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CORPUS CHRISTI

THE DIOCESAN SHRINE OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

JANUARY – MONTH DEDICATED TO
THE MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS

✠ HOLY MASS FOR THE WEEK – 15TH JANUARY 2023 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 15TH

✠ 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

Ps. Week 2
Maureen Gillen RIP
Catherine McGovern – sick

MONDAY 16TH

FERIA

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour
6.30 pm Mass – 1962 Missal

Desmond Lewis RIP

TUESDAY 17TH

ST ANTHONY, ABBOT

No public Mass today. Private Mass offered for

Wilfredo Inductivo RIP

WEDNESDAY 18TH

FERIA

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass

Nicholas Tertullien RIP

THURSDAY 19TH

ST WULSTAN, BISHOP

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass

Ugo Odogwu – Intentions

(Friday abstinence)

FRIDAY 20TH

ST SEBASTIAN, MARTYR

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass

Mechtild Nastainczyk RIP – Anniversary

SATURDAY 21ST

ST AGNES, VIRGIN & MARTYR

5.00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
6.00 pm Vigil Mass

Danny Braddick RIP

SUNDAY 22ND

✠ 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (OF THE WORD OF GOD)

9.30 am Said Mass in English
11.30 am Sung Mass in Latin
Apologies – No Holy Hour

Ps. Week 3
Teresa Gin Neo Teo – sick
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, which includes Vespers, Rosary and Benediction

Eucharistic Prayer Group: Young Adults Prayer Group each Wednesday 7pm in Church with Eucharistic Adoration and Rosary. Contact Annette: cpguk@gmail.com

THAT THEY MAY BE ONE

On Wednesday we begin the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, during which Catholics, Orthodox, Anglicans and Protestants, knowing that their divisions are an obstacle to the acceptance of the Gospel, implore the Lord together in a more intense way for the gift of full communion. This providential initiative was born in 1908, when Fr Paul Wattson introduced the "Octave" of Prayer for the unity of all Christ's disciples. We all have the duty to pray and work to overcome every division among Christians in response to Christ's desire "*Ut unum sint*". Prayer, conversion of heart and strengthening the bonds of communion constitute the essence of this spiritual movement that we hope will soon lead Christ's disciples to the common celebration of the Eucharist, a manifestation of their unity.

"Pray without ceasing". With these words, St Paul addressed the community of Thessalonica, which was experiencing inner disputes and conflicts, in order to appeal forcefully for certain fundamental attitudes, among which stands out ceaseless prayer. This invitation is still timely. In the face of the shortcomings and sins that still prevent the full communion of Christians, each one of these exhortations has retained its relevance, but this is particularly true of the order "pray without ceasing". What would the ecumenical movement become without the personal or communal prayer that "they may all be one; even as you, Father, are in me, and I in you"? Where would we find the "extra impetus" of faith, hope and charity, of which our search for unity has a special need today? Our desire for unity must not be limited to isolated occasions; it must become an integral part of our whole prayer life. Men and women formed in the Word of God and in prayer have been artisans of reconciliation and unity in every historical period.

It was the way of prayer that opened the path for the ecumenical movement as we know it today. Indeed, from the middle of the 18th century various movements of spiritual renewal came into being, eager to contribute through prayer to the promotion of Christian unity. Groups of Catholics, enlivened by outstanding religious figures, played an active role in such initiatives from the outset. Prayer for unity was also supported by the Supreme Pontiffs, such as Pope Leo XIII, who in 1895 was already recommending the introduction of a Novena of Prayer for Christian unity. These endeavours, made in accordance with the possibilities of the Church of that time, intended to put into practice the prayer spoken by Jesus himself in the Upper Room "that they may all be one". There is thus no genuine ecumenism whose roots are not implanted in prayer.

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 The earliest dates available are now in March 2023. If there are any particular dates you would like next year, please get them in as early as possible.

HOLY HOURS FROM WEDNESDAY

Please note that from Wednesday, there will be no Holy Hours until at least next Wednesday. Apologies for this.

SPUC WHITE FLOWER APPEAL 2023

The Society for Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) is holding its annual appeal this weekend. SPUC is currently campaigning to protect Pro-Life speech. Pro-Life witness is being restricted now more than ever; we must be able to speak freely to protect unborn babies. Please be as generous as you can to help SPUC defend unborn babies and their mothers from this new attack.

SODALITY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The next Sodality of the Blessed Sacrament Mass is on **Thursday 2nd February at 6:30pm**. This is the feast of the Presentation of the Lord, also known as Candlemas. This month's guest preacher is **Fr John Jesus Moloney, CSJ**, Parish Priest of St Anthony's Church, Forest Gate. Candles will be blessed and there will be the traditional procession through the church at the start of Mass. Mass concludes with a period of Adoration and Benediction. To find out more about the Sodality and to become a member, visit sodality.co.uk

DONATIONS

I would like to say a very big **thank you** to everyone who has supported the work of the Shrine during the last year, both financially and spiritually. Donations can be made at Mass by cash, via our card machines, via our website at maidenlane.org.uk/support or by scanning the QR Code on the front of this newsletter. And remember, if you are able to Gift Aid your donations, please do so. This allows us to claim an extra 25p for every £1 you donate from the Government. A simple £10 donation very quickly becomes a £12.50 donation, with no extra cost to you. Thank you!

CONFESSION

A reminder that Confessions are heard for half an hour before all Masses, or by appointment. Many of you already go to Confession regularly. But if you've got out of the "habit", please do come back.

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.

WHAT IS YOUR VOCATION?

The question, "what is my vocation?" applies to each one of us. Every single Catholic has a general vocation, to be good and faithful – living out our Catholic life in the manner that God asks of us. We know what that is, by looking at what the Church asks of each one of us. But what about our particular vocation; where is God calling me? What does God want me to do with my life? How does He want me to live it for Him, and for His honour and glory? What am I doing to bring that into existence? We **all** have to ask that question of ourselves. Today is as good a day as any! And we **all** have to find and answer to that question, that we can hold it up as a self-offering before God. So; what is **your** vocation? Please don't be deaf to the call of the Lord, He's asking something of you.

Our sick parishioners and friends: Norma Stanes, 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: Pope Benedict XVI, Veronica Davies, Vivien May Adams, Irene Walters, Gerard Joseph Waddingham KGCHS, Fr Sir Charles Dilke, Bt, Fr Jeremy Davies, Crispin Harrison CR, HM Queen Elizabeth II, Edie Moran, Sr Marie Louise OCarm, Louise Gusmaroli, Berenice Roetheli, Sheila Szymczak, Fr Tony Brunning, Muriel Jane Humphries, Sr Jolanta, OCarm., Heather Bashford, Fr David Irwin, Sir David Amess,