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Amarilde Pellegrini RIP

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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 – 10TH OCTOBER 2021 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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
Pro Populo*

MONDAY 11TH

ST JOHN XXIII, POPE

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

Vincent Pereira – sick

TUESDAY 12TH

BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS, CONFESSOR

No Public Mass today. Church open as usual.

Amarilde Pellegrini RIP

WEDNESDAY 13TH

ST EDWARD THE CONFESSOR,

PATRON OF THE DIOCESE AND OF THE CITY OF WESTMINSTER

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

Blanche Keaveney – Intentions

THURSDAY 14TH

ST CALLISTUS I, POPE & MARTYR

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour

Anne Hoban RIP – Anniversary

FRIDAY 15TH

ST TERESA OF JESUS, VIRGIN & DOCTOR

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour

(Friday Abstinence)

Jim Ryan RIP – Anniversary

SATURDAY 16TH

ST MARGARET MARY ALACOQUE, VIRGIN

5.00 pm Exposition
6.00 pm Vigil Mass

Pro Populo

SUNDAY 17TH

✠ 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

*Ps. Week 1
Jim Ryan RIP
Fr Hezyuk Shroff's Intentions*

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.

OBTAIN LIFE ETERNAL

The main theme of this Sunday's Gospel is wealth. Jesus teaches that it is very difficult for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of God, but not impossible; in fact, God can win over the heart of a person who has great possessions and spur him or her to solidarity and sharing with the needy, with the poor, to entering, that is, the logic of giving. In this way he places himself on the path of Jesus Christ who, as the Apostle Paul writes — "though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich". As often happens in the Gospel, it all started with a meeting; that of Jesus with someone who "had great possessions". He was a person who had faithfully observed from his youth all the commandments of God's Law, but had not yet found true happiness; and this is why he asks Jesus what he should do "to inherit eternal life". On the one hand he is attracted, as everyone is, by the fullness of life; on the other, being used to relying on his wealth, he thinks that eternal life can in some way "be purchased", perhaps even by observing a special commandment.

Jesus, however, understands the deep desire that exists in this person and, the Evangelist notes, turns a loving gaze on him: the gaze of God. However, Jesus also realizes what the weak point of that man is: his very attachment to his many possessions; and so he proposes that the man give it all to the poor in order that his treasure — and hence his heart — will no longer be on earth but in heaven, and he adds: "Come, follow me". But, instead of accepting Jesus' invitation joyfully, the man went away sorrowfully because he can not break away from his riches, that will never give him happiness and eternal life.

It is at this point that Jesus gives his disciples — and us too today — his teaching: "How hard it will be for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!". The disciples were dismayed at his words; and especially after Jesus added: "it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God". However, seeing the astonished, he said: "With men it is impossible, but not with God; for all things are possible with God".

St Clement of Alexandria commented: "Let [the parable] teach the prosperous that they are not to neglect their own salvation, as if they had been already foredoomed, nor, on the other hand, to cast wealth into the sea, or condemn it as a traitor and an enemy to life, but learn in what way and how to use wealth and obtain life".

The history of the Church is full of examples of rich people who used their possessions in an evangelical way, even attaining holiness. Let us only think of St Francis, St Elizabeth of Hungary or St Charles Borromeo. May the Virgin Mary, Seat of Wisdom, help us to accept Jesus' invitation joyfully, in order to enter the fullness of life.

JOB VACANCY – OFFICE ASSISTANT

The Latin Mass Society has a part-time job vacancy (21 hours per week) for an office assistance, based around the corner from Covent Garden in Macklin Street. Full details can be found at: lms.org.uk/blog/office-vacancy

MONDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER – SOLEMNITY!

Next Monday 18th is a Parish Solemnity – the **Anniversary of the Consecration of the Shrine**, which took place in 1956. Therefore Masses next Monday, including the Extraordinary Form Mass at 6:30pm, will be of the Dedication and a **Plenary Indulgence** is available to all who come to the Shrine, under the usual conditions.

NOVEMBER HOLY SOULS

It may only be the start of October, but November - the month of the Holy Souls - will be upon us before we know it! Throughout November, we will be offering at least three Masses a week for the **Holy Souls in Purgatory**. You can have your departed relatives and friends remembered at the Altar at these Masses by adding their names to the list by simply filling out the form on our website, or one of the forms at the back of the church. Visit maidenlane.org.uk/holysouls to make your offering today!

ALL SAINTS & ALL SOULS

All Saints' Day falls rather awkwardly this year and is celebrated in the Ordinary Form on what will be 'Halloween' – All Hallows' Eve – in the consciousness of the bars and restaurants around us. As such, we are going to be celebrating two All Saints' Days this year: on Sunday 31st October we will have the usual 9:30am Said English and 11:30am Sung Latin. On Monday 1st November, there will be an EF Low Mass at 8am, the usual lunchtime Mass at 1:05pm, as well as the usual 6:30pm High Mass by the Latin Mass Society.

All Souls' Day is on Tuesday 2nd November, and there will actually be three Masses here that day: 8am (EF Low Mass), 1:05pm (Said, English), and 6:30pm (Sung, Latin). Please come and pray for your departed loved ones.

SODALITY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The next Sodality of the Blessed Sacrament Mass, with Adoration and Benediction, is on **Thursday 4th November at 6:30pm**. This month's guest preacher is **Fr Marcus Holden**, who is the Parish Priest of St Bede's, Clapham Park. To find out more about the Sodality and to become a member, visit sodality.co.uk

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.

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: Canon Richard Hearn, Amarilde Pellegrini, James Young, Neemat Abbass, Giovanna Proto, Concetta Wager, Nellie Goodwin, Marlis Okeke, HRH The Prince Philip, Paul Colman, Nancy McWilliams, Virginia Maria Vaz, Fr Kidane Lebasi, Mgr Mark Langham, Mary Quinlan, Larinka Wright, Claus Tenzler, Mgr Frederick Canon Miles, Bill Tomlinson, Mgr John Klyberg, Mgr. Wolfgang Nastainczyk, Christiane