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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 – 12TH NOVEMBER 2023 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 12TH – REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

✠ 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9.30 am Said Mass in English
11.30 am Sung Requiem Mass in Latin
5.00 pm Holy Hour

*Ps. Week 4
Maureen Goodey RIP
Faithful Fallen in Battle*

MONDAY 13TH

FERIA

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

Holy Souls in Purgatory

TUESDAY 14TH

FERIA

Private Mass offered for

Holy Souls in Purgatory

WEDNESDAY 15TH

ST ALBERT THE GREAT, BISHOP & DOCTOR

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass

Holy Souls in Purgatory

THURSDAY 16TH

ST EDMUND OF ABINGDON, BISHOP

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass

Annie Antoinette RIP

FRIDAY 17TH

ST ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY, RELIGIOUS

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass

Heather Bashford RIP – Anniversary

SATURDAY 18TH

THE DEDICATION OF THE BASILICA OF SS PETER & PAUL, APOSTLES

5.00 pm Exposition
6.00 pm Vigil Mass

Deacon Andrew Raffanti

SUNDAY 19TH

✠ 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9.30 am Said Mass in English
11.30 am Sung Mass in Latin

*Ps. Week 1
Bridget Walsh RIP – Anniversary
Pro Populo*



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

HAVE HOPE

The Biblical Readings of this Sunday's Liturgy invite us to extend the reflection on eternal life that we began on the occasion of the commemoration of the faithful departed. On this point there is a clear difference between those who believe and those who do not believe or, one might likewise say, between those who hope and those who do not hope.

Indeed St Paul wrote to the Thessalonians: "but we would not have you ignorant, brethren, concerning those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope". Faith in the death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ in this sphere too is a crucial divide. St Paul always reminded the Christians of Ephesus that before accepting the Good News they had been "separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world". Indeed the religion of the Greeks, the pagan cults and myths, were unable to shed light on the mystery of death; thus an ancient inscription said: "*In nihil ab nihilo quam cito recidimus*" which means: "how quickly we fall back from nothing to nothing". If we remove God, we remove Christ and the world falls back into emptiness and darkness. Moreover, this is also confirmed in the expressions of contemporary nihilism that is often unconscious and, unfortunately, infects a great many young people.

Today's Gospel is a famous parable that speaks of ten maidens invited to a wedding feast, a symbol of the Kingdom of Heaven and of eternal life. It is a happy image with which, however, Jesus teaches a truth that calls us into question. In fact five of those 10 maidens were admitted to the feast because when the bridegroom arrived they had brought the oil to light their lamps, whereas the other five were left outside because they had been foolish enough not to bring any. What is represented by this "oil", the indispensable prerequisite for being admitted to the nuptial banquet?

St Augustine, and other ancient authors interpreted it as a symbol of love that one cannot purchase but receives as a gift, preserves within one and uses in works. True wisdom is making the most of mortal life in order to do works of mercy, for after death this will no longer be possible. When we are reawoken for the Last Judgement, it will be made on the basis of the love we have shown in our earthly life. And this love is a gift of Christ, poured out in us by the Holy Spirit. Those who believe in God-Love bear within them invincible hope, like a lamp to light them on their way through the night beyond death to arrive at the great feast of life.

Let us ask Mary, *Sedes Sapientiae*, to teach us true wisdom, the wisdom that became flesh in Jesus. He is the Way that leads from this life to God, to the Eternal One. He enabled us to know the Father's face, and thus gave us hope full of love. This is why the Church addresses the Mother of the Lord with these words: "*Vita, dulcedo, et spes nostra*" [our life, our sweetness and our hope]. Let us learn from her to live and die in the hope that never disappoints.

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!

MASS FOR PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS #REDWEDNESDAY

#RedWednesday is an annual initiative by Aid to the Church in Need to highlight the plight of those who are persecuted for their Christian faith around the world. On Wednesday 22nd, we will be celebrating a Mass for Persecuted Christians. Please pray for all those who are unable to go to Mass at all for fear of execution, persecution and assault and the incredible work that Aid to the Church in Need does to support and help them.

Please support the work of Aid to the Church in Need. Visit acnuk.org/redwednesday for more information and to make a donation.

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.

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

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?

CAN YOU PLEASE HELP US?

You may have noticed when you arrived for Mass today that part of the front of the church is under scaffold. We are having to carry out some necessary running repairs to the building. Nothing too serious, but sadly, expensive – around £10K. Do you think you might be able to help us a little? There will be a retiring collection after Mass today – but you can always make a donation on the parish website anytime at maidenlane.org.uk/donate, or by contacting us directly. I'd be most grateful if you could help us. Thank you!

CONFESSION

Confessions are heard for half an hour before all Masses. Please do make use of this life-giving Sacrament. We all need it!

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