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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 – 8TH OCTOBER 2023 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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*

MONDAY 9TH

ST JOHN HENRY NEWMAN, PRIEST

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

TUESDAY 10TH

ST JOHN LEONARDI, PRIEST

Private Mass offered for *Nuala Looney – Intentions*

WEDNESDAY 11TH

ST JOHN XXIII, POPE

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass *Benefactors of Corpus Christi*
5.00 pm Holy Hour

THURSDAY 12TH

BL CARLO ACUTIS

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass *William Blake RIP*
5.00 pm Holy Hour

FRIDAY 13TH

ST EDWARD THE CONFESSOR, KING

PATRON OF THE DIOCESE AND OF THE CITY OF WESTMINSTER

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass *Welfare of A & N Stanes*
5.00 pm Holy Hour
6.30 pm Mass – 1962 Missal *Good Counsel Network*

SATURDAY 14TH

ST CALLISTUS I, POPE & MARTYR

5.00 pm Exposition
6.00 pm Vigil Mass *Pro Populo*

SUNDAY 15TH

✠ 28TH 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
Jim Ryan RIP – Anniversary
Mary O'Connor – sick*

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

GOD CULTIVATES US

This Sunday's Gospel ends with a particularly severe warning from Jesus, addressed to the chief priests and the elders of the people: "The kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a nation producing the fruits of it". These are words that call to mind the great responsibility of those in every epoch who are called to work in the Lord's vineyard, especially in roles of authority, and they press for a renewal of full fidelity to Christ.

He is "the very stone which the builders rejected", because they judged him to be hostile to the law and a danger to public order; but he himself, rejected and crucified, is risen, to become the "corner stone" on which the foundations of every human life and of the whole world may rest in total safety.

The truth of this is the subject of the Parable of the Unfaithful Tenants to whom a man entrusted his vineyard so that they might cultivate and harvest the produce. The owner of the vineyard symbolizes God himself, while the vineyard symbolizes his people, as well as the life he gives, so that with his grace and our hard work, we may do good. St Augustine comments: "God does also cultivate us... as a field, that he may make us better". God has a project for his friends, but unfortunately the human response is often oriented to infidelity which is expressed in rejection. Pride and selfishness prevent us from recognizing and welcoming even God's most precious gift: his Only-Begotten Son.

When, in fact, "he sent his son to them", the Evangelist Matthew wrote, "[the tenants] took him and cast him out of the vineyard, and killed him". God puts himself in our hands, agrees to make himself an unfathomable mystery of weakness and manifests his omnipotence in his faithfulness to a plan of love which, in the end, also provides for the proper punishment of the wicked.

Firmly anchored in faith to the cornerstone which is Christ, let us abide in him, like the branch that can bear no fruit unless it remains attached to the vine. The Church, the People of the New Covenant, is built only in him, for him and with him. On this Pope Saint Paul VI wrote: "The first benefit which We trust the Church will reap from a deepened self-awareness, is a renewed discovery of its vital bond of union with Christ. This is something which is perfectly well known, but it is supremely important and absolutely essential. It can never be sufficiently understood, meditated upon and preached".

Dear friends, the Lord is ever close and active in humanity's history and accompanies us with the unique presence of his Angels, whom on Monday the Church venerated as "Guardian Angels", that is, ministers of the divine care for every human being. From the beginning until the hour of death, human life is surrounded by their constant protection. And the Angels encircle the august Queen of Victories, the Blessed Virgin Mary of the Rosary, who, in the month of October receives the fervent supplication from the whole world that evil may be defeated and God's goodness revealed in its fullness.

WEDNESDAY 18TH OCTOBER – SHRINE SOLEMNITY

Wednesday 18th October is a Parish Solemnity – the Anniversary of the Consecration of the Shrine, which took place in 1956. Therefore the Mass next Wednesday will be of the Dedication and a Plenary Indulgence is available to all who come to the Shrine, under the usual conditions.

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!

ALL SAINTS & ALL SOULS

All Saints' Day falls on Wednesday 1st November and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass here will be at 8am (1962 Missal), 1:05pm (said, English) and 6:30pm (sung, Latin).

All Souls' Day is on Tuesday 2nd November, and there will be the traditional three Masses here that day: 8am (1962 Missal), 1:05pm (said, English), and 6:30pm (sung, Latin). Please come and pray for your departed loved ones.

SODALITY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The next Sodality of the Blessed Sacrament Mass will be on **Thursday 2nd November – All Souls' Day – at 6:30pm**. Our guest preacher on that day will be **Fr John Hemer MHM**, Scripture Lecturer at Allen Hall Seminary. To find out more about the Sodality and to become a member, visit sodality.co.uk

GOOD COUNSEL BLACK TIE BALL

The Good Counsel Black Tie Ball will take place at 6pm on Saturday 18th November 2023 in Kensington. Live band & silent auction. London's Catholic Pro-Life Ball raising money to help save lives and change lives. Tickets £125 each. For bookings and enquiries, email GCNBall@gmail.com or call 07795205117.

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

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,