saturday 11th September** with a day of Adoration, with Mass celebrated at **12noon by His Eminence, Vincent Cardinal Nichols**.

During the week of **13th September**, there will be a Mass here at Corpus Christi every evening at **6:30pm**. These Masses will encompass the Catholicity of the Catholic Church, and will include Mass in the various forms of the Roman Rite, the Ordinariate Use and the Ukrainian Divine Liturgy. There will also be a Requiem Mass for all those who have died from Covid-19.

The week will close on **Sunday 19th September** with a grand **Eucharistic Procession at 3:30pm**, departing from Our Lady of the Assumption, **Warwick Street**, and heading towards St James, Spanish Place, via Farm Street and the Ukrainian Cathedral.

Full details can be found at catholiclondon.org Please do put these dates in your diary, and let us truly celebrate the richness of our Catholic Faith, as well as honour our Eucharistic Lord.

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

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.

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