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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 – 4TH AUGUST 2024 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

MONDAY 5TH

THE DEDICATION OF THE BASILICA OF ST MARY MAJOR

12 noon Exposition

1.05 pm Mass

6.30 pm Mass (1962 Missal)

Annie Antoinette RIP

TUESDAY 6TH

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

No Public Mass. Private Mass offered for

Alba Lilia Muñoz RIP

WEDNESDAY 7TH

ST SIXTUS, POPE, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

12 noon Exposition

1.05 pm Mass

Joseph Joachim G. Njururi – Intentions

THURSDAY 8TH

ST DOMINIC, PRIEST

12 noon Exposition

1.05 pm Mass

Benefactors of Corpus Christi

FRIDAY 9TH

ST TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS, VIRGIN & MARTYR, PATRON OF EUROPE

12 noon Exposition

1.05 pm Sung Requiem Mass

Lola Pelagia RIP

SATURDAY 10TH

ST LAWRENCE, DEACON & MARTYR

5.00 pm Exposition

6.00 pm Vigil Mass

Edie Moran RIP – Anniversary

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



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

BELIEVE IN ME

The Reading of the sixth chapter of John's Gospel continues in the Liturgy of the Word of this Sunday. We are in the synagogue of Capernaum where Jesus was giving his well-known discourse after the multiplication of the loaves. The people had sought to make him king but Jesus had withdrawn, first, to the mountain with God, with the Father, and then to Capernaum. Since they could not see him, they began to look for him, they boarded the boats in order to cross the lake to the other shore and had found him at last. However, Jesus was well aware of the reason for this great enthusiasm in following him and he says so, even clearly: "you seek me, not because you saw signs, [because you were deeply impressed] but because you ate your fill of the loaves".

Jesus wants to help the people go beyond the immediate satisfaction — albeit important — of their own material needs. He wants to open them to a horizon of existence that does not consist merely of the daily concerns of eating, of being clothed, of a career. Jesus speaks of a food that does not perish, which it is important to seek and to receive. He says: "do not labour for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to eternal life, which the Son of man will give to you".

The crowd does not understand, it believes that Jesus is asking for the observance of precepts in order to obtain the continuation of that miracle, and asks: "what must we do, to be doing the works of God?". Jesus' answer is unequivocal: "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent". The centre of existence — which is what gives meaning and certain hope in the all too often difficult journey of life — is faith in Jesus, it is the encounter with Christ.

We too ask: "what must we do to have eternal life?". And Jesus says: "believe in me". Faith is the fundamental thing. It is not a matter here of following an idea or a project, but of encountering Jesus as a living Person, of letting ourselves be totally involved by him and by his Gospel. Jesus invites us not to stop at the purely human horizon and to open ourselves to the horizon of God, to the horizon of faith. He demands a single act: to accept God's plan, namely, to "believe in him whom he has sent".

Moses had given Israel manna, the bread from heaven with which God himself had nourished his people. Jesus does not give some thing, he gives himself: he is the "true bread that which comes down from heaven". He is the living Word of the Father; in the encounter with him we meet the living God.

"What must we do, to be doing the works of God?", the crowd asks, ready to act in order to perpetuate the miracle of the loaves. But Jesus, the true bread of life that satisfies our hunger for meaning and for truth, cannot be "earned" with human work; he comes to us only as a gift of God's love, as a work of God to be asked for and received.

Dear friends, on days that are busy and full of problems, but also on days of rest and relaxation, the Lord asks us not to forget that if it is necessary to be concerned about material bread and to replenish our strength, it is even more fundamental to develop our relationship 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 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**, (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.

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