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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 – 22<sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER 2023 29<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### SUNDAY 22<sup>ND</sup>

#### ✠ 29<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9.30 am Said Mass in English *Kathleen Slattery RIP – Anniversary*  
11.30 am Sung Mass in Latin *Bishop Friedrich Ostermann RIP – Anniversary*  
5.00 pm Holy Hour

*Ps. Week 1*

#### MONDAY 23<sup>RD</sup>

#### ST JOHN OF CAPISTRANO, PRIEST

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

#### TUESDAY 24<sup>TH</sup>

#### ST ANTHONY MARY CLARET, BISHOP

Private Mass offered for *Thanksgiving – CS*

#### WEDNESDAY 25<sup>TH</sup>

#### FERIA

12 noon Exposition  
1.05 pm Mass *Patrick Gallagher RIP*  
5.00 pm Holy Hour

#### THURSDAY 26<sup>TH</sup>

#### Ss CHAD AND CEDD, BISHOPS

12 noon Exposition  
1.05 pm Mass *Roberta Davis – Intentions*  
5.00 pm Holy Hour

#### FRIDAY 27<sup>TH</sup>

#### FERIA

12 noon Exposition  
1.05 pm Mass *(Friday Abstinence)*  
5.00 pm Holy Hour *Maria Rosivalova – Intentions*

#### SATURDAY 28<sup>TH</sup>

#### Ss SIMON AND JUDE, APOSTLES

5.00 pm Exposition  
6.00 pm Vigil Mass *Pro Populo*

#### SUNDAY 29<sup>TH</sup>

#### ✠ 30<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9.30 am Said Mass in English *Ps. Week 2*  
11.30 am Sung Mass in Latin *Antonio Spada – Intentions*  
5.00 pm Holy Hour *Dennis Milewski 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: [ccpguk@gmail.com](mailto:ccpguk@gmail.com)

## GOD CHOSE MAN TO REFLECT HIS GLORY

Today's Gospel is the text about the legitimacy of the tribute to be paid to Caesar which contains Jesus' famous answer: "render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's". But, before reaching this point there is a passage that can be applied to those who have the mission of evangelizing. Indeed, those who are speaking with Jesus — disciples of the Pharisees and the Herodians — compliment him, saying "we know that you are true, and teach the way of God truthfully, and care for no man". It is this affirmation itself, although it is prompted by hypocrisy, that must attract our attention. The disciples of the Pharisees and Herodians do not believe in what they say. They are only affirming it as a *captatio benevolentiae* to make people listen to them, but their heart is far from that truth; indeed, they want to lure Jesus into a trap to be able to accuse him. For us, instead, those words are precious: indeed, Jesus is true and teaches the way of God according to the truth, and stands in awe of none. He himself is that "way of God", which we are called to take. Here we may recall the words of Jesus himself in John's Gospel: "I am the way, the truth, and the life".

In this regard St Augustine's comment is illuminating: "It was necessary for Jesus to say 'I am the way, the truth, and the life', when knowing the way by which he went they had to learn where he was going. The way led to truth, it led to life... And where are we going, but to him, and by what way do we go, but by him? The new evangelizers are called to walk first on this Way that is Christ, to make others know the beauty of the Gospel that gives life. And on this Way one never walks alone but in company, an experience of communion and brotherhood that is offered to all those we meet, to share with them our experience of Christ and of his Church. Thus testimony combined with proclamation can open the hearts of those who are seeking the truth so that they are able to arrive at the meaning of their own life.

A brief reflection also on the central question of the tribute to Caesar. Jesus replies with a surprising political realism, linked to the theocentrism of the prophetic tradition. The tribute to Caesar must be paid because his image is on the coin; but the human being, every person, carries in him or herself another image, that of God, and therefore it is to him and to him alone that each one owes his or her existence. The Fathers of the Church, drawing inspiration from the fact that Jesus was referring to the image of the Emperor impressed on the coin of the tribute, interpreted this passage in the light of the fundamental concept of the human being as an image of God, contained in the first chapter of the Book of Genesis.

An anonymous author wrote: "The image of God is not impressed on gold, but on the human race. Caesar's coin is gold, God's coin is humanity... Therefore give your riches to Caesar but keep for God the unique innocence of your conscience, where God is contemplated... Caesar, in fact, asked that his image be on every coin, but God chose man, whom he created to reflect his glory".

## WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

is being celebrated in every Catholic parish around the world today! It supports missionaries who work alongside communities that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. By supporting **Missio**, the Pope's charity for world mission, you will help missionaries like Sr Mary who has given her whole life to bring the love and hope of Jesus to situations of extreme poverty and injustice. Please pray for the mission of the Church throughout the world and give what you can to this very important collection which will sustain the future of our Church. Please call **020 7821 9755** (office hours) or visit Missio's website to give a single gift, set up a Direct Debit and Gift Aid your donation if possible: [missio.org.uk](http://missio.org.uk)

## NOVEMBER HOLY SOULS

November, the Month of the Holy Souls, is almost here. Throughout November, we will be offering at least three Masses each 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](http://maidenlane.org.uk/holysouls) to make your offering today!

## ALL SAINTS & ALL SOULS

**All Saints' Day** falls on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://sodality.co.uk)

## GOOD COUNSEL BLACK TIE BALL

The Good Counsel Black Tie Ball will take place at 6pm on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](http://maidenlane.org.uk/intentions)

## 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?

**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:** Michael O'Toole, 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