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Kaydell Brown RIP
H A Arruda
Private Intentions

LADY CHAPEL

Somto Jessica Genekanwa

SACRED HEART CHAPEL

James Donoghue RIP

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CORPUS CHRISTI THE DIOCESAN SHRINE OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

SEPTEMBER – MONTH DEDICATED TO
THE SEVEN SORROWS OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

✠ HOLY MASS FOR THE WEEK – 1ST SEPTEMBER 2024 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER

✠ 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9.30 am Said Mass in English
11.30 am Sung Mass in Latin
5.00 pm Holy Hour

*Ps Wk 2
Pro Populo
Remo Dipre RIP*

MONDAY 2ND

FERIA

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

Obinze Ejiofor Sr RIP

TUESDAY 3RD

ST GREGORY THE GREAT, POPE & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

No Public Mass. Private Mass offered for

Howard Family – Intentions

WEDNESDAY 4TH

ST CUTHBERT, BISHOP

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour

Wanji Chu – sick

THURSDAY 5TH

FERIA

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
6.30 pm Sodality of the Blessed Sacrament Mass

*Matthew Rodrigues RIP
Sodality Members*

FRIDAY 6TH

FERIA

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour

Eileen Masters RIP

SATURDAY 7TH

FERIA

5.00 pm Exposition
6.00 pm Vigil Mass

Pro Populo

SUNDAY 8TH

✠ 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9.30 am Said Mass in English
11.30 am Sung Mass in Latin
5.00 pm Holy Hour

*Ps Wk 3
Anne Barrett RIP
Jane Kessinger 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

I WILL DELIGHT IN YOUR STATUTES

The theme of God's Law, of his commandments, makes its entrance in the Liturgy of the Word this Sunday. It is an essential element of the Jewish and Christian religions, where the complete fulfilment of the law is love. God's Law is his word which guides men and women on the journey through life, brings them out of the slavery of selfishness and leads them into the "land" of true freedom and life. This is why the Law is not perceived as a burden or an oppressive restriction in the Bible. Rather, it is seen as the Lord's most precious gift, the testimony of his fatherly love, of his desire to be close to his People, to be its Ally and with it write a love story.

This is what the devout Israelite prays: "I will delight in your statutes, / I will not forget your word.... Lead me in the path of your commandments, / for I delight in it". In the Old Testament the person who passes on the Law to the People on God's behalf is Moses. After the long journey in the wilderness, on the threshold of the promised land, he proclaims: "Now, O Israel, give heed to the statutes and the ordinances which I teach you, and do them; that you may live, and go in and take possession of the land which the Lord, the God of your fathers, gives you". And this is the problem: when the People put down roots in the land and are the depository of the Law, they are tempted to place their security and joy in something that is no longer the Word of God: in possessions, in power, in other 'gods' that in reality are useless, they are idols. Of course, the Law of God remains but it is no longer the most important thing, the rule of life; rather, it becomes a camouflage, a cover-up, while life follows other paths, other rules, interests that are often forms of egoism, both individual and collective.

Thus religion loses its authentic meaning, which is to live listening to God in order to do his will — that is the truth of our being — and thus we live well, in true freedom, and it is reduced to practising secondary customs which instead satisfy the human need to feel in God's place. This is a serious threat to every religion which Jesus encountered in his time and which, unfortunately, is also to be found in Christianity. Jesus' words against the scribes and Pharisees in today's Gospel should therefore be food for thought for us as well.

Jesus makes his own the very words of the Prophet Isaiah: "This People honours me with their lips, but their heart is far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the precepts of men". And he then concludes: "You leave the commandment of God, and hold fast the tradition of men".

The Apostle James too alerts us in his Letter to the danger of false piety. He writes to the Christians: "Be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves". May the Virgin Mary help us to listen with an open and sincere heart to the word of God so that every day it may guide our thoughts, our decisions and our actions.

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.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Now the holidays are ending, we are preparing to begin Catechesis for those adults who wish to be Baptised, Confirmed or Received into the life of the Catholic Church. If you're considering this — please do get in touch with us.

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**. This month's guest preacher will be **Fr Christian de Lisle**, Parish Priest of Sunbury-on-Thames. 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 also be 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 **January 2025**. To book a Mass, you can use the envelopes at the back of the church or online at maidenlane.org.uk/intentions If you have any dates next year that you would particularly like, please get them in as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

SEVEN DAY LAMPS

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

NEW LECTIONARY – 1ST DECEMBER

From the First Sunday of Advent on 1st December, there will be a new edition of the Lectionary for Mass. This new Lectionary uses the English Standard Version – Catholic Edition of the Bible with psalm texts taken from Abbey Psalms and Canticles. There won't be any changes to the responses we say at Mass, only to the wording of the readings. If you subscribe to *Magnificat*, then your new editions will be updated accordingly. If you have a personal hand Missal, however, you will need to buy a new one from CTS. These cost £19.95 for a Sunday Missal and a Daily Missal will be available next year. Buy online at tinyurl.com/NewLectionary

Our sick parishioners and friends: 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:** Holly Armstrong, Fr Michael Gallagher O.Praem., Lola Pinagli, Sydney Byrne, Sr Carmel of Jesus, Fr Francis Wahle, Fr John Warnaby, Fr Michael Daley,