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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 – 21ST JANUARY 2024 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 21ST

Ps Wk 3

✠ 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

MONDAY 22ND

ST VINCENT, DEACON AND MARTYR

12 noon Exposition

1.05 pm Mass

Welfare of S, D & M Woodman-Stanes Family

5.00 pm Holy Hour

6.30 pm Mass (1962 Missal)

TUESDAY 23RD

FERIA

No public Mass today. Private Mass offered for

Welfare of A&N Stanes

WEDNESDAY 24TH

ST FRANCIS DE SALES, BISHOP & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

ANNIVERSARY OF THE EPISCOPAL CONSECRATION OF CARDINAL NICHOLS

12 noon Exposition

1.05 pm Mass

Deceased Family & Friends of Stanes & Perkins Families

5.00 pm Holy Hour

THURSDAY 25TH

THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL THE APOSTLE

12 noon Exposition

1.05 pm Mass

John Murphy RIP

5.00 pm Holy Hour

FRIDAY 26TH

(Friday Abstinence)

Ss TIMOTHY AND TITUS, BISHOPS

12 noon Exposition

1.05 pm Mass

Welfare of Christine Greenhalgh

5.00 pm Holy Hour

SATURDAY 27TH

ST ANGELA MERICI, VIRGIN

5.00 pm Exposition

6.00 pm Vigil Mass

Holy Souls in Purgatory

SUNDAY 28TH

Ps Wk 4

✠ 4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9.30 am Said Mass in English

Pro Populo

11.30 am Sung Mass in Latin

Welfare of Marcella Murphy & Family

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

BELIEVE IN THE GOSPEL

In the Gospel this Sunday the words of Jesus' first preaching in Galilee resound: "This is the time of fulfilment. The Kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel". And Thursday, 25 January, is the memorial of the "Conversion of St Paul". We can understand the true significance of evangelical conversion *metanoia* by looking at the experience of the Apostle. In truth, in Paul's case, some prefer not to use this term because, they say, he was already a believer, rather a fervent Hebrew, and therefore he did not pass from no faith to the faith, from the idols to God, nor did he have to abandon the Hebrew faith to adhere to Christ. Actually, the Apostle's experience can be the model of every authentic Christian conversion.

Paul's conversion matured in his encounter with the Risen Christ; it was this encounter that radically changed his life. What happened to him on the road to Damascus is what Jesus asks in today's Gospel: Saul is converted because, thanks to the divine light, "he has believed in the Gospel". In this consists his and our conversion: in believing in Jesus dead and risen and in opening to the illumination of his divine grace. In that moment Saul understood that his salvation did not depend on good works fulfilled according to the law, but on the fact that Jesus died also for him the persecutor and has risen. This truth by which every Christian life is enlightened thanks to Baptism completely overturns our way of life. To be converted means, also for each one of us, to believe that Jesus "has given himself for me", dying on the Cross and, risen, lives with me and in me. Entrusting myself to the power of his forgiveness, letting myself be taken by his hand, I can come out of the quicksands of pride and sin, of deceit and sadness, of selfishness and of every false security, to know and live the richness of his love. Dear friends, the invitation to conversion, confirmed by St Paul's witness, resounds this week, the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, as particularly important also on the ecumenical level. The Apostle indicates to us the spiritual attitude appropriate to being able to progress along the way of communion. He writes to the Philippians, "It is not that I have reached it yet, or have already finished my course; but I am racing to grasp the prize if possible, since I have been grasped by Christ [Jesus]. Certainly, we Christians still have not reached the goal of full unity, but if we let ourselves be continually converted by the Lord Jesus, we will surely reach it. May the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the one holy Church, obtain for us the gift of a true conversion, so that as soon as possible the desire of Christ "*Ut unum sint*" will be realized.

SECOND COLLECTION - LEPRO

There will be a second collection today for the work of **Lepra**, which is celebrating its centenary this year. Please be generous in supporting their work combatting leprosy. Card donations can be made at lepra.org.uk/get-involved/donate

There is a Mass at Westminster Cathedral on Friday 26th January at 2.30pm, to celebrate the **Lepra Centenary**. The principal celebrant will be Bishop Declan Lang.

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.

Excitingly, we almost have all the pieces now! There are still some sheep and goats available to donate, as well as a couple of shepherds. There is a particularly sweet set of two boys milking a goat that is also available. 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.

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 conclude 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

ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday this year falls on **Wednesday 14th February**, which you will have noticed would normally be the feast of St Valentine... **If you're planning a romantic meal that evening, it will have to be small and vegetarian!** There will be three Masses – 8am (1962 Missal), 1:05pm (said, English) and 6:30pm (sung, Latin). Ashes will be distributed at all Masses.

SEVEN DAY LAMPS

Are available at the back of the church for £6, or online at maidenlane.org.uk/lamps. This is the same link if you would like the Sanctuary lamps lit for your intentions.

MASS INTENTIONS

The earliest dates available are now in **April**. 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.

COELIAC DISEASE / GLUTEN INTOLERANCE

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

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,