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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 – 22ND JANUARY 2023 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 22ND

✠ 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (OF THE WORD OF GOD) *Ps. Week 3*
9.30 am Said Mass in English *Teresa Gin Neo Teo – sick*
11.30 am Sung Mass in Latin *Pro Populo*
Apologies – No Holy Hour

MONDAY 23RD

FERIA

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass *Welfare of S, D & M Woodman-Stanes Family*
6.30 pm Mass – 1962 Missal

TUESDAY 24TH

ST FRANCIS DE SALES, BISHOP & DOCTOR
**ANNIVERSARY OF THE EPISCOPAL CONSECRATION OF HIS EMINENCE,
VINCENT CARDINAL NICHOLS (1992)**

No public Mass today. Private Mass offered for *Thea & Gabriel Woodman-Stanes RIP*

WEDNESDAY 25TH

THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL THE APOSTLE

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass *Inge Apel RIP*

THURSDAY 26TH

Ss TIMOTHY & TITUS, BISHOPS

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass *Welfare of A & N Stanes*

FRIDAY 27TH

ST ANGELA MERICI, VIRGIN

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass *Welfare of Friends & Family of Stanes & Perkins Families*

SATURDAY 28TH

ST THOMAS AQUINAS, PRIEST & DOCTOR

5.00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
6.00 pm Vigil Mass *Walter Sigel RIP*

SUNDAY 29TH

✠ 4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9.30 am Said Mass in English *Ps. Week 4*
11.30 am Sung Mass in Latin *Pro Populo*
5.00 pm Holy Hour *Jane Blackman 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, 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

ANNOUNCE THE GOOD NEWS

In today's liturgy the Evangelist Matthew, who will accompany us throughout this liturgical year, presents the beginning of Christ's public mission. It consisted essentially in preaching the Kingdom of God and healing the sick, showing that this Kingdom is close at hand and is already in our midst. Jesus began his preaching in Galilee, the region where he grew up, the "outskirts" in comparison with the heart of the Jewish Nation which was Judea, and in it, Jerusalem. But the Prophet Isaiah had foretold that this land, assigned to the tribes of Zebulun and Naphtali, would have a glorious future: the people immersed in darkness would see a great light. In Jesus' time, the term "gospel" was used by Roman emperors for their proclamations. Independently of their content, they were described as "good news" or announcements of salvation, because the emperor was considered lord of the world and his every edict as a portent of good. Thus, the application of this phrase to Jesus' preaching had a strongly critical meaning, as if to say God, and not the emperor, is Lord of the world, and the true Gospel is that of Jesus Christ.

The "Good News" which Jesus proclaims is summed up in this sentence: "The Kingdom of God - or Kingdom of Heaven - is at hand". What do these words mean? They do not of course refer to an earthly region marked out in space and time, but rather to an announcement that it is God who reigns, that God is Lord and that his lordship is present and actual, it is being realized. The newness of Christ's message, therefore, is that God made himself close in him and now reigns in our midst, as the miracles and healings that he works demonstrate. God reigns in the world through his Son made man and with the power of the Holy Spirit who is called "the finger of God". Wherever Jesus goes the Creator Spirit brings life, and men and women are healed of diseases of body and spirit. God's lordship is thus manifest in the human being's integral healing. By this, Jesus wanted to reveal the Face of the true God, the God who is close, full of mercy for every human being; the God who makes us a gift of life in abundance, his own life. The Kingdom of God is therefore life that asserts itself over death, the light of truth that dispels the darkness of ignorance and lies.

Let us pray to Mary Most Holy that she will always obtain for the Church the same passion for God's Kingdom which enlivened the mission of Jesus Christ: a passion for God, for his lordship of love and life; a passion for man, encountered in truth with the desire to give him the most precious treasure: the love of God, his Creator and Father.

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.

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

THE WITNESS OF THE SAINTS

There is a primacy of charity in the life of Christians and of the Church. The privileged witnesses of this primacy are the Saints, who made their lives a hymn to God-Love despite their thousands of different tones. We celebrate them every day of the year in the liturgy.

I am thinking, for example, of those whom we are commemorating in these days: the Apostle Paul with his disciples Timothy and Titus, St Angela Merici, St Thomas Aquinas, St John Bosco. These saints are very different: the first belong to the beginnings of the Church and were missionaries of the first evangelization; in the Middle Ages, Thomas Aquinas is the model of a Catholic theologian who found in Christ the supreme synthesis of truth and love; in the Renaissance, Angela Merici presented a path of holiness also to those who were living in a secular environment; in the modern epoch, Don Bosco, inflamed with love for Jesus the Good Shepherd, cared for the most underprivileged children and became their father and teacher.

In truth, the Church's entire history is a history of holiness, animated by the one Love whose source is God. Indeed, only supernatural love, like the love that flows ever new from Christ's heart, can explain the miraculous flourishing down the centuries.

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.

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,