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CORPUS CHRISTI

THE DIOCESAN SHRINE OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



NOVEMBER – MONTH DEDICATED TO
THE HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY

✠ HOLY MASS FOR THE WEEK – 7TH NOVEMBER 2021 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 7TH

✠ 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ps. Week 4

9.30 am Mass *Maureen Goodey & Kathleen Tappin RIP*
11.30 am Sung Mass in Latin *Derry Horan RIP*
5.00 pm Holy Hour

MONDAY 8TH

FERIA – REQUIEM MASS

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass *Holy Souls in Purgatory*
5.00 pm Holy Hour
6.30 pm High Mass – Extraordinary Form

TUESDAY 9TH

THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

No Public Mass today. Church open as usual for private prayer. *Holy Souls*

WEDNESDAY 10TH

ST LEO THE GREAT, POPE & DOCTOR

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass *Maureen Goodey RIP – Anniversary*

NB. No Holy Hour tonight. Apologies.

7.00 pm Corpus Christi Prayer Group

THURSDAY 11TH

ST MARTIN OF TOURS, BISHOP

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass *Benefactors of Corpus Christi*

NB. No Holy Hour tonight. Apologies.

FRIDAY 12TH

(Friday Abstinence)

ST JOSAPHAT, BISHOP & MARTYR

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass *Holy Souls in Purgatory*

5.00 pm Holy Hour
6.30 pm Mass – Extraordinary Form *Good Counsel Network*

SATURDAY 13TH

FERIA

5.00 pm Exposition
6.00 pm Vigil Mass *Pro Populo*

SUNDAY 14TH – REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

✠ 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ps. Week 1

9.30 am Mass *Maureen Goodey RIP*
11.30 am Sung Requiem Mass in Latin *All the Faithful Fallen in Battle*
5.00 pm Holy Hour

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.

NO GESTURE OF GOODNESS IS MEANINGLESS

The Liturgy of the Word this Sunday gives us two widows as models of faith. They are presented in parallel: one in the First Book of Kings and the other in the Gospel of Mark. Both these women are very poor and it is precisely this condition that speaks of their great faith in God. The first appears in the series of narratives about the Prophet Elijah. In a time of famine, he receives an order from the Lord to go to pagan territory near Sidon, outside Israel. There he meets a widow and asks her for water to drink and a little bread. The woman replies that there is only a handful of flour and a drop of oil, but, since the Prophet insists and promises her that, if she listens to him, flour and oil will not be wanting; she listens and is rewarded. The second widow in the Gospel is noticed by Jesus at the Temple in Jerusalem, to be precise at the treasury, where men and women are giving alms. Jesus sees this woman throwing two coins into the treasury; he then calls his disciples and explains that her contribution is greater than that of the rich, because, while they gave of their plenty, the widow put in “everything she had, her whole living”.

From these two biblical passages, wisely juxtaposed, one can learn a valuable lesson about the faith. It appears as an interior attitude of he who bases his life on God, on the Word, and trusts totally in him. Being a widow in antiquity was in itself a condition of grave need. This is why in the Bible widows and orphans were people whom God cared for in a special way: they have lost their earthly support but God remains their Spouse, their Parent.

Yet, Scripture says that the objective state of need, in this case being a widow, does not suffice: God always asks for our free adherence to faith, that it is expressed in love for him and for our neighbour. No one is so poor that he cannot give something. And, in fact, both of these widows from today demonstrate their faith by carrying out an act of charity: one for the Prophet and the other by almsgiving. Thus they attest to the inseparable unity between faith and love, as between love of God and love of one's neighbour — as the Gospel of last Sunday reminded us. Pope St Leo the Great, whose memory we celebrated yesterday, affirmed this: “On the scales of divine justice the quantity of gifts is not weighed, but the weight of hearts. The widow deposited in the Temple treasury two small coins and by doing so surpassed the gifts of all the rich. No gesture of goodness is meaningless before God, no mercy is left barren”.

The Virgin Mary is the perfect example of someone who gives her whole self by trusting in God; with this faith she proclaims her fiat to the Angel and accepts the Will of Lord. May Mary help each one of us too to strengthen our faith in God and in his Word.

THE MASS OBLIGATION

As you are probably aware, the **Sunday Obligation** will be in force again from Advent Sunday i.e. **Sunday 28th November**. This means that every Catholic is required to attend a celebration of Holy Mass each Sunday, and any other days of Obligation which occur as announced, unless impeded by health, age or some totally unavoidable situation.

SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND

Today's second collection is for the **Sick & Retired Priests' Fund**. Please give generously and help ensure our sick and older priests are financially supported, having given us a lifetime of dedicated service. They have baptised us, welcomed us into the church, and offered comfort and prayer at times of sorrow. Now we have a chance to give back and ensure they have peace of mind during their senior years, when they may be facing failing health and declining mobility. Please give generously using the envelopes in the church. You can also donate online at rcdow.org.uk/donations - the envelopes and posters feature a QR Code that you can scan with a phone camera to give online. Thank you in advance for your kindness.

NOVEMBER HOLY SOULS

We are now in the month of November - the month of the Holy Souls. 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 SOULS INDULGENCES

An indulgence, applicable only to the souls in Purgatory, is granted to the faithful, who devoutly visit a cemetery and pray, even if only mentally, for the departed. The indulgence is plenary – each day from the first to the eighth of November; on other days of the year it is partial. A plenary indulgence is granted to the faithful, who on the day dedicated to the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed, 2nd November, (as well as on the Sunday preceding or following, and on All Saints' Day) piously visit a church. In visiting the church it is required that one *Our Father* and the *Creed* be recited. To acquire a plenary indulgence it is necessary also to fulfil the following three conditions: sacramental Confession, Eucharistic communion, and prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father. The three conditions may be fulfilled several days before or after the visit; it is, however, fitting that communion be received and the prayer for the intention of the Holy Father be said on the same day as the visit. A plenary indulgence can be acquired only once in the course of the day.

Changes for 2021! Following a decree of the 27th October, the Apostolic Penitentiary has allowed these indulgences to be gained on any and every day throughout the month of November, and not just the first eight days. If you are housebound, you can also acquire the indulgence by praying for the dead before an image of Our Lord or Our Lady, so long as you have the intention to fulfil the conditions as soon as you are able. Get praying!

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. 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 online too.

Our sick parishioners and friends: Brona Lynch, Sheena Colman, Christos Hana, Philip Barney, Donna Webb, Christopher Bronne, Sandra Jones, Velrich Fernandes, Kee Ow Peng, Maria Jessiman, 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: Sir David Amess, Richard Canon 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, Christiane Brown