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Andrew Campbell 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 – 8TH SEPTEMBER 2024 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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*

MONDAY 9TH

ST PETER CLAVER, PRIEST

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

Nicholas Leigh

TUESDAY 10TH

FERIA

No Public Mass. Private Mass offered for *Arthur Ernest Robinson RIP – Anniversary*

WEDNESDAY 11TH

FERIA

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour

Edna May Giles RIP – Anniversary

THURSDAY 12TH

THE MOST HOLY NAME OF MARY

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour

Jean, Margaret & Josie Regan RIP

FRIDAY 13TH

(Friday Abstinence)

ST JOHN CHRYSOSTOM, BISHOP & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

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

Benefactors of Corpus Christi

Good Counsel Network

SATURDAY 14TH

THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

5.00 pm Exposition
6.00 pm Vigil Mass

Giorgia Galea RIP – Anniversary

SUNDAY 15TH

✠ 24TH 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 4

*Pro Populo
SL – Thanksgiving*

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

BE OPENED

At the centre of today's Gospel, there is a small but very important word. A word that — in its deepest sense — sums up Christ's whole message and all his work. The Evangelist Mark records this word in the very language of Jesus in which Jesus spoke it so that we may hear it even more vividly. The word is "Ephphatha", which means "be opened". Let us look at the context in which it is used. Jesus was crossing the region known as Decapolis, between the coast of Tyre and Sidon and Galilee, hence an area that was not Jewish. They brought him a deaf-mute to be healed — evidently Jesus' fame had spread that far. Jesus took him aside and touched his ears and his tongue and then, looking up to heaven, said with a deep sigh: "Ephphatha" which means "be opened". Then the man immediately began to hear and to speak plainly.

This, therefore is the historical and literal meaning of this word: thanks to Jesus' intervention, the deaf-mute "was opened"; previously he had been closed, isolated, it had been very difficult for him to communicate. For him healing meant an "opening" to others and to the world, an opening which, starting with the organs of hearing and speech, involved his whole self and his life: he could at last communicate and thus relate in a new way.

However, we all know that a person's closure and isolation do not only depend on the sense organs. There is an inner closure that affects the person's inmost self, which the Bible calls the "heart". It is this that Jesus came to "open", to liberate, so as to enable us to live to the full our relationship with God and with others. This is why I said that this small word, "ephphatha — be opened", sums up in itself Christ's entire mission. He was made man so that man, rendered inwardly deaf and mute by sin, might be able to hear God's voice, the voice of Love that speaks to his heart, and thus in his turn learn to speak the language of love, to communicate with God and with others. For this reason the word and the action of the "ephphatha" have been integrated into the Rite of Baptism as one of the signs that explain its meaning: the priest, touching the mouth and ears of the newly baptized person says: "ephphatha", praying that he or she may soon hear the word of God and profess the faith. Through Baptism, the human person begins, so to speak, to breathe the Holy Spirit whom Jesus invoked from the Father with that deep sigh in order to heal the deaf-mute.

Let us now turn in prayer to Mary Most Holy, whose Nativity we celebrate today. Because of her unique relationship with the Incarnate Word Mary was fully "open" to the Lord's love, in her heart she was constantly listening to his word. May her maternal intercession obtain that every day, in faith, we experience the miracle of the "ephphatha", to live in communion with God and with our brothers and sisters.

CONFESSION

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

SEVEN DAY LAMPS

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

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Now the holidays are over, 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.

CHURCH CLEANING

We will be cleaning the church on Saturday 12th October from 9am in preparation for the Cardinal's visit for our 150th anniversary. Please come and help if you are able. Many hands make light work!

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 blessing with 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

SODALITY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The next Sodality of the Blessed Sacrament Mass with Adoration and Benediction will be on **Thursday 3rd October at 6:30pm**. This month's guest preacher will be **Fr William Johnstone**, Assistant Priest of the Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden. To find out more about the Sodality, and to become a member, visit sodality.co.uk

150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OPENING OF CORPUS CHRISTI

On **Sunday 20th October** we will be celebrating 150 years since this Shrine church was opened in 1874 by Cardinal Manning. To mark the occasion, His Eminence, Vincent Cardinal Nichols will be celebrating the **11.30am** Sung Mass in Latin here on that day.

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.

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,