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CORPUS CHRISTI

THE DIOCESAN SHRINE OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



SEPTEMBER – MONTH DEDICATED TO
THE SEVEN SORROWS OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

✠ HOLY MASS FOR THE WEEK – 5TH SEPTEMBER 2021 23RD 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 5TH

✠ 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ps. Week 3

Pro Populo

9.30 am Mass
11.30 am Sung Mass in Latin *Lorielin Sidney & Daniel Joseph Robinson – sick*
5.00 pm Holy Hour with Vespers & Benediction

MONDAY 6TH

FERIA

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass *Rachel Ward RIP*
5.00 pm Holy Hour
6.30 pm Mass – Extraordinary Form

TUESDAY 7TH

FERIA

Private Mass. Church open for private prayer *Purle Marriage Intentions*

WEDNESDAY 8TH

THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass *Fernandes, Rodrigues, Nowak, Saldanha, Faber Souls RIP*
5.00 pm Holy Hour

THURSDAY 9TH

ST PETER CLAVER, PRIEST

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass *Eileen Masters RIP*
5.00 pm Holy Hour

FRIDAY 10TH

FERIA

(Friday Abstinence)

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass *Arthur Ernest Robinson RIP – Anniversary*

SATURDAY 11TH – BEGINNING OF THE EUCHARISTIC OCTAVE

FERIA

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 7.00 am – 5.30 pm

12 noon **Pontifical Sung Mass with Cardinal Nichols** *Holy Father's Ints.*
4.30 pm Holy Hour with Benediction
6.00 pm Vigil Mass *Edna May Giles RIP – Anniversary*

SUNDAY 12TH

✠ 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ps. Week 4

Pro Populo

9.30 am Mass
11.30 am Sung Mass in Latin *Peter Howard – Intentions*
5.00 pm Holy Hour with Vespers & Benediction

EPHPTHATHA – BE OPENED

At the centre of today's Gospel, there is a small but very important word. A word that — in its deepest sense — sums up Christ's whole message and all his work. The Evangelist Mark records this word in the very language of Jesus in which Jesus spoke it so that we may hear it even more vividly. The word is "Ephphatha", which means "be opened". Let us look at the context in which it is used. Jesus was crossing the region known as Decapolis, between the coast of Tyre and Sidon and Galilee, hence an area that was not Jewish. They brought him a deaf-mute to be healed — evidently Jesus' fame had spread that far. Jesus took him aside and touched his ears and his tongue and then, looking up to heaven, said with a deep sigh: "Ephphatha" which means "be opened". Then the man immediately began to hear and to speak plainly.

This, therefore is the historical and literal meaning of this word: thanks to Jesus' intervention, the deaf-mute "was opened"; previously he had been closed, isolated, it had been very difficult for him to communicate. For him healing meant an "opening" to others and to the world, an opening which, starting with the organs of hearing and speech, involved his whole self and his life: he could at last communicate and thus relate in a new way.

However, we all know that a person's closure and isolation do not only depend on the sense organs. There is an inner closure that affects the person's inmost self, which the Bible calls the "heart". It is this that Jesus came to "open", to liberate, so as to enable us to live to the full our relationship with God and with others. This is why I said that this small word, "ephphatha — be opened", sums up in itself Christ's entire mission. He was made man so that man, rendered inwardly deaf and mute by sin, might be able to hear God's voice, the voice of Love that speaks to his heart, and thus in his turn learn to speak the language of love, to communicate with God and with others. For this reason the word and the action of the "ephphatha" have been integrated into the Rite of Baptism as one of the signs that explain its meaning: the priest, touching the mouth and ears of the newly baptized person says: "ephphatha", praying that he or she may soon hear the word of God and profess the faith. Through Baptism, the human person begins, so to speak, to breathe the Holy Spirit whom Jesus invoked from the Father with that deep sigh in order to heal the deaf-mute.

Let us always turn in prayer to Mary Most Holy, whose Nativity we celebrate on Wednesday. Because of her unique relationship with the Incarnate Word Mary was fully "open" to the Lord's love, in her heart she was constantly listening to his word. May her maternal intercession obtain that every day, in faith, we experience the miracle of the "ephphatha", to live in communion with God and with our brothers and sisters.

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.

STARTING ON SATURDAY!

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.

EVENING HOLY HOURS

The Evening Holy Hours with Vespers, Rosary and Benediction will resume from this 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.

SODALITY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The next Sodality of the Blessed Sacrament Mass, with Adoration and Benediction will be on **Thursday 7th October at 6:30pm**. The Masses are offered for Sodality members, and members receive a monthly newsletter, as well as a Sodality badge. To find out more and become a member, visit sodality.co.uk

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