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Private Intentions

LADY CHAPEL

Maureen Goodey RIP

SACRED HEART CHAPEL

Edie Moran RIP

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CORPUS CHRISTI THE DIOCESAN SHRINE OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

JULY – MONTH DEDICATED TO
THE MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD

✠ HOLY MASS FOR THE WEEK – 14TH JULY 2024 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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*

MONDAY 15TH

ST BONAVENTURE, BISHOP & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

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

Declan Adams – Birthday Intentions

TUESDAY 16TH

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

No Public Mass. Private Mass offered for

James & John Duffy RIP

WEDNESDAY 17TH

FERIA

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour

Sophie Rickard – sick

THURSDAY 18TH

FERIA

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour

Vladyslava Frankowska RIP

FRIDAY 19TH

FERIA

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour

(Friday Abstinence)

Anna Marie Macleod – Intentions

SATURDAY 20TH

ST APOLLINARIS, BISHOP & MARTYR

5.00 pm Holy Hour
6.00 pm Vigil Mass

Nicholas Leigh & Hazel Wong – Intentions

SUNDAY 21ST

✠ 16TH 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

*Leo Henderson 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

FOR THE PRAISE OF HIS GLORY

Tomorrow, 15 July, in the liturgical calendar is the Memorial of St Bonaventure of Bagnoregio, a Franciscan, Doctor of the Church and the successor of St Francis of Assisi at the helm of the Order of Friars Minor. He is depicted in the great rose window above our Altar. It was he who wrote the first official biography of the “Poverello” and, at the end of his life, he was also Bishop of this Diocese of Albano.

Bonaventure wrote in one of his letters: “I confess before God that the reason which made me most love the life of Blessed Francis is that it resembles the birth and development of the Church”. These words refer us directly to this Sunday’s Gospel which presents the first occasion on which Jesus sent the Twelve Apostles out on mission. Jesus “called to him the Twelve”, St Mark recounts, “and began to send them out two by two.... He charged them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not put on two tunics”. After his conversion Francis of Assisi practised this Gospel to the letter, becoming a very faithful witness of Jesus; and, uniquely bound to the mystery of the Cross, was transformed into “another Christ”, exactly as St Bonaventure describes him.

Jesus Christ is the inspiring centre of St Bonaventure’s entire life and likewise of his theology. We rediscover this centrality of Christ in the Second Reading of today’s Mass, the famous hymn of St Paul’s Letter to the Ephesians that begins: “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places”. The Apostle thus shows in the four passages, that all begin with the same words: “in him”, with reference to Jesus, how this plan of blessing was brought about. “In him”, the Father chose us before the creation of the world; “in him” we have redemption through his blood; “in him” we became his heirs, predestined to live “for the praise of his glory”; “in him” all those who believe in the Gospel receive the seal of the Holy Spirit. This Pauline hymn contains the vision of history which St Bonaventure helped to spread in the Church: the whole of history is centred on Christ, who also guarantees in every era new things and renewal. In Jesus, God said and gave all things, but since he is an inexhaustible treasure, the Holy Spirit never ceases to reveal and to actualize his mystery. So it is that the work of Christ and of the Church never regresses but always progresses.

Dear friends, let us invoke Mary Most Holy whom we shall be celebrating on Tuesday as Our Lady of Mount Carmel, so that she may help us, like St Francis and St Bonaventure, to respond generously to the Lord’s call to proclaim his Gospel of salvation with our words and, first and foremost, with our lives.

CONFESSION

Confessions are heard for half an hour before all Masses, or upon request.

SEVEN DAY LAMPS

Are available at the back of the church for £6, or online at maidenlane.org.uk/lamps.

SEA SUNDAY

Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. Today is Sea Sunday. It is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. You can donate in church, by visiting stellamaris.org.uk/donate, or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris to continue its important work, so please give generously.

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.

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