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CORPUS CHRISTI

THE DIOCESAN SHRINE OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

AUGUST – MONTH DEDICATED TO
THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY



✠ HOLY MASS FOR THE WEEK – 1ST AUGUST 2021 18TH 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 1ST AUGUST

✠ 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9.30 am Mass
11.30 am Mass in Latin

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

MONDAY 2ND

ST PETER JULIAN EYMARD, PRIEST

PORTIUNCULA PLENARY INDULGENCE AVAILABLE TODAY

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

Margaret Hegarty – Intentions

TUESDAY 3RD

FERIA

Private Mass. Church open for private prayer *Honorio Garcia Sr RIP – Anniv.*

WEDNESDAY 4TH

ST JOHN VIANNEY, PRIEST

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

Beatrice NG – sick

THURSDAY 5TH

THE DEDICATION OF THE BASILICA OF ST MARY MAJOR

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass

Francois Dimminger RIP

FRIDAY 6TH

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass

(Friday Abstinence)

Annie Antoinette RIP

SATURDAY 7TH

ST SIXTUS II, POPE, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

5.00 pm Exposition
6.00 pm Vigil Mass

Mary Cecilia Cuming

SUNDAY 8TH

✠ 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9.30 am Mass
11.30 am Mass in Latin

*Ps. Week 3
Pro Populo
Alicia Markiewicz – sick*



WHO IS THE BREAD OF HEAVEN, BUT CHRIST?

The Reading of the sixth chapter of John's Gospel continues in the Liturgy of the Word of this Sunday. We are in the synagogue of Capernaum where Jesus was giving his well-known discourse after the multiplication of the loaves. The people had sought to make him king but Jesus had withdrawn, first, to the mountain with God, with the Father, and then to Capernaum. Since they could not see him, they began to look for him, they boarded the boats in order to cross the lake to the other shore and had found him at last. However, Jesus was well aware of the reason for this great enthusiasm in following him and he says so, even clearly: "you seek me, not because you saw signs, [because you were deeply impressed] but because you ate your fill of the loaves".

Jesus wants to help the people go beyond the immediate satisfaction — albeit important — of their own material needs. He wants to open them to a horizon of existence that does not consist merely of the daily concerns of eating, of being clothed, of a career. Jesus speaks of a food that does not perish, which it is important to seek and to receive. He says: "do not labour for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to eternal life, which the Son of man will give to you".

The crowd does not understand, it believes that Jesus is asking for the observance of precepts in order to obtain the continuation of that miracle, and asks: "what must we do, to be doing the works of God?". Jesus' answer is unequivocal: "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent". The centre of existence — which is what gives meaning and certain hope in the all too often difficult journey of life — is faith in Jesus, it is the encounter with Christ.

We too ask: "what must we do to have eternal life?". And Jesus says: "believe in me". Faith is the fundamental thing. It is not a matter here of following an idea or a project, but of encountering Jesus as a living Person, of letting ourselves be totally involved by him and by his Gospel. Jesus invites us not to stop at the purely human horizon and to open ourselves to the horizon of God, to the horizon of faith. He demands a single act: to accept God's plan, namely, to "believe in him whom he has sent".

Moses had given Israel manna, the bread from heaven with which God himself had nourished his people. Jesus does not give some thing, he gives himself: he is the "true bread that which comes down from heaven". He is the living Word of the Father; in the encounter with him we meet the living God.

"What must we do, to be doing the works of God?", the crowd asks, ready to act in order to perpetuate the miracle of the loaves. But Jesus, the true bread of life that satisfies our hunger for meaning and for truth, cannot be "earned" with human work; he comes to us only as a gift of God's love, as a work of God to be asked for and received.

SEVEN DAY LAMPS

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

WE ARE OPEN The Shrine is open all day every day – so make use of this wonderful sacred space, in which may be found the Eucharistic Lord Himself. He is waiting for you.

PORTIUNCULA INDULGENCE – MONDAY 2ND AUGUST

The Portiuncula is a little town situated about three quarters of a mile from Assisi and is officially known as Santa Maria degli Angeli, which has grown around the basilica of Our Lady of the Angels and the adjoining Franciscan monastery. It was here that on 24 February 1208, St Francis of Assisi recognised his vocation; here was for the most part his permanent abode, after the Benedictines had presented it to him with the little chapel Portiuncula (i.e. a little portion of land) erected at the time of Pope Liberius (352-66); here also he died on Saturday 3 October 1226. The Portiuncula plenary indulgence may be acquired here from noon on 1st August until midnight on 2nd August. To gain the indulgence, you should make a devout visit to a church and recite the Lord's Prayer and Creed, in addition to sacramental confession, Holy Communion and prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father. It may be gained only once.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

You can still request Masses to be offered for a particular intention. Envelopes are at the back of the church, or visit the website maidenlane.org.uk/intentions

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