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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 – 18TH AUGUST 2024 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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*

MONDAY 19TH

ST JOHN EUDES

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

Jamie V. Ongpin RIP

TUESDAY 20TH

ST BERNARD, ABBOT & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

No Public Mass. Private Mass offered for

Veronica – Intentions

WEDNESDAY 21ST

ST PIUS X, POPE

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass

Nikki Smith – sick

THURSDAY 22ND

THE QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass

de Burgh Family Deceased RIP

FRIDAY 23RD

ST ROSE OF LIMA

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass

Private Intentions

SATURDAY 24TH

ST BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE

5.00 pm Exposition
6.00 pm Vigil Mass

Pro Populo

SUNDAY 25TH

✠ 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (ST GENESIUS)

9.30 am Mass in English
11.30 am Mass in Latin

*Ps Wk 1
Dick & Mea Prendergast RIP
Actors & those in the Performing Arts*



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

FIRST FRUITS OF NEW HUMANITY

This Sunday's Gospel is the concluding part and culmination of the discourse given by Jesus in the Synagogue of Capernaum after he had fed thousands of people with five loaves and two fishes the previous day. Jesus reveals the meaning of this miracle, namely that the promised time had come; God the Father, who had fed the Israelites in the desert with manna, now sent him, the Son, as the true Bread of life; and this bread is his flesh, his life, offered in sacrifice for us. It is therefore a question of welcoming him with faith, not of being shocked by his humanity, and it is about eating his flesh and drinking his blood in order to obtain for ourselves the fullness of life. It is clear that this address was not given to attract approval. Jesus knew this and gave this speech intentionally.

In fact it was a critical moment, a turning point in his public mission. The people, and the disciples themselves, were enthusiastic when he performed miraculous signs; the multiplication of the loaves and fishes was a clear revelation that he was the Messiah, so that the crowd would have liked to carry Jesus in triumph and proclaim him King of Israel. But this was not what Jesus wanted. With his long address he dampens the enthusiasm and incites much dissent. In explaining the image of the bread, he affirms that he has been sent to offer his own life and he who wants to follow him must join him in a deep and personal way, participating in his sacrifice of love. Thus Jesus was to institute the Sacrament of the Eucharist at the Last Supper, so that his disciples themselves might share in his love — this was crucial — and, as one body united with him, might extend his mystery of salvation in the world.

In listening to this address the people understood that Jesus was not the Messiah they wanted, one who would aspire to an earthly throne. He did not seek approval to conquer Jerusalem; rather he wanted to go to the Holy City to share the destiny of the prophets: to give his life for God and for the people. Those loaves, broken for thousands, were not meant to result in a triumphal march but to foretell the sacrifice on the Cross when Jesus was to become Bread, Body and Blood, offered in expiation. Jesus therefore gave the address to bring the crowds down to earth and mostly to encourage his disciples to make a decision. In fact from that moment many of them no longer followed him.

Dear friends, let us once again be filled with wonder by Christ's words. He, a grain of wheat scattered in the furrows of history, is the first fruits of the new humanity, freed from the corruption of sin and death. And let us rediscover the beauty of the Sacrament of the Eucharist which expresses all God's humility and holiness. His making himself small, God makes himself small, a fragment of the universe to reconcile all in his love. May the Virgin Mary, who gave the world the Bread of Life, teach us to live in ever deeper union with him.

CONFESSION

Confessions are heard for half an hour before all Masses, or upon request. Please do make use of this most necessary Sacrament of Redemption.

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!

ST GENESIUS

Next Sunday would be the feast of St Genesius, the Patron Saint of actors, playwrights, comedians, dancers, musicians and converts. Corpus Christi has long had a connection to the theatre, which is unsurprising given our location. Could I please ask you to pray especially for all those in the Performing Arts, and for those who sustain the theatre industry here in the West End? Behind the glittering lights and beautiful costumes, it is a very demanding life. The 11:30am Mass next Sunday will be offered for all those in the performing arts.

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 to venerate a relic of Bl Carlo Acutis.

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.

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