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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 – 25<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2021 17<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Confessions** may be heard half an hour before Masses, or upon appointment.  
As restrictions are eased, 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 25<sup>TH</sup>

#### ✠ 17<sup>TH</sup> 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*

#### MONDAY 26<sup>TH</sup>

#### Ss JOACHIM AND ANNE, PARENTS OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

12 noon Exposition  
1.05 pm Mass  
6.30 pm Mass – Extraordinary Form

*Margaret Hegarty – Intentions*

#### TUESDAY 27<sup>TH</sup>

#### FERIA

Private Mass. Church open for private prayer

*Margaret Hegarty – Intentions*

#### WEDNESDAY 28<sup>TH</sup>

#### FERIA

12 noon Exposition  
1.05 pm Mass  
7.00 pm Corpus Christi Prayer Group

*Margaret Hegarty – Intentions*

#### THURSDAY 29<sup>TH</sup>

#### Ss MARTHA, MARY AND LAZARUS

12 noon Exposition  
1.05 pm Mass

*Margaret Hegarty – Intentions*

#### FRIDAY 30<sup>TH</sup>

#### ST PETER CHRYSOLOGUS, BISHOP & DOCTOR

12 noon Exposition  
1.05 pm Mass

*Margaret Hegarty – Intentions*

*(Friday Abstinence)*

#### SATURDAY 31<sup>ST</sup>

#### ST IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA, PRIEST

5.00 pm Exposition  
6.00 pm Vigil Mass

*Pro Populo*

#### SUNDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST

#### ✠ 18<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9.30 am Mass  
11.30 am Mass in Latin

*Ps. Week 2*  
*Johnny Benson RIP*  
*Margaret Hegarty – Intentions*



## WHO IS THE BREAD OF HEAVEN, BUT CHRIST?

This Sunday we began by reading Chapter six of John's Gospel. The chapter opens with the scene of the multiplication of the loaves, which Jesus later comments on in the Synagogue of Capernaum, pointing to himself as the "bread" which gives life. Jesus' actions are on a par with those of the Last Supper. He "took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated", the Gospel says. The insistence on the topic of "bread", which is shared out, and on thanksgiving, recall the Eucharist, Christ's sacrifice for the world's salvation.

The Evangelist observes that the Feast of the Passover is already at hand. His gaze is turned to the Cross, the gift of love, and to the Eucharist, the perpetuation of this gift: Christ makes himself the Bread of Life for humankind. St Augustine comments: "Who is the Bread of heaven, but Christ? But in order that man might eat Angels' Bread, the Lord of Angels was made Man. For if he had not been made Man, we should not have his Flesh; if we had not his Flesh, we should not eat the Bread of the Altar". The Eucharist is the human being's ongoing, important encounter with God in which the Lord makes himself our food and gives himself to transform us into him.

A boy's presence is also mentioned in the scene of the multiplication. On perceiving the problem of feeding so many hungry people, he shared the little he had brought with him: five loaves and two fish. The miracle was not worked from nothing, but from a first modest sharing of what a simple lad had brought with him. Jesus does not ask us for what we do not have. Rather, he makes us see that if each person offers the little he has the miracle can always be repeated: God is capable of multiplying our small acts of love and making us share in his gift.

The crowd was impressed by the miracle: it sees in Jesus the new Moses, worthy of power, and in the new manna, the future guaranteed. However the people stopped at the material element, which they had eaten, and the Lord "perceiving then that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king... withdrew again to the hills by himself". Jesus is not an earthly king who exercises dominion but a king who serves, who stoops down to human beings not only to satisfy their physical hunger, but above all their deeper hunger, the hunger for guidance, meaning and truth, the hunger for God.

Dear brothers and sisters, let us ask the Lord to enable us to rediscover the importance of feeding ourselves not only on bread but also on truth, on love, on Christ, on Christ's Body, taking part faithfully and with profound awareness in the Eucharist so as to be ever more closely united with him. Indeed, "It is not the Eucharistic food that is changed into us, but rather we who are mysteriously transformed by it. Christ nourishes us by uniting us to himself; "he draws us into himself".

## SEVEN DAY LAMPS

Are available at the back of the church for £5, or online at [maidenlane.org.uk/lamps](http://maidenlane.org.uk/lamps)

## NO HOLY HOUR UNTIL SEPTEMBER

There will be no more 5pm Holy Hours until Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September. Exposition before the lunchtime Masses, as well as on Saturday evenings before the Vigil Mass will continue. This Sunday also sees the last of our Sung Masses until September. We wish the music team a restful summer and thank them for all their hard work so far this year.

## MASS FOR THOSE IN THE PERFORMING ARTS

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> 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: 11<sup>TH</sup> – 19<sup>TH</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> September** with a day of Adoration, with Mass celebrated at **12noon by His Eminence, Vincent Cardinal Nichols**.

During the week of **13<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](http://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