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CORPUS CHRISTI

THE DIOCESAN SHRINE OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

AUGUST – MONTH DEDICATED TO
THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

✠ HOLY MASS FOR THE WEEK – 11TH AUGUST 2024 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 11TH

✠ 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9.30 am Mass in English
11.30 am Mass in Latin

Ps Wk 3

*Paddy McCarthy RIP
Pro Populo*

MONDAY 12TH

ST JANE FRANCES DE CHANTAL, RELIGIOUS

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
6.30 pm Mass (1962 Missal)

Hughie Saunders & Family RIP

TUESDAY 13TH

ST PONTIAN, POPE, & HIPPOLYTUS, PRIESTS, MARTYRS

No Public Mass. Private Mass offered for

Tatyana RIP

WEDNESDAY 14TH

ST MAXIMILIAN MARY KOLBE, PRIEST & MARTYR

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass

Laura Archard RIP

THURSDAY 15TH

✠ THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

8.00 am Mass (1962 Missal)
12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
6.30 pm Sung Mass in Latin

John Gilhooly CBE – Intentions

*Mary O'Connor – Intentions
Pro Populo*

FRIDAY 16TH

ST STEPHEN OF HUNGARY

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass

Kathleen O'Dea – Intentions

SATURDAY 17TH

FERIA

5.00 pm Exposition
6.00 pm Vigil Mass

Pro Populo

SUNDAY 18TH

✠ 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9.30 am Mass in English
11.30 am Mass in Latin

Ps Wk 4

*Brid Slattery RIP
Edie Moran 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

THE HUNGER OF THE INNER MAN

The Reading of the sixth chapter of John's Gospel in the Liturgy of these Sundays has led us to reflect on the multiplication of the loaves, with which the Lord satisfied the hunger of a crowd of five thousand, and on the invitation Jesus addresses to all those whom he had feed to busy themselves seeking a food that endures to eternal life. Jesus wants to help them understand the profound meaning of the miracle he had worked: in miraculously satisfying their physical hunger; he prepares them to receive the news that he is the Bread which has come down from heaven, which will satisfy hunger for ever. The Jewish people too, during their long journey through the desert, experienced bread which came down from heaven, manna, which kept them alive until they reached the Promised Land. Jesus now speaks of himself as the true Bread come down from heaven, which is capable of keeping people alive not for a moment or on a stretch of a journey but for ever. He is the food that gives eternal life, because he is the Only-Begotten Son of God who is in the Father's heart, who came to give man life in fullness, to introduce man into the very life of God.

In Jewish thought it was clear that the true bread of heaven, which nourished Israel, was the Law, the word of God. The People of Israel clearly recognized that the Torah, which was Moses' fundamental and lasting gift, was the basic element that distinguished them from other peoples and consisted in their knowledge of God's will, thus the right way of life. Now Jesus, in manifesting himself as the bread of heaven, witnesses that he himself is the Word of God in Person, the Incarnate Word, through whom man can make the will of God his food, which guides and sustains his existence.

Therefore to doubt in the divinity of Jesus, as do the Jews in today's Gospel passage, means setting oneself against God's work. Indeed, they say: he is the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know! They do not go beyond his earthly origins, and for this reason refuse to accept him as the Word of God made flesh. St Augustine, in his Commentary on John's Gospel explains it in the following way: "These Jews were far from the bread of heaven, and knew not how to hunger after it. They had the jaws of their heart languid... This bread, indeed, requires the hunger of the inner man".

And we must ask ourselves if we really feel this hunger, the hunger for the Word of God, the hunger to know life's true meaning. Only those who are drawn by God the Father, who listen to him and let themselves be instructed by him can believe in Jesus, meet him and nourish themselves with him and thereby find true life, the road of life, justice, truth and love. St Augustine adds: "the Lord.... said that he himself was the Bread that came down from heaven, exhorting us to believe in him. For to believe in him is to eat the living bread. He that believes eats; he is sated invisibly, because invisibly he is born again" to a deeper and truer life. He is reborn from within, from his intimate self he is made new.

Invoking Mary Most Holy, let us ask her to guide us to the encounter with Jesus so that our friendship with him may be more and more intense.

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 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**, starting with Mass at 12.30pm until 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 takes place this year on **Saturday, 21st September**. The chosen theme for this year's pilgrimage is 'Be it done unto me according to thy word' – Mary's reply to Gabriel and our daily Angelus prayer. rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/walsingham

MASS INTENTIONS

The earliest dates available are now in **November & December**. To book a Mass, you can use the envelopes at the back of the church or online at maidenlane.org.uk/intentions

SEVEN DAY LAMPS

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

CONFESSION

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

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