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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 – 23RD JUNE 2024 12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

MONDAY 24TH

THE NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
Apologies – no Holy Hour
6.30 pm Mass (1962 Missal)

Peter Leigh – Intentions

TUESDAY 25TH

FERIA

No Public Mass. Private Mass offered for *Larinka Wright RIP – Anniversary*

WEDNESDAY 26TH

FERIA

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour

Augustino N. Njururi RIP

THURSDAY 27TH

ST JOHN SOUTHWORTH, PRIEST & MARTYR

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour

Caroline Eugenia Benker – Intentions

FRIDAY 28TH

(Friday Abstinence)

ST IRENAEUS, BISHOP, MARTYR & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour

Fr Alan's Intentions

SATURDAY 29TH

FERIA

10.00 am Mass in the Byzantine-Slavic Rite
5.00 pm Holy Hour
6.00 pm Vigil Mass

Pro Populo

SUNDAY 30TH

✠ SS PETER & PAUL, APOSTLES

Ps Wk 1

9.30 am Said Mass in English *Fr Chris Loughran – 40th Anniversary of Ordination*
11.30 am Sung Mass in Latin *Fr Chris Loughran – 40th Anniversary of Ordination*
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 WAY IS HOLY

This week we hear the Gospel reading of the calming of the storm, which was presented with a brief but incisive passage from the Book of Job, in which God reveals himself as the Lord of the sea. Jesus rebukes the wind and orders the sea to be calm, he speaks to it as if it were identified with the power of the devil. In fact, according to what the First Reading and Psalm 107[106] tell us, in the Bible the sea is considered a threatening, chaotic and potentially destructive element which God the Creator alone can dominate, govern and calm.

Yet, there is another force a positive force that moves the world, capable of transforming and renewing creatures: the power of "Christ's love" as St Paul calls it in his Second Letter to the Corinthians not, therefore essentially a cosmic force, but rather divine, transcendent. It also acts on the cosmos but, in itself, Christ's love is "another" power and the Lord manifested this transcendent otherness in his Pasch, in the "holiness" of the "way" he chose to free us from the dominion of evil, as happened for the Exodus when he brought the Jews out of Egypt through the waters of the Red Sea. "Your way, O God, is holy", the Psalmist exclaims, "Your way was through the sea/ your path through the great waters". In the Paschal Mystery, Jesus passed through the abyss of death, because in this way God wanted to renew the universe through the death and Resurrection of his Son, who "died for all", that all might live "for him who for their sake died and was raised", and not live for their own sake alone.

The solemn gesture of calming the stormy sea was a clear sign of Christ's lordship over negative powers and induces one to think of his divinity: "Who then is this", his own Disciples asked fearfully, "that even wind and sea obey him?". Their faith is not yet firm, it is being formed; it is a mingling of fear and trust; on the other hand, Jesus' confident abandonment to the Father is total and pure. This is why he could sleep during the storm, completely safe in God's arms. The time would come, however, when Jesus too would feel fear and anguish, when his hour came he was to feel the full burden of humanity's sins upon him, like a wave at high tide about to break over him. That was indeed to be a terrible tempest, not cosmic but spiritual. It was to be the final, extreme assault of evil against the Son of God.

Yet, in that hour Jesus did not doubt in the power of God the Father or in his closeness, even though he had to experience to the full the distance of hatred from love, of falsehood from the truth, of sin from grace. He experienced this drama in himself with excruciating pain, especially in Gethsemane, before his arrest, and then throughout his Passion until his death on the Cross. In that hour, Jesus on the one hand was one with the Father, fully abandoned to him; on the other, since he showed solidarity to sinners, he was as it were separated and felt abandoned by him.

May he always watch over all of you and protect you. And then, also in the storms that may suddenly break, you will be able to feel the breath of the Holy Spirit that is stronger than any contrary wind and impels each one of us onward.

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.

SOLEMNITY OF SS PETER & PAUL

While the Solemnity of Ss Peter & Paul is a Holy Day of Obligation, in this country the Obligation is transferred to the nearest Sunday when a Holy Day falls on a Saturday or a Monday. As such, the Obligation to attend Mass will be on **Sunday 30th June**. There will however be Masses here on Saturday 29th June in the Byzantine-Slavic Rite at 10am (see above) and the usual Vigil Mass at 6pm. Attendance at the Vigil Mass would also fulfil your Obligation.

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

EUCCHARISTIC FESTIVAL AT WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL

On **Saturday 14th September**, the Feast of the Holy Cross, Cardinal Nichols invites everyone to a **Eucharistic Festival in the Cathedral**, starting at **2pm** and finishing around 4pm. The afternoon will include Adoration, Rosary, Confessions and a Procession of the Blessed Sacrament, as well as sermons from Fr Alan Robinson, Rector of the Diocesan Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament, and Bishop Nicholas Hudson, who will impart Pontifical Benediction at the end of the Procession. There will be an opportunity for everyone to venerate a relic of Bl Carlo Acutis, whose Canonisation has recently been announced.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

The annual diocesan pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham will take place this year on Saturday, 21st September.

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 **October**. To book a Mass, 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 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:** Sydney Byrne, 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,