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LADY CHAPEL

Edith Moran RIP

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Maureen Goodey 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 – 28TH JULY 2024 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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 Cumming RIP – Anniversary*

MONDAY 29TH

Ss MARTHA, MARY & LAZARUS

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

Leigh Rand – sick

TUESDAY 30TH

ST PETER CHRYSOLOGUS, BISHOP & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

No Public Mass. Private Mass offered for

Grazyna Jęcza – sick

WEDNESDAY 31ST

ST IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA, PRIEST

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour

Watson Family Intentions

THURSDAY 1ST AUGUST

ST ALPHONSUS LIGUORI, BISHOP & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass

Peter Noonan – Intentions

FRIDAY 2ND – PORTIUNCULA INDULGENCE AVAILABLE TODAY! (Friday Abstinence)

ST PETER JULIAN EYMARD, PRIEST

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass

Marcel Morkeng RIP

SATURDAY 3RD

FERIA

5.00 pm Exposition
6.00 pm Vigil Mass

Johnny Benson RIP

SUNDAY 4TH

✠ 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9.30 am Mass in English
11.30 am Mass in Latin

*Ps Wk 2
Pro Populo
Francois Dimminger 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

BREAD OF HEAVEN

This Sunday we read Chapter six of John's Gospel. The chapter opens with the scene of the multiplication of the loaves, which Jesus later comments on in the Synagogue of Capernaum, pointing to himself as the "bread" which gives life. Jesus' actions are on a par with those of the Last Supper. He "took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated", the Gospel says. The insistence on the topic of "bread", which is shared out, and on thanksgiving, recall the Eucharist, Christ's sacrifice for the world's salvation.

The Evangelist observes that the Feast of the Passover is already at hand. His gaze is turned to the Cross, the gift of love, and to the Eucharist, the perpetuation of this gift: Christ makes himself the Bread of Life for humankind. St Augustine comments: "Who is the Bread of heaven, but Christ? But in order that man might eat Angels' Bread, the Lord of Angels was made Man. For if he had not been made Man, we should not have his Flesh; if we had not his Flesh, we should not eat the Bread of the Altar". The Eucharist is the human being's ongoing, important encounter with God in which the Lord makes himself our food and gives himself to transform us into him.

A boy's presence is also mentioned in the scene of the multiplication. On perceiving the problem of feeding so many hungry people, he shared the little he had brought with him: five loaves and two fish. The miracle was not worked from nothing, but from a first modest sharing of what a simple lad had brought with him. Jesus does not ask us for what we do not have. Rather, he makes us see that if each person offers the little he has the miracle can always be repeated: God is capable of multiplying our small acts of love and making us share in his gift.

The crowd was impressed by the miracle: it sees in Jesus the new Moses, worthy of power, and in the new manna, the future guaranteed. However the people stopped at the material element, which they had eaten, and the Lord "perceiving then that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king,... withdrew again to the hills by himself". Jesus is not an earthly king who exercises dominion but a king who serves, who stoops down to human beings not only to satisfy their physical hunger, but above all their deeper hunger, the hunger for guidance, meaning and truth, the hunger for God.

Dear brothers and sisters, let us ask the Lord to enable us to rediscover the importance of feeding ourselves not only on bread but also on truth, on love, on Christ, on Christ's Body, taking part faithfully and with profound awareness in the Eucharist so as to be ever more closely united with him. Indeed, "It is not the Eucharistic food that is changed into us, but rather we who are mysteriously transformed by it. Christ nourishes us by uniting us to himself; "he draws us into himself".

CONFESSION

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AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED

This 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

SUMMER BREAK

During August, things wind down for the summer to give everyone a chance of a rest. The musicians are on a break, and sung Masses will resume in September. The 5pm Holy Hours will also be paused during August, resuming in September. I'd like to take this opportunity, however, to thank everyone for so much hard work over the last few months, as we have celebrated the Triduum and Easter, our Titular Feast and so much more. May you all have a well-deserved and restful summer!

THE PORTIUNCULA INDULGENCE

The Portiuncula is a little town situated about three quarters of a mile from Assisi and is officially known as *Santa Maria degli Angeli*, which has grown around the basilica of Our Lady of the Angels and the adjoining Franciscan monastery. It was here that on 24 February 1208, St Francis of Assisi recognised his vocation; here was for the most part his permanent abode, after the Benedictines had presented it to him with the little chapel Portiuncula (i.e. a little portion of land) erected at the time of Pope Liberius (352-66); here also he died on Saturday 3rd October 1226. The Portiuncula plenary indulgence may be acquired here from noon on 1st August until midnight on 2nd August. To gain the indulgence, you should make a devout visit to a church and recite the Lord's Prayer and Creed, in addition to sacramental confession, Holy Communion and prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father. It may be gained only once.

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. 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 6.30pm (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**. **There is no Sodality Mass in August!** To find out more about the Sodality, and to become a member, visit sodality.co.uk

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