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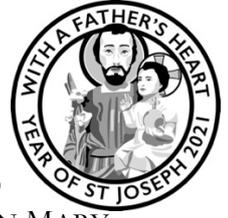


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CORPUS CHRISTI

THE DIOCESAN SHRINE OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



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

✠ HOLY MASS FOR THE WEEK – 19TH SEPTEMBER 2021 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 19TH

✠ 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ps. Week 1

9.30 am Mass *Anne Barrett RIP – Anniversary*
11.30 am Sung Mass in Latin *Pro Populo*
3.30 pm Procession of the Blessed Sacrament departing from Warwick Street,
finishing at Spanish Place for Pontifical Benediction

MONDAY 20TH

ST ANDREW KIM TAE-GŎN, PRIEST, PAUL CHŌNG HA-SANG, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass *Caitlin Marie Maughan – Intentions*
6.30 pm Mass – Extraordinary Form

TUESDAY 21ST

ST MATTHEW, APOSTLE & EVANGELIST

No Public Mass today. Church open as usual. *Theresa Trevett RIP – Anniversary*

WEDNESDAY 22ND

FERIA

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass *Holy Souls in Purgatory*
7.00 pm Corpus Christi Prayer Group

THURSDAY 23RD

ST PIUS OF PIETRELCINA, PRIEST

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass *Elizabeth Howard RIP*

FRIDAY 24TH

OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass *(Friday Abstinence)*
Conversion of England

SATURDAY 25TH

FERIA

5.00 pm Exposition
6.00 pm Vigil Mass *Pro Populo*

SUNDAY 26TH

✠ 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ps. Week 2

9.30 am Mass *Craig Cambridge RIP – Anniversary*
11.30 am Sung Mass in Latin *Mgr Augustine Hoey RIP – Anniversary*



THE PATH OF LOVE AND HUMILITY

On our way through St Mark's Gospel last Sunday we entered the second part, that is, the last journey towards Jerusalem and towards the culmination of Jesus' mission. After Peter, on the disciples' behalf, had professed his faith in him, recognizing him as the Messiah, Jesus began to speak openly of what was going to happen to him at the end. The Evangelist records three successive predictions of his death and resurrection in chapters 8, 9 and 10. In them Jesus announces ever more clearly the destiny that awaits him and the intrinsic need for it. This Sunday's passage contains the second of these announcements. Jesus says: "The Son of man" — an expression that designates himself — will be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him; and when he is killed, after three days he will rise". "But" the disciples "did not understand the saying, and they were afraid to ask him".

In fact, on reading this part of Mark's account the great inner distance that existed between Jesus and his disciples is clearly apparent; they are, so to speak, on two different wavelengths so that the Teacher's discourses are either not understood, or are only superficially understood. Straight after professing his faith in Jesus, the Apostle Peter takes the liberty of reproaching the Lord because he predicted that he was to be rejected and killed.

After the second prediction of the passion, the disciples began to discuss with one another who was the greatest among them, and after the third, James and John asked Jesus to sit one at his right hand and one at his left when he would come into glory. However, there are various other signs of this gap: for example, the disciples do not succeed in healing an epileptic boy whom Jesus subsequently heals with the power of prayer; and when children are brought to Jesus the disciples admonish them; Jesus on the contrary is indignant, has them stay and says that only those who are like them will enter the Kingdom of God.

What does all this tell us? it reminds us that, the logic of God is always "different" from ours, just as God himself revealed through the mouth of Isaiah: "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, / neither are your ways my ways". For this reason following the Lord always demands of human beings — of all of us — a profound conversion, a change in our manner of thinking and living, it demands that the heart be opened to listening, to let ourselves be illuminated and transformed from within.

A key point in which God and man differ is pride: in God there is no pride, for he is wholly fullness and is wholly oriented to loving and giving life instead in we human beings pride is deeply rooted and requires constant vigilance and purification. We, who are small, aspire to appear great, to be among the first, whereas God who is truly great is not afraid of humbling himself and putting himself last. And the Virgin Mary is perfectly "in tune" with God: let us call upon her with trust, so that she may teach us to follow Jesus faithfully on the path of love and humility.

THANK YOU!

I would like to extend a big thank you to everyone who has been involved in the work of this London Eucharistic Octave. It has been a really beautiful and moving week, beginning last Saturday with Mass celebrated by His Eminence, Cardinal Nichols. Each evening, we have witnessed the richness of the Catholic faith, with celebrations in the Extraordinary and Ordinary Forms of the Roman Rite, the Ordinariate Use of that same Rite, as well as the Ukrainian Divine Liturgy.

At the heart of the diversity we have seen in the last few days has been Our Blessed Lord, Truly Present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. And all of these celebrations were in spiritual communion with the International Eucharistic Congress, which took place in Budapest. Last Sunday, His Holiness, Pope Francis celebrated the closing Mass of the Congress. At that Mass, he highlighted the importance of Eucharistic Adoration, saying:

"It does us good to be in adoration before the Eucharist, to contemplate the frailty of God. We dedicate time to adoration. It is a way of praying that is forgotten too much."

Let us, encouraged by the Holy Father and the celebrations of the last week, try to spend more time in Adoration each week.

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

THE ASSISTED DYING BILL

Bishop John Sherrington has written an open letter inviting Catholics to pray for the defeat of the Assisted Dying Bill to be debated in the House of Lords in October. It encourages us to write to peers at the House of Lords stating the reasons why we oppose this legislation and particularly explain from personal experience the reasons why this change in the law should be opposed. Please read his letter at cbcew.org.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