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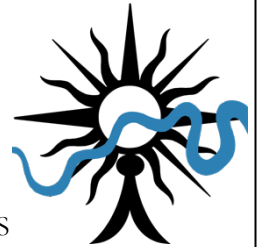
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CORPUS CHRISTI

THE DIOCESAN SHRINE OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

MAY – MONTH DEDICATED TO
THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS



✠ HOLY MASS FOR THE WEEK – 19TH JUNE 2022

CORPUS ET SANGUIS CHRISTI THE LONDON EUCHARISTIC OCTAVE 2022

SUNDAY 19TH

✠ CORPUS ET SANGUIS CHRISTI

11.00 am Pontifical Sung Mass in Latin, followed by Procession of the Blessed Sacrament.

Ps. Week 4

Pro Populo

MONDAY 20TH

ST ALBAN, PROTOMARTYR

12 noon Exposition

1.05 pm Mass

Barbara Mackalski & Family

5.00 pm **Apologies – no Holy Hour today**

6.30 pm Mass – 1962 Missal

TUESDAY 21ST

ST ALOYSIUS GONZAGA, RELIGIOUS

No public Mass today. Church open for prayer. *Thea & Gabriel Woodman-Stanes RIP*

WEDNESDAY 22ND

SS JOHN FISHER, BISHOP, AND THOMAS MORE, MARTYRS

12 noon Exposition

1.05 pm Mass

Christiane Brown RIP – Anniversary

5.00 pm Holy Hour

7.00 pm Prayer Group

THURSDAY 23RD

THE NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

12 noon Exposition

1.05 pm Mass

Welfare of A & N Stanes

5.00 pm Holy Hour

FRIDAY 24TH

(No Friday abstinence)

THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

DIocese CONSECrated TO THE SACRED HEART, 17 JUNE 1873

12 noon Exposition

1.05 pm Mass

Clarke Family

5.00 pm Holy Hour

6.30 pm **Sung Mass in Latin**

In Reparation

SATURDAY 25TH

THE IMMACULATE HEART OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

5.00 pm Exposition

6.00 pm Vigil Mass

Larinka Wright RIP – Anniversary

SUNDAY 26TH

✠ 13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ps. Week 1

9.30 am Mass

11.30 am Sung Mass in Latin

Pro Populo

5.00 pm Holy Hour

Edward Bolaji Irele RIP

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.

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ADOREMUS IN ÆTERNUM

Today's Solemnity of Corpus Christi, which was celebrated last Thursday in many European countries, invites us to contemplate the supreme Mystery of our faith: the Most Holy Eucharist, the Real Presence of the Lord Jesus Christ in the Sacrament of the Altar. Every time that the priest renews the Eucharistic Sacrifice, in the prayer of consecration he repeats: "This is my Body... this is my Blood".

He says this lending his voice, hands and heart to Christ, who wanted to stay with us and be the heartbeat of the Church. However, after the celebration of the divine Mysteries, the Lord Jesus remains alive in the tabernacle; for this reason special praise is given to him with Eucharistic adoration, as Pope Benedict XVI recalled in the his Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation *Sacramentum Caritatis*.

Indeed, an intrinsic connection exists between celebration and adoration. In fact, Holy Mass is in itself the Church's greatest act of adoration: "No one eats of this flesh", as St Augustine writes, "without having first adored it".

Adoration outside Holy Mass prolongs and intensifies what has taken place in the liturgical celebration and makes a true and profound reception of Christ possible.

Today, then, the Eucharistic procession is taking place in Christian communities in all parts of the world. It is a special form of public adoration of the Eucharist, enriched by beautiful and traditional expressions of popular devotion.

We think also particularly of the Institutes of Consecrated Life as well as to the associations and confraternities that are especially dedicated to the practice of Adoration; they offer to everyone a reminder of Christ's centrality in our personal and ecclesial life.

We must rejoice to see that many young people are discovering the beauty of adoration, both privately and in groups. May priests to encourage these youth groups in their adoration, but also to guide them, to ensure that the form of their community adoration is always appropriate and dignified and that they allow sufficient time for silence and listening to the Word of God.

In life today, often noisy and dispersive, it is more important than ever to recover the capacity for inner silence and recollection. Eucharistic adoration permits this not only centred on the "I" but more so in the company of that "You" full of love who is Jesus Christ, "the God who is near to us".

May the Virgin Mary, the Woman of the Eucharist, introduce us into the secret of true adoration. Her humble and simple heart was ever pondering the mystery of Jesus, in whom she adored the presence of God and of his redeeming love. May faith in the Eucharistic Mystery, joy in participating in Holy Mass, especially on Sundays, and enthusiasm in witnessing to Christ's immense love grow throughout the Church through her intercession.

CONFESSION

Confessions are normally heard for half an hour before all Masses, or upon request. Make use of this great Sacrament and reconcile yourself with the Lord today.

LONDON EUCHARISTIC OCTAVE / QUARANT'ORE 2022

Thank you to everyone who has worked so hard in making this Eucharistic Octave such a success. I would particularly like to thank the musicians, servers, James, the clergy of the various churches who have been here to celebrate the different liturgies... the list goes on. I would also like to thank everyone involved in the Forty Hours' Devotions that concluded yesterday. It has been so wonderful to see so many people coming into the church to spend some time in prayer before Our Lord, and to have so many candles burning before the Altar has been really beautiful. Thank you all; the Lord will bless you greatly.

We are particularly pleased to welcome His Excellency, Archbishop Claudio Gugerotti, the Apostolic Nuncio to Great Britain, as he celebrates our Titular Solemnity of Corpus Christi. We are grateful for his presence with us.

FRIDAY IS THE SOLEMNITY OF THE SACRED HEART

The heart of God burns with compassion! On Friday's solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus the Church presents us this mystery for our contemplation: the mystery of the heart of a God who feels compassion and who bestows all his love upon humanity. A mysterious love, which in the texts of the New Testament is revealed to us as God's boundless and passionate love for mankind. God does not lose heart in the face of ingratitude or rejection by the people he has chosen; rather, with infinite mercy he sends his only-begotten Son into the world to take upon himself the fate of a shattered love, so that by defeating the power of evil and death he could restore to human beings enslaved by sin their dignity as sons and daughters. But this took place at great cost—the only-begotten Son of the Father was sacrificed on the Cross: "Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end". The symbol of this love which transcends death is his side, pierced by a spear. The Apostle John, an eyewitness, tells us: "one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water".

FR ALAN'S SILVER JUBILEE

This year, Fr Alan celebrates 25 years since his Ordination to the Sacred Priesthood. To mark this milestone, there will be a Sung Mass on **Tuesday 28th June at 6:30pm** – the Vigil of Ss Peter and Paul. There will be a reception afterwards with drinks and nibbles. Parishioners old and new, as well as visitors to the Shrine, are warmly invited to celebrate with him. (Clergy: choir dress)

SOLEMNITY OF SS PETER & PAUL

The Solemnity of Ss. Peter and Paul is on **Wednesday 29th June**. Now that the Obligation has been restored, this is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be at **8am (1962), 1:05pm (said, English) & 6:30pm (sung, Latin)**. These will be live streamed as usual.

MASS INTENTIONS

To have a Mass offered for your intentions, use the envelopes at the back of the church or visit the website at maidenlane.org.uk/intentions

SEVEN DAY LAMPS

Are available at the back of the church for £6, or online at maidenlane.org.uk/lamps You can also have the lamps that hang in the Sanctuary burn for a particular intention of yours.

Our sick parishioners and friends: Phil Bawden, Almudena Dagn, 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, Nicholas Pollock, Fr Patrick Hayward, Traute Pollock, Noël Tobin, Geoff Smale, David Michael Barrett, John Lynch, Ann Gorman, Janet Seeley

Of your charity – please pray for those who have died recently: Berenice Roetheli, Sheila Szymczak, Fr Tony Brunning, Muriel Jane Humphries, Sr Jolanta, OCarm., Heather Bashford, Fr David Irwin, Jose Antonio & Bertha, Sir David Amess, Richard Canon Hearn, Amarilde Pellegrini, Concetta Wager, Marlis Okeke, Paul Colman, Nancy McWilliams, Virginia Maria Vaz, Fr Kidane Lebasi, Mgr Mark Langham, Mary Quinlan, Larinka Wright, Claus Tenzler, Christiane Brown