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CORPUS CHRISTI THE DIOCESAN SHRINE OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

JUNE – MONTH DEDICATED TO
THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

✠ HOLY MASS FOR THE WEEK – 16TH JUNE 2024 11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 16TH

✠ 11TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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

Ps Wk 3

Joe McMahon RIP

Jackie Ballard – Intentions

MONDAY 17TH

FERIA

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

Noreen Coughlan – Intentions

TUESDAY 18TH

FERIA

No Public Mass. Private Mass offered for

Irma Witkowski RIP

WEDNESDAY 19TH

ST ROMUALD, ABBOT

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour

Ellen Doherty RIP

THURSDAY 20TH

ST ALBAN, MARTYR

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour

Bennitta W. Njururi – Intentions

FRIDAY 21ST

(Friday Abstinence)

ST ALOYSIUS GONZAGA, RELIGIOUS

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour

Adrian Woodworth – Intentions

SATURDAY 22ND

Ss JOHN FISHER, BISHOP, & THOMAS MORE, MARTYRS

5.00 pm Holy Hour
6.00 pm Vigil Mass

Christian Brown RIP – Anniversary

SUNDAY 23RD

✠ 12TH SUNDAY OF 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

Jan Szablowski 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

I HAVE A MUSTARD SEED & I'M NOT AFRAID TO USE IT!

Today's liturgy presents to us two short parables of Jesus: the parable of the seed that grows of its own accord and the parable of the mustard seed. With images taken from the farming world the Lord presents the mystery of the Word and of the Kingdom of God, and points out the reasons for our hope and our dedication.

In the first parable the focus is on the dynamism of the sowing: the seed that was scattered on the land sprouts and grows by itself, whether the peasant is awake or asleep. The man sows with the trust that his work will not be fruitless. What supports the farmer in his daily efforts is specifically trust in the power of the seed and in the goodness of the soil. This parable recalls the mysteries of the creation and of redemption, of God's fertile work in history. It is he who is the Lord of the Kingdom, man is his humble collaborator who contemplates and rejoices in the divine creative action and patiently awaits its fruits. The final harvest makes us think of God's conclusive intervention at the end of time, when he will fully establish his Kingdom. The present is the time of sowing, and the growth of the seed is assured by the Lord. Every Christian therefore knows well that he must do all he can, but that the final result depends on God: this awareness sustains him in his daily efforts, especially in difficult situations. St Ignatius of Loyola wrote in this regard: "Act as though everything depended on you, but in the knowledge that really everything depends on God".

The second parable also uses the image of the seed. Here, however, it is a specific seed, the mustard seed, considered the smallest of all seeds. Yet even though it is so tiny, it is full of life; it breaks open to give life to a sprout that can break through the ground, coming out into the sunlight and growing until it becomes "the greatest of all shrubs": the seed's weakness is its strength, its breaking open is its power. Thus the Kingdom of God is like this: a humanly small reality, made up of those who are poor in heart, of those who do not rely on their own power but on that of the love of God, on those who are not important in the world's eyes; and yet it is through them that Christ's power bursts in and transforms what is seemingly insignificant.

The image of the seed is especially dear to Jesus, because it clearly expresses the mystery of the Kingdom of God. In today's two parables it represents "growth" and "contrast": the growth that occurs thanks to an innate dynamism within the seed itself and the contrast that exists between the minuscule size of the seed and the greatness of what it produces.

The message is clear: even though the Kingdom of God demands our collaboration, it is first and foremost a gift of the Lord, a grace that precedes man and his works. If our own small strength, apparently powerless in the face of the world's problems, is inserted in that of God it fears no obstacles because the Lord's victory is guaranteed. It is the miracle of the love of God who causes every seed of good that is scattered on the ground to germinate. And the experience of this miracle of love makes us optimists, in spite of the difficulty, suffering and evil that we encounter. God's love makes the seed grow.

DAY FOR LIFE

The Church teaches that life is to be nurtured from conception to natural death. In England and Wales, Day for Life is celebrated today. The theme is *The Lord is my Shepherd – Compassion and Hope at the End of Life*. A debate on end-of-life issues has been in the headlines in recent months with calls for assisted suicide being expressed, especially by celebrities, a view that opposes the Catholic view that life is a gift and that we are called to care for others at the end of their lives. There will be a second collection for the work the Bishops' Conference does for life issues.

SODALITY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The next Sodality of the Blessed Sacrament Mass with Adoration and Benediction will be on **Thursday 4th July at 6:30pm**. This month's guest preacher will be **Fr Daniel Daley**, Assistant Priest of Our Lady of Grace & St Edward, Chiswick, and St Dunstan, Gunnersbury. To find out more about the Sodality, and to become a member, visit **sodality.co.uk**

EPISCOPAL CONSECRATION OF MGR JIM CURRY

Mgr Jim Curry, for many years Parish Priest of Our Lady of Victories in Kensington High Street, has been appointed Auxiliary Bishop in the Archdiocese of Westminster. His episcopal ordination will be held in Westminster Cathedral on **Tuesday 18th June at 12 noon**. All are very welcome to attend the ordination Mass. No tickets are needed.

MASS IN THE BYZANTINE-SLAVIC RITE – Ss PETER & PAUL

On **Saturday 29th June – the Solemnity of Ss Peter & Paul – at 10am**, there will be a celebration of the Mass according to the **Byzantine-Slavic Rite**, organized by The Society for Studies on Comparative Liturgy (APEHLC). The Liturgy will be celebrated by Fr. Gabriel Diaz and sung by the "St. Cyril and St. Methodius Choir". The celebration will be in Old Slavonic, the language traditionally used in the Slavic regions, both for the Byzantine and even for the Roman rite (Glagolitic Mass), for over 1,000 years. The celebration will begin at 10am with the preparation of the Priest (penitential prayers before access to the altar) and of the gifts (first part of the offertory) during the psalmody of the Office of Terce. The Mass itself will follow, without interruption, starting at around 10:30am and will conclude at around 12:30pm.

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 **September**. To book a Mass, you can use the envelopes at the back of the church or online at **maidenlane.org.uk/intentions**

BROMPTON ORATORY SUMMER FÊTE

The Oratory Summer Fête will take place on **Saturday 22nd June, from 12noon to 5pm**. All are welcome! Stalls include lunches, teas, games for children, fashion, books, bric-a-brac, raffle. The proceeds of the Summer Fête are for the London Oratory Charity.

CONFESSION

Confessions are heard for half an hour before all Masses, or upon request. Do try and make use of this life-giving Sacrament often!

Our sick parishioners and friends: Dr Adel Isaak, Alain de Jager, Mieko Madenokoji, 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, Brian Keenan, Sid Shepherd, Terry Miles, John Hughes, Nicholas Pollock, Fr Patrick Hayward, Traute Pollock, Noël Tobin, Geoff Smale, David Michael Barrett, John Lynch, **Of your charity – please pray for those who have died recently:** Sr Carmel of Jesus, Fr Francis Wahle, Fr John Warnaby, Fr Michael Daley, Ann Slater, Ann Christine Leece, Johanna Sophia Pretorius, Pauline Lewis, Michael O'Toole, John Hughes, Fr Mark James Leenane, William Blake, Eve Schreiber, Soumaya Tabet,