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CORPUS CHRISTI

THE DIOCESAN SHRINE OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

JULY – MONTH DEDICATED TO
THE MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD OF OUR LORD

✠ HOLY MASS FOR THE WEEK – 17TH JULY 2022 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 17TH

✠ 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ps. Week 4

9.30 am Mass *Josephine & Michael Ryan RIP – Anniversary*
11.30 am Sung Mass in Latin *Pro Populo*
5.00 pm Holy Hour

MONDAY 18TH

FERIA

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass *Refika & Hamdi RIP*
5.00 pm Holy Hour
6.30 pm Mass – 1962 Missal

TUESDAY 19TH

FERIA

No lunchtime Mass today. *Jason Coeur-de-Lion – Intentions*

WEDNESDAY 20TH

ST APOLLINARIS, BISHOP & MARTYR

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass *King-Chiu Kwan RIP*
5.00 pm Holy Hour

THURSDAY 21ST

ST LAWRENCE OF BRINDISI, PRIEST & DOCTOR

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass *Sheila Pearmain RIP*
5.00 pm Holy Hour

FRIDAY 22ND

ST MARY MAGDALENE

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Requiem Mass *Nicefra & Simon Nowak*
5.00 pm Holy Hour

SATURDAY 23RD

ST BRIDGET OF SWEDEN, PATRON OF EUROPE

5.00 pm Exposition
6.00 pm Vigil Mass *Natercia & Fulvius Fernandes*

SUNDAY 24TH

✠ 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ps. Week 1

9.30 am Mass *Johnny Benson RIP*
11.30 am Sung Mass in Latin *Pro Populo*
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.

MARY HAS CHOSEN THE GOOD PORTION

We are now in the heart of summer, at least in the northern hemisphere. This is the period in which schools are closed and the greater part of the holidays are concentrated. Even the pastoral activities in parishes are reduced. It is therefore a favourable time to give priority to what is effectively most important in life, that is to say, listening to the word of the Lord. We are also reminded of this by this Sunday's Gospel passage with the well known episode of Jesus' visit to the house of Martha and Mary, recounted by St Luke.

Martha and Mary are two sisters; they also have a brother, Lazarus, but he does not appear on this occasion. Jesus is passing through their village and, the text says, Martha received him at her home. This detail enables us to understand that Martha is the elder of the two, the one in charge of the house. Indeed, when Jesus has been made comfortable, Mary sits at his feet and listens to him while Martha is totally absorbed by her many tasks, certainly due to the special Guest.

We seem to see the scene: one sister bustling about busily and the other, as it were, enraptured by the presence of the Teacher and by his words. A little later Martha, who is evidently resentful, can no longer resist and complains, even feeling that she has a right to criticize Jesus: "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me". Martha would even like to teach the Teacher! Jesus on the other hand answers her very calmly: "Martha, Martha", and the repetition of her name expresses his affection, "you are anxious and troubled about many things; only one thing is needful. Mary has chosen the good portion, which shall not be taken away from her".

Christ's words are quite clear: there is no contempt for active life, nor even less for generous hospitality; rather, a distinct reminder of the fact that the only really necessary thing is something else: listening to the word of the Lord; and the Lord is there at that moment, present in the Person of Jesus! All the rest will pass away and will be taken from us but the word of God is eternal and gives meaning to our daily actions.

Dear friends, as I said, this Gospel passage is more than ever in tune with the vacation period, because it recalls the fact that the human person must indeed work and be involved in domestic and professional occupations, but first and foremost needs God, who is the inner light of Love and Truth. Without love, even the most important activities lose their value and give no joy. Without a profound meaning, all our activities are reduced to sterile and unorganised activism. And who, if not Jesus Christ, gives us Love and Truth? Therefore, brothers and sisters, let us learn to help each other, to collaborate, but first of all to choose together the better part which is and always will be our greatest good.

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

SODALITY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The **Sodality of the Blessed Sacrament** is a Confraternity based here at Corpus Christi. There are now hundreds of members all around the world, who commit to honouring the Most Blessed Sacrament by attending Holy Hours, praying in reparation for sins against the Blessed Sacrament and coming together to honour our Eucharistic Lord. The Sodality meets on the first Thursday of the month (except in August), for a sung Mass, followed by a period of Adoration and Benediction. Each month, Mass is offered for the intentions of members, and there is a different guest preacher who offers a unique perspective on the Eucharist. Members also receive a monstrance pin badge, as well as a monthly newsletter with devotional material. Why not join the Sodality today, if you haven't already. And if you have, why not sign a friend up as a gift? Visit sodality.co.uk for more information.

CHORISTER OPPORTUNITIES AT WCCS

Every September up to six boys join **Westminster Cathedral Choir School** in Year 4 as choristers. Becoming a chorister offers a boy the opportunity to sing in a world famous choir, and to join a thriving, inclusive, independent school for boys, age 4 to 13. All choristers receive generous scholarships supplemented by means-tested bursaries worth up to 100% of fees. Contact Lucy Auger to find out more. Telephone 020 7798 9081 or email lauger@choirschool.com

ST BERNADETTE RELIC TOUR

In September and October this year, the relics of St Bernadette will journey on pilgrimage across England, Scotland, and Wales for the very first time. This very special event will provide an opportunity for people of all ages and backgrounds to experience the special gifts and charisms of Lourdes in a church or cathedral near them. The relics will be in the Diocese of Westminster from Saturday 3rd to Wednesday 7th September, Monday 17th to Tuesday 18th October and Friday 28th to Sunday 30th October. For full details of the tour, visit stbernadette.org.uk

PILGRIMAGE OF REPARATION & PRAYER FOR LIFE

On Saturday 6th August from 12pm, Bishop Philip Egan will be leading a pilgrimage to Walsingham praying for the cause of life. For more details contact 01858 571 242 or visit prolifepilgrimage.org

UNIVERSITY CHAPLAINCY FOR STUDENTS

The University Chaplaincy is calling anyone who will be a student at any of the London universities and colleges, or University of Hertfordshire, this coming year. Based at Newman House, Gower Street, they also have campus-based chaplains at many of the universities and colleges. For any students other than freshers there is also an opportunity to live in at Newman House, a catered lodging with attractive rates and its own chapel. The application form is available on the Chaplaincy website universitycatholic.net

CONFESSIONS

Confessions are heard for half an hour before all Masses, or upon request. Please do make use of this life-giving Sacrament.

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