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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 – 26TH SEPTEMBER 2021 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

MONDAY 27TH

ST VINCENT DE PAUL, PRIEST

12 noon Exposition

1.05 pm Mass

Noelyn Baluyan – Intentions

6.30 pm Mass – Extraordinary Form

TUESDAY 28TH

ST WENCESLAUS, MARTYR

No Public Mass today. Church open as usual. *Xander Abiel de Asis – Intentions*

WEDNESDAY 29TH

Ss MICHAEL, GABRIEL AND RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS

12 noon Exposition

1.05 pm Mass

For Missionaries

7.00 pm Corpus Christi Prayer Group

THURSDAY 30TH

ST JEROME, PRIEST & DOCTOR

12 noon Exposition

1.05 pm Mass

Our Lady's Intentions

FRIDAY 1ST OCTOBER

(Friday Abstinence)

ST THÉRÈSE OF THE CHILD JESUS, VIRGIN & DOCTOR

12 noon Exposition

1.05 pm Mass

Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke – sick

SATURDAY 2ND

THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS

5.00 pm Exposition

6.00 pm Vigil Mass

Czeslawa Gryko RIP

SUNDAY 3RD

✠ 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ps. Week 3

9.30 am Mass

James Young RIP

11.30 am Sung Mass in Latin

Pro Populo

5.00 pm Holy Hour



ALWAYS ACTING WITH FAIRNESS AND MORALITY

This Sunday's Gospel presents one of those episodes in Christ's life which, even if they are noted, so to speak *en passant*, contain a profound meaning. The event involved someone who was not a follower of Jesus but who had expelled demons in his name. The Apostle John, a young man and ardently zealous as he was, wanted to prevent him but Jesus did not permit this; on the contrary, he drew inspiration from this circumstance to teach his disciples that God could work good and even miraculous things even outside their circle, and that it is possible to cooperate with the cause of the Kingdom of God in different ways, even by simply offering a missionary a glass of water. St Augustine wrote in this regard: "as, therefore, there is in the Catholic — meaning the Church — something which is not Catholic, so there may be something which is Catholic outside the Catholic Church".

Therefore if a stranger to the community does good works in Christ's name, so long as he does so with upright intentions and with respect, members of the Church must not feel jealous but must rejoice. Even within the Church, people can find it difficult, in the spirit of deep communion, to value and appreciate good things achieved by the different ecclesial entities. Instead, we must all and always be able to appreciate one another, praising God for the infinite "creativity" with which he acts in the Church and in the world.

The stream of invective of the Apostle James against the dishonest rich who rely on wealth accumulated by abuse, rings out in today's Liturgy. St Caesarius of Arles says in this regard in one of his sermons: "riches can do no harm to a good man, so long as he gives them compassionately, just as they cannot help a wicked man, so long as he keeps them greedily for himself or wastes them in dissipation". While the Apostle James' words put us on guard against the worthless desire for material goods, they are a powerful appeal to use them with a view to solidarity and the common good, always acting with fairness and morality at all levels.

Dear friends, let us pray through the intercession of Mary Most Holy that we may be able to rejoice in every act and initiative for good without envy or jealousy and that we may use earthly goods wisely, in the constant search for heavenly goods.

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.

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

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

HOSTS OF HEAVENLY ANGELS

This week, the angels get a lot of mention in the Liturgy of the Church.

But what is an Angel? Sacred Scripture and the Church's tradition enable us to discern two aspects. On the one hand, the Angel is a creature who stands before God, oriented to God with his whole being. All three names of the Archangels – Gabriel, Raphael and Michael – end with the word "El", which means "God". God is inscribed in their names, in their nature. Their true nature is existing in his sight and for him. In this very way the second aspect that characterizes Angels is also explained: they are God's messengers. They bring God to men, they open heaven and thus open earth.

From the moment of his fall, the Angel of Darkness stalked the earth looking for the Son and the Woman. He must have thought he had conquered when he successfully instilled pride and rebellion into Adam and Eve. What was his surprise when God had mercy on them, and once again he was reminded of the Woman and her seed. His hatred for God forced him to seek the destruction of all the souls destined to enjoy the glory of heaven that he had lost.

When, after centuries, he was finally deceived and mankind was redeemed by the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, his fury was even greater. If he could not drag them all into the abyss, at least he could, by temptation, avarice, lust, pride, and gluttony, decrease their merit and eternal glory... God, in his Infinite Goodness, would not pair us up in an uneven battle. No, it would be like a child debating with Einstein. In his Infinite Mercy and Justice, God would...give each one of us an angel—an angel who would be equal in every way to the spirit of evil ever working for our defeat. This angel would have to be our very own because, as Saint Peter said in his Epistle, the devil goes around like a roaring lion seeking someone to devour. Yes, we would need one of the glorious spirits to fight many an invisible battle for the possession of our souls—battles that are as real as the air we breathe and just as invisible. Pray for your Guardian Angel this week.

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!

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