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CORPUS CHRISTI

THE DIOCESAN SHRINE OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

NOVEMBER – MONTH DEDICATED TO
THE HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY

✠ HOLY MASS FOR THE WEEK – 5TH NOVEMBER 2023 31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 5TH

✠ 31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9.30 am Said Mass in English *Maureen Goodey & Kathleen Tappin RIP*
11.30 am Sung Mass in Latin *Pro Populo*
5.00 pm Holy Hour

Ps. Week 3

MONDAY 6TH

FERIA

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass *Holy Souls in Purgatory*
5.00 pm Holy Hour
6.30 pm Requiem Mass – 1962 Missal

TUESDAY 7TH

ST WILLIBRORD, BISHOP

Private Mass offered for *Holy Souls in Purgatory*

WEDNESDAY 8TH

FERIA

12 noon No Exposition today
1.05 pm Mass *Holy Souls in Purgatory*
5.00 pm Holy Hour

THURSDAY 9TH

THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass *Maureen Goodey RIP – Anniversary*
NB No Holy Hour today.

FRIDAY 10TH

ST LEO THE GREAT, POPE & DOCTOR

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

(Friday Abstinence)

SATURDAY 11TH

ST MARTIN OF TOURS, BISHOP

5.00 pm Exposition
6.00 pm Vigil Mass *Pro Populo*

SUNDAY 12TH – REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

✠ 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9.30 am Said Mass in English *Ps. Week 4*
11.30 am Sung Requiem Mass in Latin *Maureen Goodey RIP*
5.00 pm Holy Hour *Faithful Fallen in Battle*

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

GOD WILLS YOUR SANCTIFICATION

In this Sunday's Liturgy, the Apostle Paul invites us to draw near to the Gospel "not as the word of men but as what it really is, the word of God". Thus we can accept with faith the warning that Jesus offers to our conscience, in order to conform our way of living to it. In today's passage he rebukes the scribes and the Pharisees, who were the teachers of the community, because their own conduct was openly in conflict with the teaching they rigorously taught others. Jesus underlines that they "preach, but do not practise"; rather "they bind heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on men's shoulders; but they themselves will not move them with their finger". Good teaching must be received but it risks being contradicted by inconsistent behaviour. Thus Jesus says: "practise and observe whatever they tell you, but not what they do". Jesus' attitude is exactly the opposite: he is the first to practise the commandment of love, which he teaches to everyone, and he can say the burden is light and easy because he helps us carry it.

St Bonaventure points out who the authentic teacher is, affirming that, "No one can teach or practise, or reach knowable truths unless the Son of God is present". "Jesus sits on the cathedra of Moses... as the greater Moses, who broadens the Covenant to include all nations". He is our true and only Teacher! We are, therefore, called to follow the Son of God, the Word Incarnate, who expresses the truth of his teaching through his faithfulness to the will of the Father, through the gift of himself. Bl. Antonio Rosmini writes: "The first teacher trains all the other teachers, as he also trains the same disciples themselves, because they exist only in virtue of that first tacit, but very powerful Magisterium". Jesus also firmly condemns vanity and observes that "deeds to be seen by men", places them at the mercy of human approval, undermining the values that found the authenticity of the person.

Dear friends, the Lord Jesus presented himself to the world as a servant, completely stripping himself and lowering himself to give on the Cross the most eloquent lesson of humility and love. His example gives rise to a proposal of life: "He who is greatest among you shall be your servant". We invoke the intercession of Mary Most Holy and we ask especially for those in Christian communities, who are called to the ministry of teaching, that they may always witness by their works to the truths that they communicate by their words.

MASS INTENTIONS

The earliest dates available are now in **February 2024**. If you have dates that you particularly would like a Mass offered, please get them to us as early as possible to avoid disappointment. 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?

SICK AND RETIRED PRIESTS

Today's second collection is for the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund. Please give generously and help ensure our sick and older priests are financially supported, having given us a lifetime of dedicated service. They have baptised us, welcomed us into the church, and offered comfort and prayer at times of sorrow. Now we have a chance to give back and ensure they have peace of mind during their senior years, when they may be facing failing health and declining mobility.

Please give generously using the envelopes in the church. You can also donate online at rcdow.org.uk/donations – or scan the QR Code on the envelopes. You may also wish to consider becoming a Patron of our Sick & Retired Priests' Fund. If so, please take a leaflet home today, for more information. Thank you in advance for your kindness.

NOVEMBER HOLY SOULS

November is the Month of the Holy Souls. 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 to make your offering today!

ICONOGRAPHY OF THE TRUE CROSS TALK

The Order of Malta - Grand Priory of England's Autumn Chapter Room Talk will be given on **Tuesday 7 November 2023 at 7pm**. As part of the purpose of the talks, to explore broader cultural, historical, and artistic elements of the Church and Order, Anthony Delarue (who oversaw the restoration) will speak on "The Iconography of the True Cross in the Grand Priory of England". The talk is open to all at 23 Golden Square, W1F 9JP

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Next Sunday 12th November is Remembrance Sunday. In line with an indult of the Holy See, the 11:30am Mass that day will be a Sung Requiem Mass for all the Faithful fallen in battle.

SODALITY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The next Sodality of the Blessed Sacrament Mass will be on **Thursday 7th December at 6:30pm**. Our guest preacher on that day will be **Fr Gary Dench**, Assistant Priest of Brentwood Cathedral. To find out more about the Sodality and to become a member, visit sodality.co.uk

WEST END CAROL SERVICE

On **Wednesday 13th December at 6.30pm** there will be a traditional Service of Lessons and Carols, ending with Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament, here at Corpus Christi, the Catholic Actors Church. This is organised in collaboration with various artists from the West End, including the Royal Opera House, Wigmore Hall, and many others. It will be a wonderful evening, preparing for the coming of the Lord. More details will follow in due course, but please do put this date in your diaries now. Entry is free and all are most welcome to come and begin the spiritual preparations for the holy season of Christmas.

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:** Pauline Lewis, 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