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Pope Benedict XVI RIP

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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 – 29TH JANUARY 2023 4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 29TH

✠ 4TH 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 4
Pro Populo
Jane Blackman RIP*

MONDAY 30TH

FERIA

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass *Deceased Family & Friends of Stanes & Perkins Families*
5.00 pm Holy Hour
6.30 pm Mass – 1962 Missal

TUESDAY 31ST

ST JOHN BOSCO, PRIEST

No public Mass today. Private Mass offered for *Norma Stanes – Thanksgiving*

WEDNESDAY 1ST FEBRUARY

FERIA

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour

Effie Mac Issac – sick

THURSDAY 2ND

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
6.30 pm Sodality Mass

*Russell's Intentions
Sodality Members*

FRIDAY 3RD

Ss LAURENCE, DUNSTAN & THEODORE, ARCHBISHOPS OF CANTERBURY

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass

(Friday abstinence)

Veronica Davies RIP

SATURDAY 4TH

FERIA

5.00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
6.00 pm Vigil Mass

Pro Populo

SUNDAY 5TH

✠ 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

*Ps. Week 1
Michael Ryan RIP – Anniversary
Anne-Marie Stevenson 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

THE CATHEDRA OF THE MOUNTAIN

On this Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time, the Gospel presents the first great discourse that the Lord addresses to the people on the gentle hills encircling the Sea of Galilee. "Seeing the crowds," St Matthew writes, "he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down his disciples came to him. And he opened his mouth and taught them".

Jesus, the new Moses, "takes his seat on the cathedra of the mountain" and proclaims "blessed" the poor in spirit, those who mourn, the merciful, those who hunger for righteousness, the pure in heart, the persecuted. It is not a new ideology, but a teaching that comes from on high and touches the human condition, the condition that the Lord, in becoming flesh, wished to assume in order to save it.

Therefore "the Sermon on the Mount is addressed to the entire world, the entire present and future, and yet it demands discipleship and can be understood and lived out only by following Jesus and accompanying him on his journey".

The Beatitudes are a new programme of life, to free oneself from the false values of the world and to open oneself to the true goods, present and future. Indeed, when God comforts, he satisfies the hunger for righteousness, he wipes away the tears of those who mourn, which means that, as well as compensating each one in a practical way, he opens the Kingdom of Heaven. "The Beatitudes are the transposition of the Cross and Resurrection into discipleship". They mirror the life of the Son of God who let himself even be persecuted and despised until he was condemned to death so that salvation might be given to men and women.

Peter Damascus, an ancient hermit, says: "The Beatitudes are gifts of God and we must say a great 'thank you' to him for them and for the rewards that derive from them, namely the Kingdom of God in the century to come and consolation here; the fullness of every good and mercy on God's part ... once we have become images of Christ on earth".

The Gospel of the Beatitudes is commented on with the actual history of the Church, the history of Christian holiness, because, as St Paul writes, "God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong, God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are".

For this reason the Church has no fear of poverty, contempt or persecution in a society which is often attracted by material well-being and worldly power. St Augustine reminds us that "it serves nothing to suffer these evils, but rather to bear them in the Name of Jesus, not only with a serene soul but also with joy".

Dear brothers and sisters, let us invoke the Virgin Mary, the Blessed par excellence, asking her for the strength to seek the Lord and to follow him always, with joy, on the path of the Beatitudes.

SODALITY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The next Sodality of the Blessed Sacrament Mass is on **this coming 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

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.

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!

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.

DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE – 2ND FEBRUARY

The expressions of the God's one divine love must be lived with a particular intensity and purity of heart by those who have decided to set out on the path of vocation discernment towards the ministerial priesthood and the consecrated life; they are its distinguishing mark. Love of God, which priests and consecrated persons are called to mirror, however imperfectly, is the motivation for answering the Lord's call to special consecration through priestly ordination or the profession of the evangelical counsels. Saint Peter's vehement reply to the Divine Master: "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you" contains the secret of a life fully given and lived out, and thus one which is deeply joyful.

The other practical expression of love, that towards our neighbour, and especially those who suffer and are in greatest need, is the decisive impulse that leads the priest and the consecrated person to be a builder of communion between people and a sower of hope. The relationship of consecrated persons, and especially of the priest, to the Christian community is vital and becomes a fundamental dimension of their affectivity. The Curé of Ars was fond of saying: "Priests are not priests for themselves, but for you".

CONFESSION

A reminder that Confessions are heard for half an hour before all Masses, or by appointment.

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,