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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 – 15TH OCTOBER 2023 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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*

MONDAY 16TH

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 17TH

ST IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH, BISHOP & MARTYR

Private Mass offered for

Peter Noonan – sick

WEDNESDAY 18TH

✠ ANNIVERSARY OF THE CONSECRATION OF CORPUS CHRISTI

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour

Pro Populo

THURSDAY 19TH

SS JOHN DE BRÉBEUF & ISAAC JOGUES, PRIESTS, & COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass

Thanksgiving – Norma Stanes

FRIDAY 20TH

FERIA

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour

(Friday Abstinence)

Ann Thompson RIP

SATURDAY 21ST

FERIA

5.00 pm Exposition
6.00 pm Vigil Mass

Pro Populo

SUNDAY 22ND

✠ 29TH 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
Kathleen Slattery RIP – Anniversary
Bishop Friedrich Ostermann RIP – Anniversary*

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

GUARD THE GRACE OF LOVE

This Sunday's liturgy presents a parable to us that speaks of a wedding banquet to which many were invited. The First Reading, from the Book of Isaiah, prepares the ground for this theme, for it speaks about the banquet of God. It is an image – the banquet – often used in the Scriptures to indicate the joy in communion and in the abundance of the Lord's gifts, and it gives some idea of the celebration of God with humanity. The Prophet adds that God's intention is to put an end to sadness and shame; he wants all people to live happily in love of him and in mutual communion. Therefore his plan is to eliminate death forever, to wipe away the tears from all faces, to take away once and for all the dishonourable condition of his people, as we heard. All this awakens deep gratitude and hope.

In the Gospel, Jesus speaks to us of the answer that is given to the invitation of God — represented by a king — to take part in a marriage feast. Many guests were invited but something unexpected happens: they refuse to take part in the celebration, they have other things to do; indeed, some of them show contempt for the invitation. God is generous to us, he offers us his friendship, his gifts, his joy, but often we do not welcome his words, we show greater interest in other things and put our own material concerns, our own interests, first. The king's invitation even meets with hostile and aggressive reactions. Yet this does not impede his generosity. He is not discouraged and sends his servants out to invite many other people. The refusal of those invited first causes the invitation to be extended to everyone, even the poorest, the abandoned and disinherited. The servants gather together those they find and the wedding hall is filled: the king's goodness knows no bounds and all are given the possibility of answering his call. However, there was one condition in order to attend this wedding feast: that the wedding garment be worn. And, on entering the hall, the king notices that someone has not wished to wear it and for this reason bars him from the banquet.

We should reflect for a moment on this point with a question: why did this man accept the king's invitation, enter the banquet hall, find the door opened to him but not put on the wedding garment? What is this wedding garment? There is a beautiful commentary on this parable by St Gregory the Great. He explains that the guest had accepted God's invitation to take part in his banquet, that in a certain way he had faith which opened the door of the banquet hall to him, but he lacked something essential: the wedding garment, which is charity or love. And St Gregory adds: "Therefore each one of you in the Church who has faith in God has already taken part in the wedding feast, but cannot claim to wear the wedding garment unless he jealously guards the grace of love". And this garment is woven symbolically on two looms of wood, one above and one below: love of God and love of neighbour. We are all invited to be the Lord's guests, to enter his banquet with faith, but we must put on and take care of the wedding garment: charity, to live in the profound love of God and neighbour.

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

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,