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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 – 7TH JANUARY 2024 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

SUNDAY 7TH

✠ THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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

*Pro Populo
Johannes Tenzler RIP – Anniversary*

MONDAY 8TH

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour
6.30 pm Requiem Mass (1962 Missal)

Luca Marras – Intentions

Pope Benedict XVI RIP

TUESDAY 9TH

FERIA

No public Mass today. Private Mass offered for

Daniela Rossana – Intentions

WEDNESDAY 10TH

FERIA

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour

Stella Mary Kojder – Intentions

THURSDAY 11TH

FERIA

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour

Michael Eastwood – Intentions

FRIDAY 12TH

(Friday Abstinence)

ST AELRED OF RIEVAULX, ABBOT

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

Ugo Odognu – Intentions

Good Counsel Network

SATURDAY 13TH

ST HILARY, BISHOP & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

5.00 pm Exposition
6.00 pm Vigil Mass

Alessandra Concezione Gioia T. – sick

SUNDAY 14TH

✠ 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

*Ellen McCarthy & Kathleen Everett RIP
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

YOUR LIGHT HAS COME

This Feast of the Epiphany is a very ancient Feast whose origins date back to the Christian East and which highlights the mystery of the manifestation of Jesus Christ to all peoples, represented by the Magi who came to worship the King of the Jews just born in Bethlehem, as St Matthew's Gospel recounts. This "new light" that was lit on Christmas night is beginning to shine on the world today, as the image of the star suggests, a heavenly portent that attracted the attention of the Magi and guided them on their journey to Judea.

The entire season of Christmas and Epiphany is marked by the theme of light. In the northern hemisphere this is also linked to the fact that after the winter solstice the days begin to lengthen in comparison with the nights. However, Christ's word applies for all peoples, over and above their geographical location: "I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life". Jesus is the sun that appeared on humanity's horizon to illumine the personal existence of every one of us and to guide us all together toward the destination of our pilgrimage, toward the land of freedom and peace in which we shall live for ever in full communion with God and with each other.

Christ entrusted the proclamation of this mystery of salvation to his Church.

St Paul writes: "It has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit; that is, how the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the Gospel". The invitation that the Prophet Isaiah addressed to the Holy City Jerusalem may be applied to the Church: "Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you".

And so it is, as the Prophet tells us: the world, with all its resources is unable to give humanity the light to guide it on its journey. We find this in our day too: the western civilization seems to have lost its bearings and is navigating by sight. Nevertheless the Church, thanks to the Word of God, sees through the fog. She has no technical solutions but keeps her gaze fixed on the destination and offers the light of the Gospel to all people of good will, whatever their nation and culture.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes Pilgrimage will take place from 19th to 26th July 2024. Join the pilgrimage as a pilgrim. Serve the pilgrimage by assisting our administration team. Support our pilgrimage by making a donation towards our work and praying for our organising team. For more information go to rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/lourdes or call 020 7798 9173.

THE CATHOLIC UNION

The Catholic Union is looking to hire a new director. Salary: FTE £46,000-£56,312. Applications by 15 January. Full details and job description on their website at catholicunion.org

A NEW CRIB FOR THE SHRINE?

In this 800th anniversary of St Francis setting up the first Nativity Scene, we have received comments from parishioners and visitors that the Crib in the Shrine is somewhat sparse, lacking in detail and some of the figures are indeed broken.

And so, we are trying to raise money for a new Nativity scene, which will include a stable and some scenery, and will in future be set up in the Lady Chapel for all to pray before. Might you be able to help us in this by donating a single figure? Or perhaps several?

On our website at maidenlane.org.uk/crib are images of the intended new crib, as well as the prices of each figure. There is a contact form at that bottom of the page for you to be in touch with us. Please state the names of the figures that you would like to donate, and a link will be emailed back to you to make your donation. If someone has already donated the figure that you would like to contribute, then we will inform you of this to avoid duplications. 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) will be holding its annual appeal next 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**. 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.

COELIAC DISEASE / GLUTEN INTOLERANCE

We now have some low-gluten hosts for those who suffer from Coeliac disease and gluten intolerance. But please – tell us you require one **before** the Mass begins, and receive at the end of Holy Communion. These Sacred Hosts are reserved in a different ciborium to avoid cross-contamination.

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,