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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 – 29TH AUGUST 2021 22ND 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 29TH

✠ 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9.30 am Mass
11.30 am Mass in Latin

Ps. Week 2
Brede Slattery RIP – Anniversary
Noelyn Baluyan – sick

MONDAY 30TH – BANK HOLIDAY

Ss MARGARET CLITHEROW, ANNE LINE AND MARGARET WARD, MARTYRS

10.00 am Mass
6.30 pm Mass – Extraordinary Form

Will White RIP – Anniversary

TUESDAY 31ST

ST AIDAN, BISHOP, AND THE SAINTS OF LINDISFARNE

Private Mass. Church open for private prayer

Holy Souls in Purgatory

WEDNESDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER

FERIA

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass

Foundation Mass

THURSDAY 2ND

FERIA

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass

Winifredo & Fe – sick

6.30 pm **Sodality of the Blessed Sacrament Mass** *Members of the Sodality*

FRIDAY 3RD

ST GREGORY THE GREAT, POPE & DOCTOR

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass

Adam Harrison – Intentions

SATURDAY 4TH

ST CUTHBERT, BISHOP

5.00 pm Exposition
6.00 pm Vigil Mass

Jeremy Leong & Stephen Lai – Intentions

SUNDAY 5TH

✠ 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9.30 am Mass
11.30 am Mass in Latin
5.00 pm Holy Hour with Vespers & Benediction

Ps. Week 3
Pro Populo

Lorielin Sidney & Daniel Joseph Robinson – sick



LORD, TO WHOM SHALL WE GO?

The theme of God's Law, of his commandments, makes its entrance in the Liturgy of the Word this Sunday. It is an essential element of the Jewish and Christian religions, where the complete fulfilment of the law is love. God's Law is his word which guides men and women on the journey through life, brings them out of the slavery of selfishness and leads them into the "land" of true freedom and life. This is why the Law is not perceived as a burden or an oppressive restriction in the Bible. Rather, it is seen as the Lord's most precious gift, the testimony of his fatherly love, of his desire to be close to his People, to be its Ally and with it write a love story.

This is what the devout Israelite prays: "I will delight in your statutes, / I will not forget your word.... Lead me in the path of your commandments, / for I delight in it". In the Old Testament the person who passes on the Law to the People on God's behalf is Moses. After the long journey in the wilderness, on the threshold of the promised land, he proclaims: "Now, O Israel, give heed to the statutes and the ordinances which I teach you, and do them; that you may live, and go in and take possession of the land which the Lord, the God of your fathers, gives you". And this is the problem: when the People put down roots in the land and are the depository of the Law, they are tempted to place their security and joy in something that is no longer the Word of God: in possessions, in power, in other 'gods' that in reality are useless, they are idols. Of course, the Law of God remains but it is no longer the most important thing, the rule of life; rather, it becomes a camouflage, a cover-up, while life follows other paths, other rules, interests that are often forms of egoism, both individual and collective.

Thus religion loses its authentic meaning, which is to live listening to God in order to do his will — that is the truth of our being — and thus we live well, in true freedom, and it is reduced to practising secondary customs which instead satisfy the human need to feel in God's place. This is a serious threat to every religion which Jesus encountered in his time and which, unfortunately, is also to be found in Christianity. Jesus' words against the scribes and Pharisees in today's Gospel should therefore be food for thought for us as well.

Jesus makes his own the very words of the Prophet Isaiah: "This People honours me with their lips, but their heart is far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the precepts of men". And he then concludes: "You leave the commandment of God, and hold fast the tradition of men".

The Apostle James too alerts us in his Letter to the danger of false piety. He writes to the Christians: "Be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves". May the Virgin Mary help us to listen with an open and sincere heart to the word of God so that every day it may guide our thoughts, our decisions and our actions.

CONFESSION

A reminder that Confessions are heard for half an hour before all Masses, or by simply making an appointment with Fr Alan. Confession opens the door to all the other Sacraments, and strengthens our closeness to the Lord.

SODALITY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT MASS

The monthly **Sodality of the Blessed Sacrament** Mass resumes this coming **Thursday 2nd September at 6:30pm**, followed by a short period of Adoration and Benediction. This month's guest preacher is **Fr Tim Edgar**, Rector of Our Lady of Dolours in Hendon. To find out more about the Sodality and to become a member, visit **sodality.co.uk**

EVENING HOLY HOURS

The Evening Holy Hours with Vespers, Rosary and Benediction will resume from next week **Sunday 5th September**. These begin at 5pm, and are a marvellous opportunity to spend some time before Our Lord Truly Present in the Blessed Sacrament, and bring all of our concerns and thanksgiving before Him.

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.

SEVEN DAY LAMPS

Are available at the back of the church for £5, or online at **maidenlane.org.uk/lamps** If you would like to buy Sanctuary Lamps, please be aware that there is a bit of a wait to have them appear in the newsletter – but they will be there ASAP!

MASS INTENTIONS

The Mass book is full now until **January 2022**. If you have any dates that you would particularly like to book for next year, please get them in as early as possible to avoid disappointment. Since the introduction of the live stream, we are getting many more Mass intentions coming through, so the book does fill up much faster than it used to. You can book Masses by using the envelopes at the back of the church or via the website at **maidenlane.org.uk/intentions**

SICK AND RETIRED WESTMINSTER CLERGY

Another request for your prayers please: for the Sick and Retired Priests of this Diocese. There are quite a number, and I know they would really appreciate you praying for them.

Our sick parishioners and friends: Christos Hana, Philip 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: James Young, Neemat Abbass, Giovanna Proto, Concetta Wager, Nellie Goodwin, Marlis Okeke, 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