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CORPUS CHRISTI

THE DIOCESAN SHRINE OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

OCTOBER – MONTH DEDICATED TO
THE HOLY ROSARY

✠ HOLY MASS FOR THE WEEK – 1ST OCTOBER 2023 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 1ST OCTOBER

✠ 26TH 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*

MONDAY 2ND

THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS

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

Mary Cecilia Cuming RIP

TUESDAY 3RD

FERIA

Private Mass offered for

Sheila Phillips – Intentions

WEDNESDAY 4TH

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour

Maria Teresa Foyo – Intentions

THURSDAY 5TH

ST FAUSTINA KOWALASKA, VIRGIN

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
6.30 pm Sodality of the Blessed Sacrament Mass

*Welfare of David & Annette Palmer
Sodality Members*

FRIDAY 6TH

ST BRUNO, PRIEST

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour

Michael Paddy Josephine Hanley RIP

SATURDAY 7TH

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

12noon Mass on the 25th Anniversary of the Eucharistic Prayer Group
5.00 pm Exposition
6.00 pm Vigil Mass

Pro Populo

SUNDAY 8TH

✠ 27TH 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 3
Jim Ryan RIP
Christiane Brown 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

HUMILITAS

Today the liturgy presents to us the Gospel parable of the two sons sent by their father to work in his vineyard. One of them immediately agrees to go but then does not; the other instead refuses but later repents and complies with his father's wishes. With this parable Jesus reaffirms his predilection for sinners who convert and teaches us that humility is necessary in order to accept the gift of salvation. St Paul too, in the passage from his Letter to the Philippians on which we are meditating today, urges us to be humble: "Do nothing from selfishness or conceit", he writes, "but... let each of you... in humility count others better than yourselves". These are the same sentiments as those of Christ who, emptying himself of divine glory out of love for us, became a man and humbled himself even to dying on a Cross. The verb used - *ekenôsen* - means literally that he "emptied himself" and sheds clear light on the deep humility and infinite love of Jesus, the humble Servant par excellence.

In reflecting on these biblical texts, our thoughts turn to Pope John Paul I, who was beatified last year. John Paul I chose as his episcopal motto the same motto as St Charles Borromeo, namely: *Humilitas*. This single word sums up the essential of Christian life and indicates the indispensable virtue of those in the Church who are called to the service of authority. At one of the four General Audiences held during his extremely short Pontificate, he said, among other things, with that familiar tone that distinguished him: "I will just recommend one virtue so dear to the Lord. He said, "Learn from me who am meek and humble of heart'.... Even if you have done great things, say: "We are useless servants"". And he observed: "On the contrary the tendency in all of us, is rather the opposite: to show off". Humility can be considered his spiritual testament.

Because of this virtue of his, it only took 33 days for Pope Luciani to win people's hearts. In his Addresses he always referred to events in practical life, from his family memories and from popular wisdom. His simplicity was a vehicle for a solid, rich teaching which, thanks to the gift of an exceptional memory and a vast knowledge, he embellished with numerous citations from ecclesiastical and secular writers. Thus, he was an incomparable catechist, following in the footsteps of St Pius X, who came from the same region and was his Predecessor first on the throne of St Mark and then on that of St Peter. "We must feel small before God", he said during the same Audience. And he added, "I am not ashamed to feel like a child before his mother; one believes in one's mother; I believe in the Lord, in what he has revealed to me". These words reveal the full depth of his faith. As we thank God for having given him to the Church and to the world, let us treasure his example, striving to cultivate his same humility which enabled him to talk to everyone, especially the small and the "distant". For this, let us invoke Mary Most Holy, the humble Handmaid of the Lord.

SODALITY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The next Sodality of the Blessed Sacrament Mass will be on **Thursday 5th 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

OCTOBER INDULGENCES

During this month, a plenary indulgence may be gained under the usual conditions by reciting five decades of the Rosary in church, as a family at home, or whenever several persons have gathered for good purpose; in other circumstances a partial indulgence may be gained.

NOVEMBER HOLY SOULS

It may only be the start of October, but November – the month of the Holy Souls – will be upon us before we know it! Throughout November, we will be offering at least three Masses a week for the **Holy Souls in Purgatory**. You can have your departed relatives and friends remembered at the Altar at these Masses by adding their names to the list by simply filling out the form on our website, or one of the forms at the back of the church. Visit maidenlane.org.uk/holysouls to make your offering today!

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

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.

SEVEN DAY LAMPS

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

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,