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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 – 21ST JULY 2024 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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*

MONDAY 22ND

ST MARY MAGDALENE

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

Robert & Family – Intentions

TUESDAY 23RD

ST BRIDGET OF SWEDEN, RELIGIOUS, PATRON OF EUROPE

No Public Mass. Private Mass offered for

Charlie Megan

WEDNESDAY 24TH

ST SHARBEL MAKHLUF, PRIEST

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour

Lynn Ray – sick

THURSDAY 25TH

ST JAMES, APOSTLE

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour

Caroline McGovern – Intentions

FRIDAY 26TH

(Friday Abstinence)

Ss JOACHIM & ANNE, PARENTS OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour

Michael & Lisa Maughan – Intentions

SATURDAY 27TH

FERIA

5.00 pm Holy Hour
6.00 pm Vigil Mass

Pro Populo

SUNDAY 28TH

✠ 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

*Ps Wk 1
Pauline McMahon RIP
Mary Cecilia Cuming RIP – Anniversary*

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

AGNUS DEI

The Word of God this Sunday presents us once again with a fundamental, ever fascinating theme of the Bible; it reminds us that God is the Shepherd of humanity. This means that God wants life for us, he wants to guide us to good pastures where we can be nourished and rest. He does not want us to be lost and to perish, but to reach the destination of our journey which is the fullness of life itself. This is what every father and mother desires for their children: their good, their happiness and their fulfilment.

In today's Gospel Jesus presents himself as the Shepherd of the lost sheep of the House of Israel. He beholds the people, so to speak, with a "pastoral" gaze. For example, this Sunday's Gospel says: As he disembarked, "he saw a great throng, and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things". Jesus embodies God the Shepherd with his manner of preaching and his works, caring for the sick and sinners, for those who are "lost", in order to bring them back to safety through the Father's mercy.

Among the "lost sheep" that Jesus rescued there was also a woman called Mary, a native of the village of Magdala on the Sea of Galilee, who for this reason was known as "Magdalene". It is her liturgical Memorial in the Church Calendar tomorrow. Luke the Evangelist says that Jesus cast out seven demons from her, that is, he saved her from total enslavement to the Evil One. In what does this profound healing which God works through Jesus consist? It consists in true, complete peace, brought about by the inner reconciliation of the person, as well as in every other relationship: with God, with other people and with the world. Indeed, the Evil One always seeks to spoil God's work, sowing division in the human heart, between body and soul, between the individual and God, in interpersonal, social and international relations, as well as between human beings and creation. The Evil One sows discord; God creates peace. Indeed, as St Paul says, Christ is our peace, he who made us both one and broke down the dividing wall of enmity, through his flesh.

In order to carry out this work of radical reconciliation Jesus the Good Shepherd had to become a Lamb, "the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world". Only in this way could he keep the marvellous promise of the Psalm: "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me / all the days of my life; / and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord / for ever".

Dear friends, these words make our heart beat fast for they express our deepest desire, they say what we are made for: life, eternal life! These are the words of those who, like Mary Magdalene, have experienced God in their life and know his peace. They are words truer than ever on the lips of the Virgin Mary, who already lives for eternity in the pastures of Heaven where the Shepherd-Lamb led her. Mary, Mother of Christ our peace, pray for us!

CONFESSION

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

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED

Next weekend we have an appeal from Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) which is a Pontifical foundation of the Catholic Church. One of its missions is to support Christians who are persecuted for their faith. ACN supports more than 5,000 projects helping the Church's mission internationally. There will be a retiring collection after all Masses. If you wish to get involved in the charity, or if you wish to be an ACN volunteer, please contact John Ravi on 07932973650, John.Ravi@acnuk.org or you can go to acnuk.org

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*'. 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**, (exact timings TBC). 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, Miekko 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