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# CORPUS CHRISTI

## THE DIOCESAN SHRINE OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

SEPTEMBER – MONTH DEDICATED TO  
THE SEVEN SORROWS OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

## ✠ HOLY MASS FOR THE WEEK – 24<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023 25<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### SUNDAY 24<sup>TH</sup>

#### ✠ 25<sup>TH</sup> 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 1  
Traute Pollock  
Pro Populo*

### MONDAY 25<sup>TH</sup>

#### FERIA

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

*Flannery O'Connor RIP*

### TUESDAY 26<sup>TH</sup>

#### Ss COSMAS AND DAMIAN, MARTYRS

Private Mass offered for

*Mgr Augustine Hoey RIP – Anniversary*

### WEDNESDAY 27<sup>TH</sup>

#### ST VINCENT DE PAUL, PRIEST

12 noon Exposition  
1.05 pm Mass  
5.00 pm Holy Hour

*Aloysius Rodrigues – Intentions*

### THURSDAY 28<sup>TH</sup>

#### ST WENCESLAUS, MARTYR

12 noon Exposition  
1.05 pm Mass  
5.00 pm Holy Hour

*Dr Akudo – Intentions*

### FRIDAY 29<sup>TH</sup>

*(Friday Abstinence)*

#### Ss MICHAEL, GABRIEL AND RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS

12 noon Exposition  
1.05 pm Mass  
No Holy Hour today. Apologies.

*Holy Souls in Purgatory*

### SATURDAY 30<sup>TH</sup>

#### ST JEROME, PRIEST & DOCTOR

10.00 am Mass in the Byzantine-Slavic Rite  
5.00 pm Exposition  
6.00 pm Vigil Mass

*George & Diane May RIP*

### SUNDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER

#### ✠ 26<sup>TH</sup> 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  
Eileen Osborne  
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](mailto:cpguk@gmail.com)

## FOR ME TO LIVE IS CHRIST!

Today's liturgy begins with the Reading from St Paul's Letter to the Philippians, namely to the members of the community that the Apostle himself founded in the city of Philippi, an important Roman colony in Macedonia, today northern Greece. Paul reached Philippi on his second missionary voyage, sailing across the Aegean Sea from Anatolia. This was the first time the Gospel arrived in Europe. It was in about the year 50, hence 20 years after Jesus' death and Resurrection. Yet, the Letter to the Philippians contains a hymn to Christ which presents a complete synthesis of his mystery: incarnation, *kenosis*, that is, self-emptying to the point of death on the cross, and glorification.

This same mystery became one with the life of the Apostle Paul, who wrote this Letter while he was in prison, awaiting a sentence of life or death. He declared: "For me to live is Christ and to die is gain". This is a new meaning for life and of human existence, which consists in communion with the living Jesus Christ; not only with a historical figure, a teacher of wisdom, a religious leader, but with a man in whom God himself dwells. His death and Resurrection is the Good News, which, starting from Jerusalem, is destined to reach all men and all peoples, and to transform from within all cultures, opening them to the fundamental truth: God is love. He was made man in Jesus and with his sacrifice redeemed humanity from the slavery of evil, giving people a hope in which they could trust.

St Paul was a man who summed up three worlds in himself: the Jewish, the Greek, and the Roman. Not by chance did God entrust to him the mission to take the Gospel to Asia Minor, to Greece and later to Rome, building a bridge that would take Christianity to the very ends of the earth. Today we live in an era of new evangelization. Vast horizons are opening to the proclamation of the Gospel while regions with an ancient Christian tradition are called to rediscover the beauty of faith. The leaders of this mission are men and women who, like St Paul, can say: "For me to live is Christ". People, families, and communities who agree to work in the Lord's vineyard, according to the image in this Sunday's Gospel. Humble and gentle workers, who ask for no remuneration other than to share in the mission of Jesus and of his Church.

"If it is to be life in the flesh", St Paul writes further, "that means fruitful labour for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell": full union with Christ beyond death, or service to his mystical body on this earth.

Dear friends, the Gospel has transformed the world and is still transforming it, like a river that irrigates a vast field. Let us turn in prayer to the Virgin Mary, that priestly, religious and lay vocations may develop throughout the Church for the service of the new evangelization.

## SEVEN DAY LAMPS

Are available at the back of the church for £6, or online at [maidenlane.org.uk/lamps](http://maidenlane.org.uk/lamps). Why not have the lamps before Our Lord burn for someone you care about?

## MASS IN THE BYZANTINE-SLAVIC RITE

On **30<sup>th</sup> September at 10am**, there will be a celebration of the Mass according to the Byzantine-Slavic Rite, organized by The Society for Studies on Comparative Liturgy (APEHLC) as an introduction to the richness of this liturgical tradition.

The Liturgy will be celebrated by Fr. Gabriel Diaz and sung by the "St. Cyril and St. Methodius Choir", and placed under the patronage of these Saints, "apostles and teachers of all Slavic peoples". The celebration will be in Old Slavonic, the language traditionally used in the Slavic regions, both for the Byzantine and even for the Roman rite (Glagolitic Mass), for over 1,000 years. The celebration will begin at 10am with the preparation of the Priest (penitential prayers before access to the altar) and of the gifts (first part of the offertory) during the psalmody of the Office of Terce. The Mass itself will follow, without interruption, approx. 20 or 25 minutes later.

## SODALITY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The next Sodality of the Blessed Sacrament Mass will be on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October at 6:30pm**. Our guest preacher on that day will be **Jeremy Canon Trood**, Chancellor of the Diocese of Westminster. To find out more about the Sodality and to become a member, visit [sodality.co.uk](http://sodality.co.uk)

## BECOMING A CATHOLIC

Are you thinking about becoming a Catholic? Please do – don't hold back; it'll be the best thing you ever did. You'll be moving from the wilderness into the home that Jesus established for you while He was still on earth: The Catholic Church. If you're looking for the Truth, revealed to us by Jesus, who is the Truth sent from above by the Father, and the only One who can set us free – the Catholic Church is where you'll find it. If you'd like to come and talk about it, then please do get in touch. I'd be delighted to meet up with you.

## SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

Would you like some help to reflect on your Spiritual Life – either as a one-off of something more regular? If you would, then please do get in touch – I'd be delighted to help you if I could. This would be from October onwards.

## MASS INTENTIONS

The earliest dates available are now in **January 2024**. There are no more Masses available this year! If you have dates that you particularly would like a Mass offered, please get them to us as early as possible to avoid disappointment. To do this, you can use the envelopes at the back of the church or online at [maidenlane.org.uk/intentions](http://maidenlane.org.uk/intentions)

## ROSARY FEAST & VESTMENT EXHIBITION

The Dominican community at the Rosary Shrine, Haverstock Hill, are concluding their 800th anniversary celebrations with a Solemn Mass at **10am on Saturday, 7th October 2023** followed by a reception in the Priory, and a special exhibition of historical vestments from the Dominican Sisters' Convent of Stone.

## CONFESSION

Do make use of this life-giving Sacrament; none of us can fully live our Catholic life without it, although many try. Let us graciously accept this great gift from God.

**Our sick parishioners and friends:** Natalie Williams, Douglas Adams, 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:** John Hughes, Fr Mark James Leenane, William Blake, Eve Schreiber, Soumaya Tabet, Eugene Owen Monahan, Thomas Hunt, Joy Fleischmann, George Cardinal Pell, 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,