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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 – 8TH AUGUST 2021 19TH 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 8TH

✠ 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9.30 am Mass
11.30 am Mass in Latin

Ps. Week 3

Pro Populo

Alicia Markiewicz – sick

MONDAY 9TH

ST TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS, VIRGIN & MARTYR, PATRON OF EUROPE

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

Bernhard Tenzler RIP – Anniversary

TUESDAY 10TH

ST LAWRENCE, DEACON & MARTYR

Private Mass. Church open for private prayer *James Harold & Ita Mary Pead RIP*

WEDNESDAY 11TH

ST CLARE, VIRGIN

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

Ethan Woodworth – Intentions

THURSDAY 12TH

ST JANE FRANCES DE CHANTAL

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass

Benefactors of Corpus Christi

FRIDAY 13TH

SS PONTIAN, POPE, AND HIPPOLYTUS, PRIEST, MARTYRS

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

(Friday Abstinence)

Patricia Theresa Phillips RIP

Good Counsel Network

SATURDAY 14TH

ST MAXIMILIAN MARY KOLBE, PRIEST & MARTYR

5.00 pm Exposition
6.00 pm Vigil Mass

Paddy McCarthy RIP

SUNDAY 15TH

✠ THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

9.30 am Mass
11.30 am Mass in Latin

Ps. Week 4

Dick & Mea Prendergast RIP – Anniversary

Pro Populo



THE HUNGER OF THE INNER MAN

The Reading of the sixth chapter of John's Gospel in the Liturgy of these Sundays has led us to reflect on the multiplication of the loaves, with which the Lord satisfied the hunger of a crowd of five thousand, and on the invitation Jesus addresses to all those whom he had feed to busy themselves seeking a food that endures to eternal life. Jesus wants to help them understand the profound meaning of the miracle he had worked: in miraculously satisfying their physical hunger; he prepares them to receive the news that he is the Bread which has come down from heaven, which will satisfy hunger for ever. The Jewish people too, during their long journey through the desert, experienced bread which came down from heaven, manna, which kept them alive until they reached the Promised Land. Jesus now speaks of himself as the true Bread come down from heaven, which is capable of keeping people alive not for a moment or on a stretch of a journey but for ever. He is the food that gives eternal life, because he is the Only-Begotten Son of God who is in the Father's heart, who came to give man life in fullness, to introduce man into the very life of God.

In Jewish thought it was clear that the true bread of heaven, which nourished Israel, was the Law, the word of God. The People of Israel clearly recognized that the Torah, which was Moses' fundamental and lasting gift, was the basic element that distinguished them from other peoples and consisted in their knowledge of God's will, thus the right way of life. Now Jesus, in manifesting himself as the bread of heaven, witnesses that he himself is the Word of God in Person, the Incarnate Word, through whom man can make the will of God his food, which guides and sustains his existence.

Therefore to doubt in the divinity of Jesus, as do the Jews in today's Gospel passage, means setting oneself against God's work. Indeed, they say: he is the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know! They do not go beyond his earthly origins, and for this reason refuse to accept him as the Word of God made flesh. St Augustine, in his Commentary on John's Gospel explains it in the following way: "These Jews were far from the bread of heaven, and knew not how to hunger after it. They had the jaws of their heart languid... This bread, indeed, requires the hunger of the inner man".

And we must ask ourselves if we really feel this hunger, the hunger for the Word of God, the hunger to know life's true meaning. Only those who are drawn by God the Father, who listen to him and let themselves be instructed by him can believe in Jesus, meet him and nourish themselves with him and thereby find true life, the road of life, justice, truth and love. St Augustine adds: "the Lord.... said that he himself was the Bread that came down from heaven, exhorting us to believe in him. For to believe in him is to eat the living bread. He that believes eats; he is sated invisibly, because invisibly he is born again" to a deeper and truer life. He is reborn from within, from his intimate self he is made new.

SEVEN DAY LAMPS

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LOVE TRIUMPHS OVER DEATH!

It is worth pausing to meditate on some of the men and women Saints that the liturgy commemorates in these days. Except for the Virgin Clare of Assisi, who was consumed with divine love in her daily sacrifice of prayer and community life, the others are martyrs, two of whom were killed in the concentration camp at Auschwitz: St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Edith Stein, who, born into the Jewish faith and won over by Christ as an adult, became a Carmelite nun and sealed her existence with martyrdom; and St Maximilian Kolbe, a son of Poland and of St Francis of Assisi, a great apostle of Mary Immaculate. We shall then encounter other splendid figures, martyrs of the Church of Rome, such as Pope St Pontian, St Hippolytus, a priest, and St Lawrence the Deacon. What marvellous models of holiness the Church presents to us! These saints are witnesses of that charity which loves "to the end", which does not take into account a wrong suffered but instead combats it with good. From them we can learn especially we priests the evangelical heroism that impels us to give our life fearlessly for the salvation of souls. Love triumphs over death!

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.

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