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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 – 15<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2021 THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

**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 15<sup>TH</sup>

✠ **THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY** *Ps. Week 4*  
9.30 am Mass *Dick & Mea Prendergast RIP – Anniversary*  
11.30 am Mass in Latin *Pro Populo*

#### MONDAY 16<sup>TH</sup>

**ST STEPHEN OF HUNGARY**  
12 noon Exposition  
1.05 pm Mass *Gerald Ernest McGrade RIP*  
6.30 pm Mass – Extraordinary Form *Guy Finniss RIP*

#### TUESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup>

**FERIA**  
Private Mass. Church open for private prayer *Eva Wiesinger RIP*

#### WEDNESDAY 18<sup>TH</sup>

**FERIA**  
12 noon Exposition  
1.05 pm Mass *Benefactors of Corpus Christi*

#### THURSDAY 19<sup>TH</sup>

**ST JOHN EUDES, PRIEST**  
12 noon Exposition  
1.05 pm Mass *Natercia & Fulvius Fernandes*

#### FRIDAY 20<sup>TH</sup>

**ST BERNARD, ABBOT & DOCTOR**  
12 noon Exposition  
1.05 pm Mass *(Friday Abstinence)*  
*Remo Dipre RIP*

#### SATURDAY 21<sup>ST</sup>

**ST PIUS X, POPE**  
5.00 pm Exposition  
6.00 pm Vigil Mass *Marina – Intentions*

#### SUNDAY 22<sup>ND</sup>

✠ **21<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** *Ps. Week 1*  
9.30 am Mass *Elfrida Antonio RIP – Anniversary*  
11.30 am Mass in Latin *Pro Populo*



## MARY HAS BEEN TAKEN UP TO HEAVEN

At the heart of the month of August the Church in the East and in the West celebrates the Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary Most Holy into Heaven. The celebration of this mystery of Mary, however, is rooted in the faith and veneration of the first centuries of the Church, through that profound devotion to the Mother of God that gradually developed in the Christian community.

Already by the end of the 4th century and at the start of the 5th, we have testimonies from various authors asserting that Mary was in the glory of God with her entire self, body and soul, but it was in the 6th century that in Jerusalem the Feast of the Mother of God, the Theotokos, culminating with the Council of Ephesus in 431, changed and became the Feast of the Dormition, of the passage, of the transit, of the Assumption of Mary, it became the celebration of the moment in which Mary left this world glorified in soul and body in Heaven, in God.

In order to understand the Assumption we need to look to Easter, to the great Mystery of our Salvation, which marks the passage of Jesus to the glory of the Father through his passion, death and Resurrection. Mary, who bore the Son of God in the flesh, is the creature most immersed in this mystery, redeemed from the first moment of her life, and associated in an entirely special way with the passion and the glory of her Son. The Assumption of Mary into Heaven is thus the Paschal Mystery of Christ completely fulfilled in her. She is intimately united to her Risen Son, the Victor over sin and death, fully conformed to him. But the Assumption is a reality that touches us too, for it points us in a luminous way toward our destiny, that of humanity and of history. In Mary, indeed, we contemplate that reality of glory to which each one of us and the entire Church is called.

The passage of the Gospel according to St Luke which we read during the Liturgy of this Solemnity shows us the path that the Virgin of Nazareth followed in order to be in the glory of God. It is the account of Mary's visit to Elizabeth in which Our Lady is proclaimed blessed among all women and blessed because she believed in the fulfilment of the words spoken to her by the Lord. And through the hymn of the Magnificat which rises with joy to God, her deep faith shines out. She is among the "poor" and the "humble", who do not rely on their own strength, but who trust in God, who make room for his action which can do great things through the weak. If the Assumption opens us to the bright future that awaits us, it also strongly invites us to trust ever more in God, to follow his Word, to seek to do his will every day: this is the way that renders us "blessed" on our earthly pilgrimage and the doors of Heaven open to us.

Dear brothers and sisters, the Second Vatican Council tells us: Mary taken up to Heaven, "by her manifold acts of intercession continues to bring us the gifts of eternal salvation. By her maternal charity, she cares for the brethren of her Son, who still journey on earth surrounded by dangers and difficulties, until they are led into the happiness of their blessed home".

## 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.

### 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)

### MASS INTENTIONS

The Mass book is full now until the **end of November / December**. 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](http://maidenlane.org.uk/intentions)

### PLEASE PRAY FOR CARDINAL BURKE

May I please ask you to pray for dear Cardinal Raymond Burke, who is recovering from COVID-19. I understand he is being well looked after, is doing well and improving daily.

### SICK AND RETIRED WESTMINSTER CLERGY

And 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:** 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