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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 – 28TH JANUARY 2024 4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 28TH

✠ 4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

*Ps Wk 4
Pro Populo
Welfare of Marcella Murphy & Family*

MONDAY 29TH

FERIA

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
6.30 pm Mass (1962 Missal)

Grace – Intentions

TUESDAY 30TH

FERIA

No public Mass today. Private Mass offered for

Smith Sye RIP

WEDNESDAY 31ST

ST JOHN BOSCO, PRIEST

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass

Sezwin Crasto – Intentions

THURSDAY 1ST FEBRUARY

FERIA

Apologies. No lunchtime Mass today. Private Mass for:
6.30 pm Sodality of the Blessed Sacrament Mass

*Gabriele Ganz RIP
Sodality Members*

FRIDAY 2ND

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour

Victoria Adekoya – Intentions

SATURDAY 3RD

SS LAURENCE, DUNSTAN & THEODORE, ARCHBISHOPS OF CANTERBURY

5.00 pm Exposition
6.00 pm Vigil Mass

Pro Populo

SUNDAY 4TH

✠ 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

*Ps Wk 1
Michael Ryan RIP
Mary Lee Kheng Tan 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

DEEDS OF GOD

This Sunday's Gospel presents to us Jesus, who was preaching on the Sabbath in the Synagogue of Capernaum, the little town on the Sea of Galilee where Peter and his brother Andrew lived. His teaching, which gave rise to wonder among the people, was followed by the deliverance of "a man with an unclean spirit", who recognized Jesus as "the Holy One of God", that is, the Messiah. In a short time his fame spread across the region which he passed through proclaiming the Kingdom of God and healing the sick of every kind: words and action. St John Chrysostom pointed out that the Lord "varies the mode of profiting his hearers, after miracles entering on words, and again from the instruction by his words passing to miracles".

The words Jesus addresses to the people immediately give access to the will of the Father and to the truth about themselves. This was not the case for the scribes who instead had to make an effort to interpret the Sacred Scriptures with countless reflections. Moreover, Jesus united the efficacy of the word with the efficacy of the signs of deliverance from evil. St Athanasius notes that "for his charging evil spirits and their being driven forth, this deed is not of man, but of God"; indeed the Lord "drove away from men all diseases and infirmities"... Those "who saw his power... will no longer doubt whether this be the Son and Wisdom and Power of God?".

The divine authority is not a force of nature. It is the power of the love of God that creates the universe and, becoming incarnate in the Only-Begotten Son, descending into our humanity, heals the world corrupted by sin. Romano Guardini wrote: "Jesus' entire existence is the translation of power into humility... here is the sovereignty which lowers itself into the form of a servant".

Authority, for human beings, often means possession, power, dominion and success. Instead for God authority means service, humility and love; it means entering into the logic of Jesus who stoops to wash his disciples' feet, who seeks man's true good, who heals wounds, who is capable of a love so great that he gives his life, because he is Love. In one of her Letters St. Catherine of Siena wrote: "It is necessary for us to see and know, in truth, with the light of the faith, that God is supreme and eternal Love and cannot want anything but our good".

This Friday, 2 February, we shall celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple. Let us invoke Mary Most Holy with trust so that she may guide our hearts to draw always from divine mercy, which frees and guarantees our humanity, filling it with every grace and benevolence.

COELIAC DISEASE / GLUTEN INTOLERANCE

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

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.

HOLY HOURS THIS WEEK & THURSDAY LUNCHTIME

Please note that there will be no Holy Hours for most of this week, and they will resume on Friday 2nd February – the feast of the Presentation of the Lord. There will also be **no lunchtime Mass on Thursday 1st February**, due to there being no available priests to supply. The evening Sodality Mass will still take place at 6:30pm, however.

SECOND COLLECTION FOR THE LATIN PATRIARCHATE

Cardinal Nichols has requested that every parish hold a second collection in order to support the work of the Latin Patriarchate – the Catholic Diocese that oversees the Holy Land, including Gaza. The Patriarchate is supporting over 600 people who are sheltering in the parish compound of the Church of the Holy Family in Gaza City. While they have no online payment facilities, you can also make a bank transfer to the Patriarchate's bank account. Full details at tinyurl.com/LatinPatriarch

THE CRIB APPEAL IS ALMOST THERE...

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 now only two shepherds left, and seemingly most of the goats. You have all taken Our Lord's words about separating sheep and goats very seriously...! If you might be able to help us complete the final few pieces of 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

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,