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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 – 25TH AUGUST 2024 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 25TH

✠ 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (ST GENESIOUS)

Ps Wk 1

9.30 am Mass in English

Dick & Mea Prendergast RIP

11.30 am Mass in Latin

Actors & those in the Performing Arts

MONDAY 26TH – BANK HOLIDAY

BL DOMINIC OF THE MOTHER OF GOD

10.00 am Mass

Pam Rounds RIP

6.30 pm Mass (1962 Missal)

TUESDAY 27TH

ST MONICA

No Public Mass. Private Mass offered for

Fr Bogdan Palka RIP

WEDNESDAY 28TH

ST AUGUSTINE, BISHOP & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

12 noon Exposition

1.05 pm Mass

Graciana Rodrigues RIP

THURSDAY 29TH

THE PASSION OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

12 noon Exposition

1.05 pm Mass

Reynaldo Basanes Alvarado RIP

FRIDAY 30TH

(Friday Abstinence)

Ss MARGARET CLITHEROW, ANNE LINE & MARGARET WARD, MARTYRS

12 noon Exposition

1.05 pm Mass

Will White RIP – Anniversary

SATURDAY 31ST

ST AIDAN, BISHOP, AND THE SAINTS OF LINDISFARNE

5.00 pm Exposition

6.00 pm Vigil Mass

Holy Souls in Purgatory

SUNDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER

✠ 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ps Wk 2

9.30 am Said Mass in English

Pro Populo

11.30 am Sung Mass in Latin

Remo Dipre RIP

5.00 pm Holy Hour



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

WE HAVE BELIEVED & HAVE KNOWN

On the past few Sundays we have meditated on the “Bread of Life” discourse, which Jesus gave in the Synagogue of Capernaum after satisfying the hunger of thousands of people with five loaves and two fish. The Gospel today presents the disciples’ reaction to this discourse, a reaction which Christ himself deliberately provoked.

First of all, the Evangelist John — who was present with the other Apostles — says: “After this many of his disciples drew back and no longer went about with him”. Why? Because they did not believe in the words of Jesus who said: “I am the living bread which came down from heaven... he who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life”; words that were truly difficult to accept, incomprehensible. This revelation — as I have said — was incomprehensible to them because they understood it in a purely literal sense, whereas these words foretold the Paschal Mystery of Jesus, in which he was to give himself for the world’s salvation: the new presence of the Blessed Eucharist.

Seeing that many of his disciples were deserting him, Jesus turned to the Apostles, asking them: “Will you also go away?” As on other occasions it was Peter who answered on behalf of the Twelve: “Lord, to whom shall we go?”. We, too, might wonder: to whom should we go? “You have the words of eternal life; and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God”.

We have a beautiful comment of St Augustine on this passage. In one of his sermons on John 6 he says: “See how Peter, by the gift of God and the renewal of the Holy Spirit, understood Him. How other than because he believed? ‘You have the words of eternal life’. For You have eternal life in the ministration of Your body [Risen] and Your blood [Yourself]. ‘And we have believed and have known’. He does not say: ‘we have known and then believed’, but ‘we have believed and then known’. We believed in order to know; for if we wanted to know first, and then to believe, we should not be able either to know or to believe. What have we believed and known? ‘That You are Christ, the Son of God’; that is, that You are that very eternal life, and that You give in Your flesh and blood only that which You are”. St Augustine addressed this homily to his believers.

Finally, Jesus knew that among the Twelve Apostles there was also one who did not believe: Judas. Judas could have gone away too, as did many of the disciples; indeed, perhaps if he had been honest he would have been bound to leave. Instead he stayed on with Jesus. He did not stay out of faith or out of love, but rather with the secret intention of taking revenge on the Teacher. Why? Because Judas felt let down by Jesus and decided that he, in his turn, would betray Jesus. Judas was a zealot and he wanted a victorious Messiah who would lead a revolt against the Romans. Jesus had not measured up to these expectations. The problem was that Judas did not go away and his greatest sin was his deceitfulness, which is the mark of the Devil. For this reason Jesus said to the Twelve: “One of you is a devil”. Let us pray to the Virgin Mary to help us believe in Jesus, like St Peter, and always to be sincere with him.

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 next week. 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.

ST GENESIUS

Today, were it not a 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