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CORPUS CHRISTI

THE DIOCESAN SHRINE OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

JANUARY – MONTH DEDICATED TO
THE MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS

✠ HOLY MASS FOR THE WEEK – 14TH JANUARY 2024 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 14TH

✠ 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9.30 am Said Mass in English *Ellen McCarthy & Kathleen Everett RIP*
11.30 am Sung Mass in Latin *Pro Populo*
5.00 pm Holy Hour

MONDAY 15TH

FERIA

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass *Daniel R – Intentions*
5.00 pm Holy Hour
6.30 pm Mass (1962 Missal)

TUESDAY 16TH

FERIA

No public Mass today. Private Mass offered for *David Duffy – sick*

WEDNESDAY 17TH

FERIA

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass *Antonio Tesauero RIP*
5.00 pm Holy Hour

THURSDAY 18TH

FERIA

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass *Genilde Kinsky*
5.00 pm Holy Hour

FRIDAY 19TH

ST WULSTAN

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass *(Friday Abstinence)*
5.00 pm Holy Hour *Ellen Regan*

SATURDAY 20TH

ST SEBASTIAN, MARTYR

5.00 pm Exposition
6.00 pm Vigil Mass *Mechtild Nastainczyk RIP – Anniversary*

SUNDAY 21ST

✠ 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – OF THE WORD OF GOD

9.30 am Said Mass in English *Pro Populo*
11.30 am Sung Mass in Latin *Frank McCullough*
5.00 pm Holy Hour

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

YOUR SERVANT HEARS

The theme of vocation stands out in the biblical Readings of this Sunday — the Second in Ordinary Time. In the Gospel there is call to the first disciples by Jesus; in the First Reading is the call of the Prophet Samuel. In the forefront of both these accounts is the importance of the figure who plays the role of mediator, helping people to recognize God's voice and to follow it.

In Samuel's case it was Eli, a priest of the Temple of Shiloh where the Ark of the Covenant had formerly been kept, before it was taken to Jerusalem. One night, while he was asleep, Samuel, who was still a boy and had lived ministering in the temple since infancy, heard his name called three times and ran to Eli. But it was not Eli who had called him. The third time Eli understood and said to Samuel: "if he calls you, you shall say, 'speak Lord, for your servant hears'". So it came to pass and from that time Samuel learned to recognize God's words and became his faithful prophet.

In the case of Jesus' disciples, the mediator is John the Baptist. John, in fact, had a vast circle of disciples among whom were also the two pairs of brothers, Simon and Andrew, and John and James, fishermen from Galilee. It was to two of them that the Baptist pointed out Jesus the day after his Baptism in the River Jordan. He pointed Jesus out to them saying: "Behold, the Lamb of God", which is equivalent to saying: "Behold, the Messiah".

And the two disciples followed Jesus, spent some time with him and became convinced that he truly was the Christ. They immediately told the others, and in this way the first nucleus of what was to become the College of the Apostles was created.

In the light of these two texts, I would like to stress the crucial role of the spiritual director in the journey of faith and, in particular, in the response to the vocation of special consecration for the service of God and of his People. The Christian faith already in itself implies proclamation and witness. Indeed, it consists in adherence to the Good News that Jesus of Nazareth has died and risen, that he is God. And so it is that the call to follow Jesus more closely, giving up the formation of a family of one's own so as to dedicate oneself to the great family of the Church, normally passes through the witness and introduction of an "elder brother", who is usually a priest. This is so but we should not forget the fundamental role of parents who, with their genuine and joyful faith and their conjugal love, show their children that it is beautiful and possible to build the whole of life on God's love.

Dear friends, let us pray to the Virgin Mary for all educators, especially priests and parents, that they may be fully aware of the importance of their spiritual role in order to encourage the young not only in their human growth but also to respond to God's call, to say: "Speak Lord, for your servant hears".

COELIAC DISEASE / GLUTEN INTOLERANCE

If you require a low-gluten host at Holy Communion, please inform the priest **before** Mass begins.

OUR NEW CRIB FOR CHRISTMAS 2024

Thank you so much to everyone who has so far donated a figure to our new crib! We have been so blown away by the positive response and can't thank you all enough. This means that our crib next year will be far more dignified than the one you see at the moment.

There are still several shepherds, sheep, goats and even a camel driver to donate (we have the camel, but no one to steer him...). The cheapest figure left is £35, with the most expensive being two boys milking a goat for £270. If you might be able to help us complete the set, the figures can be donated via our website at maidenlane.org.uk/crib

A list of the names of donors will be worked into the base of the stable, and a Mass is offered each month in perpetuity for all the Shrine's benefactors.

WHITE FLOWER APPEAL 2024 / SPUC

The Society for the Protection of Unborn children (SPUC) are holding its annual appeal this weekend. SPUC's vision is for a world where abortion is unthinkable. This year's appeal calls for the Government to end the pills-by-post DIY abortion policy.

As well as ending the lives of precious babies, this policy lacks safeguards against illegal late-term abortions, and puts mothers at physical and psychological risk. 86% of GPs are concerned that this scheme leaves women vulnerable to coerced abortion.

Please be as generous as you can to help SPUC defend unborn babies and their mothers by highlighting this urgent crisis.

SODALITY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The next Sodality of the Blessed Sacrament Mass is on **Thursday 1st February at 6:30pm**. This month's guest preacher will be **Fr David Cherry**, Parish Priest of Ss Mary & Joseph, Hemel Hempstead West. Mass will be concluded as usual with a period of Adoration and Benediction. 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.

MASS INTENTIONS

The earliest dates available are now in **March 2024**. If there are any dates you would particularly like, please book them soon to avoid disappointment! You can use the envelopes at the back of the church or online at maidenlane.org.uk/intentions

CONFESSION

Confessions are heard for half an hour before all Masses, or upon request. Do make use of this wonderful Sacrament which restores our relationship with the Lord.

DONATIONS – THANK YOU!

I would like to say a very big thank you to everyone who has supported the work of the Shrine during the last year, both financially and spiritually. Donations can be made at Mass by cash, via our card machines, via our website at maidenlane.org.uk/support or by scanning the QR Code on the front of this newsletter. And remember, if you are able to Gift Aid your donations, please do so. This allows us to claim an extra 25p for every £1 you donate from the Government.

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:** Ann Christine Leece, Johanna Sophia Pretorius, 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,