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CORPUS CHRISTI THE DIOCESAN SHRINE OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

OCTOBER – MONTH DEDICATED TO
THE HOLY ROSARY



✠ HOLY MASS FOR THE WEEK – 3RD OCTOBER 2021 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 3RD

✠ 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9.30 am Mass
11.30 am Sung Mass in Latin
5.00 pm Holy Hour

*Ps. Week 3
James Young RIP
Pro Populo*

MONDAY 4TH

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour
6.30 pm Mass – Extraordinary Form

Concetta Wager RIP

Catholic Police Guild

TUESDAY 5TH

ST FAUSTINA KOWALSKA, VIRGIN

No Public Mass today. Church open as usual.

Fr Hezruk Shroff's Intentions

WEDNESDAY 6TH

ST BRUNO, PRIEST

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour
7.00 pm Corpus Christi Prayer Group

Caroline Benker – Intentions

THURSDAY 7TH

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
6.30 pm Sodality of the Blessed Sacrament Mass

Siu Yuk Chan RIP

Sodality Members

FRIDAY 8TH

FERIA

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour
6.30 pm Mass – Extraordinary Form

(Friday Abstinence)

John O'Sullivan RIP

Good Counsel Network

SATURDAY 9TH

ST JOHN HENRY NEWMAN, PRIEST

5.00 pm Exposition
6.00 pm Vigil Mass

Eileen Osborne RIP

SUNDAY 10TH

✠ 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9.30 am Mass
11.30 am Sung Mass in Latin
5.00 pm Holy Hour

*Ps. Week 4
Jim Ryan RIP – Anniversary
Pro Populo*

Confessions: Confessions are heard for half an hour before all Masses, or by making an appointment with the Rector.

Exposition & Benediction: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place each weekday, except Tuesdays from 12noon – 1pm, and every day, except Tuesdays, from 5pm – 6pm.

IN FRUITFUL AND INDISSOLUBLE LOVE

The theme of marriage, found in the Gospel and the first reading, deserves special attention. The message of the word of God may be summed up in the expression found in the Book of Genesis and taken up by Jesus himself: "Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and cleaves to his wife, and they become one flesh". What does this word say to us today? It seems to me that it invites us to be more aware of a reality, already well known but not fully appreciated: that matrimony is a Gospel in itself, a Good News for the world of today, especially the dechristianized world. The union of a man and a woman, their becoming "one flesh" in charity, in fruitful and indissoluble love, is a sign that speaks of God with a force and an eloquence which in our days has become greater because unfortunately, for various reasons, marriage, in precisely the oldest regions evangelized, is going through a profound crisis. And it is not by chance. Marriage is linked to faith, but not in a general way. Marriage, as a union of faithful and indissoluble love, is based upon the grace that comes from the triune God, who in Christ loved us with a faithful love, even to the Cross. Today we ought to grasp the full truth of this statement, in contrast to the painful reality of many marriages which, unhappily, end badly. There is a clear link between the crisis in faith and the crisis in marriage. And, as the Church has said and witnessed for a long time now, marriage is called to be not only an object but a subject of the new evangelization.

One of the important ideas of the renewed impulse that the Second Vatican Council gave to evangelization is that of the universal call to holiness, which in itself concerns all Christians. The saints are the true actors in evangelization in all its expressions. In a special way they are even pioneers and bringers of the new evangelization: with their intercession and the example of lives attentive to the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, they show the beauty of the Gospel to those who are indifferent or even hostile, and they invite, as it were tepid believers, to live with the joy of faith, hope and charity, to rediscover the taste for the word of God and for the sacraments, especially for the bread of life, the Eucharist.

Holy men and women bloom among the generous missionaries who announce the Good News to non-Christians, in the past in mission countries and now in any place where there are non-Christians. Holiness is not confined by cultural, social, political or religious barriers. Its language, that of love and truth, is understandable to all people of good will and it draws them to Jesus Christ, the inexhaustible source of new life.

MARRIAGE DISCIPLINE

The Gospel at Sunday Mass this week contains the teaching of Our Blessed Lord on the sanctity of marriage - i.e., a man and woman united in marriage become one body, a union which is not divisible once consummated. To put a man or wife aside and then to marry another is an act of adultery. If you find yourself in this situation, or something similar, please do come and talk with me; it may be possible to resolve it. **Please don't just ignore the situation – it's not going to go away.**

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

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

HOLY HOUR

The evening Holy Hours at 5pm with Vespers, Rosary and Benediction continue this week (excepting Tuesdays). Whether you are joining us online or in person, this is an ideal opportunity to spend time with Our Blessed Lord, Truly Present in the Most Blessed Sacrament and to bring all our concerns, our worries and our joys before Him. Come, let us adore.

MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

This first Sunday of October offers us two reasons for prayer and reflection: the Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary, which is celebrated on Thursday, and missionary commitment, to which this month is especially dedicated. The traditional image of Our Lady of the Rosary portrays Mary who with one arm supports the Child Jesus and with the other is offering the rosary beads to St Dominic. This important iconography shows that the Rosary is a means given by the Virgin to contemplate Jesus and, in meditating on his life, to love him and follow him ever more faithfully. It is this message that Our Lady has also bequeathed to us in her various apparitions. I am thinking in particular of the apparition in Fatima that occurred 104 years ago. Presenting herself as "Our Lady of the Rosary", she insistently recommended the daily recitation of the Rosary to the three little shepherd children, Lucia, Jacinta and Francisco, in order to obtain the end of the war. Let us also accept the Virgin's motherly request, pledging to recite the Rosary with faith for peace in families, nations and throughout world.

During this month, a plenary indulgence may be gained under the usual conditions by reciting five decades of the Rosary in church, as a family at home, or whenever several persons have gathered for good purpose; in other circumstances a partial indulgence may be gained.

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

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 donate towards the Sanctuary lamps, you can do so either online or by filling out one of the envelopes at the back of the church.

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.