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CORPUS CHRISTI

THE DIOCESAN SHRINE OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

JUNE – MONTH DEDICATED TO
THE MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD

✠ HOLY MASS FOR THE WEEK – 7TH JULY 2024 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 7TH

✠ 14TH 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 2
Pro Populo
Benedykta Szablowska RIP*

MONDAY 8TH

FERIA

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

Skowronski Family – Intentions

TUESDAY 9TH

ST AUGUSTINE ZHAO RONG, PRIEST, & COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

No Public Mass. Private Mass offered for *Deceased Members of the Guillaume Family RIP*

WEDNESDAY 10TH

FERIA

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour

Starlette Clarno & Family – Intentions

THURSDAY 11TH

ST BENEDICT, ABBOT, PATRON OF EUROPE

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour

Benefactors of Corpus Christi

FRIDAY 12TH

FERIA

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

(Friday Abstinence)

Giles Leigh

Good Counsel Network

SATURDAY 13TH

ST HENRY

5.00 pm Holy Hour
6.00 pm Vigil Mass

Nicholas Leigh & Hazel Wong – Intentions

SUNDAY 14TH

✠ 15TH 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 3
Josephine & Michael Ryan 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: ccpguk@gmail.com

NO PROPHET IS ACCEPTED AMONG HIS OWN PEOPLE

I would like to reflect briefly on this Sunday's Gospel passage. It is taken from the text that has the famous saying "*Nemo propheta in patria*". In other words no prophet is properly accepted among his own people who watched him grow up. Indeed after Jesus, when he was about 30 years old, had left Nazareth and had already been travelling about preaching and working miracles of healing elsewhere, he once returned to his birthplace and started teaching in the synagogue. His fellow citizens "were astonished" by his wisdom, and knowing him as "the son of Mary", as the carpenter who had lived in their midst, instead of welcoming him with faith were shocked and took offence. This reaction is understandable because familiarity at the human level makes it difficult to go beyond this in order to be open to the divine dimension. That this son of a carpenter was the Son of God was hard for them to believe. Jesus actually takes as an example the experience of the prophets of Israel, who in their own homeland were an object of contempt, and identifies himself with them. Due to this spiritual closure Jesus "could do no mighty work there [Nazareth], except that he laid his hands upon a few sick people and healed them". In fact Christ's miracles are not a display of power but signs of the love of God that is brought into being wherever it encounters reciprocated human faith. Origen writes: "as in the case of material things there exists in some things a natural attraction towards some other thing, as in the magnet for iron... so there is an attraction in such faith towards the divine power".

It would therefore seem that Jesus—as is said—is making sense of the negative welcome he received in Nazareth. Instead, at the end of the account, we find a remark that says precisely the opposite. The Evangelist writes that Jesus " marvelled because of their unbelief". The astonishment of Jesus' fellow townspeople is matched by his own surprise. In a certain sense he too is shocked! Although he knows that no prophet is well accepted in his homeland, the closed heart of his people was nevertheless obscure and impenetrable to him: how could they fail to recognize the light of the Truth? Why did they not open themselves to the goodness of God who deigned to share in our humanity? Effectively Jesus of Nazareth the man is the transparency of God, in him God dwells fully. And while we are constantly seeking other signs, other miracles, we do not realize that he is the true Sign, God made flesh, he is the greatest miracle in the world: the whole of God's love contained in a human heart, in a man's face.

The One who fully understood this reality was the Virgin Mary, who is blessed because she believed. Mary was not shocked by her Son: her wonder for him was full of faith, full of love and joy, in seeing him so human and at the same time so divine. Let us therefore learn from her, our Mother in faith, to recognize in the humanity of Christ the perfect revelation of God.

CONFESSION

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PILGRIMAGE OF REPARATION & PRAYER

The 40th Pilgrimage of Reparation and Prayer for the Sanctity of Life will take place at Walsingham on **Saturday 3rd August**, led by Bishop David Oakley of Northampton. There has been a significant increase in the annual number of abortions throughout the UK as well as pressures to do away with the abortion time limit, to take the Abortion Act outside of the scope of criminal law. The pilgrimage will pray for reparation for the sins against human life and to intercede for a change in heart across every part of society. A coach from our diocese will leave from outside Westminster Cathedral at 7.30am. For details, see prolifepilgrimage.org

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

The Solemnity of the Assumption falls on **Thursday 15th August** and is a **Holy Day of Obligation**. There will be three Masses here that day: 8am (1962), 1.05pm (said, English) and 11.30am (sung, Latin).

SODALITY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The next Sodality of the Blessed Sacrament Mass with Adoration and Benediction will be on **Thursday 5th September at 6:30pm**. Reminder: There is no Sodality Mass in August! To find out more about the Sodality, and to become a member, visit sodality.co.uk

MARCH FOR LIFE UK

March for Life UK happens in London on **Saturday 7th September**. There are many attempts at the moment to further liberalise abortion in the UK and to silence those offering any alternative viewpoint whether that's 'pills by post' abortions, 'decriminalisation', buffer zones or censorship on pro-life students at universities. The dangers of these situations are being highlighted by the theme for this year's March for Life which is '*Abortion isn't Healthcare*'. Join thousands at this family-friendly event. Find out more at marchforlife.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

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,