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THE LAMPS ARE BURNING FOR:

SANCTUARY LAMPS

Fr. Andrew Southwell, Gordon
Dimon, Martin Joyce, Francesca
Joyce, Monica Flynn RIP, Anna T.
Joyce RIP, Peter Boggis RIP

LADY CHAPEL

Thanksgiving BK

SACRED HEART CHAPEL

Shirley

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CORPUS CHRISTI

THE DIOCESAN SHRINE OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

OCTOBER – MONTH DEDICATED TO
THE HOLY ROSARY

✠ HOLY MASS FOR THE WEEK – 27TH OCTOBER 2024 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 27TH

✠ 30TH 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

*Kathleen Slattery RIP
Pro Populo*

MONDAY 28TH

Ss SIMON & JUDE, APOSTLES

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

Nonni Djaja RIP

TUESDAY 29TH

BLESSED MARTYRS OF DOUAI

No Public Mass. Private Mass offered for

Tobias Seymour – Intentions

WEDNESDAY 30TH

FERIA

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour

Maria Corsi – Intentions

THURSDAY 31ST

FERIA

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour

S. Jones & Family – Intentions

FRIDAY 1ST NOVEMBER

✠ ALL SAINTS

8.00 am Mass (1962 Missal)
12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Said Mass in English
5.00 pm Holy Hour
6.30 pm Sung Mass in Latin

(No Friday Abstinence)

Rodrigo Sanchez's Intentions

Aiden & Helen Roche RIP

Pro Populo

SATURDAY 2ND

THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS)

9.00 am Mass (1962 Missal)
12 noon Sung Mass in Latin
5.00 pm Exposition
6.00 pm Vigil Mass

*The Holy Father's Intentions
All the Faithful Departed*

Maureen Goodey & Kathleen Tappin RIP

SUNDAY 3RD

✠ 31ST 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

*Maureen Goodey RIP
Peter Golden 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

FALLEN FROM DIGNITY

The miracle of the healing of blind Bartimaeus comes at a significant point in the structure of Saint Mark's Gospel. It is situated at the end of the section on the "journey to Jerusalem", that is, Jesus' last pilgrimage to the Holy City, for the Passover, in which he knows that his passion, death and resurrection await him. In order to ascend to Jerusalem from the Jordan valley, Jesus passes through Jericho, and the meeting with Bartimaeus occurs as he leaves the city – in the evangelist's words, "as he was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a great multitude". His is the last miraculous healing that Jesus performs before his passion, and it is no accident that it should be that of a blind person, someone whose eyes have lost the light. We know from other texts too that the state of blindness has great significance in the Gospels. It represents man who needs God's light, the light of faith, if he is to know reality truly and to walk the path of life. It is essential to acknowledge one's blindness, one's need for this light, otherwise one could remain blind for ever.

Saint Augustine, in one of his writings, makes a striking comment about the figure of Bartimaeus, which can be interesting and important for us today. He reflects on the fact that in this case Mark indicates not only the name of the person who is healed, but also the name of his father, and he concludes that "Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, had fallen from some position of great prosperity, and was now regarded as an object of the most notorious and the most remarkable wretchedness, because, in addition to being blind, he had also to sit begging. And this is also the reason, then, why Mark has chosen to mention only the one whose restoration to sight acquired for the miracle a fame as widespread as was the notoriety which the man's misfortune itself had gained".

This interpretation, that Bartimaeus was a man who had fallen from a condition of "great prosperity", causes us to think. It invites us to reflect on the fact that our lives contain precious riches that we can lose, and I am not speaking of material riches here. From this perspective, Bartimaeus could represent those who live in regions that were evangelized long ago, where the light of faith has grown dim and people have drifted away from God, no longer considering him relevant for their lives. These people have therefore lost a precious treasure, they have "fallen" from a lofty dignity – not financially or in terms of earthly power, but in a Christian sense – their lives have lost a secure and sound direction and they have become, often unconsciously, beggars for the meaning of existence. They are the many in need of a new evangelization, that is, a new encounter with Jesus, the Christ, the Son of God, who can open their eyes afresh and teach them the path. This biblical passage has something particular to say to us as we grapple with the urgent need to proclaim Christ anew in places where the light of faith has been weakened, in places where the fire of God is more like smouldering cinders, crying out to be stirred up, so that they can become a living flame that gives light and heat to the whole house.

A NEW BOOK ON CORPUS CHRISTI

To mark our 150th anniversary, a new book has been written documenting the history of the parish. This is available to buy from the church or the Presbytery for £20. It is a history of Catholic Covent Garden from the 1500s through to the present day, and of this Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament. The book can be purchased online from anywhere in the world at tinyurl.com/MaidenLane150 albeit at a slightly higher price than we charge. We are exceedingly grateful to all those who have helped in compiling this book, especially Cesare Ferrari and Anthony Delarue for all their time spent collating it all.

ALL SAINTS & ALL SOULS

All Saints' Day falls on Friday 1st November and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass here will be at 8am (1962 Missal), 1:05pm (said, English) and 6:30pm (sung, Latin).

All Souls' Day is on Saturday 2nd November, and there will be the traditional three Masses here that day: 9am (1962 Missal), 12noon (sung, Latin), and 6:00pm (said, English). Please come and pray for your departed loved ones.

NOVEMBER HOLY SOULS

November, the Month of the Holy Souls, will be upon us before we know it! Throughout November, we will be offering at least three Masses a week for the Holy Souls in Purgatory. You can have your departed relatives and friends remembered at the Altar at these Masses by adding their names to the list by simply filling out the form on our website, or one of the forms at the back of the church. Visit maidenlane.org.uk/holysouls to make your offering today!

SODALITY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The next Sodality of the Blessed Sacrament Mass with Adoration and Benediction will be on **Thursday 7th November at 6:30pm**. This month's guest preacher will be **Fr Matteo Di Giuseppe** Assistant Priest of Rickmansworth Parish. To find out more about the Sodality, and to become a member, visit sodality.co.uk

CARDINAL'S HOMILY

The Cardinal's homily from last weekend is available on the Sodality website under the 'blog' tab. A recording of the Mass is now live on our YouTube channel. As His Eminence reminded us, please continue to urge your MPs to vote against this new Assisted Suicide bill that has been presented to Parliament. It is vital that we continue to protect the lives of every person from natural conception to natural death. An easy to complete letter is available online at righttolife.org.uk/ASthreat

MASS INTENTIONS

The earliest dates available are now in **February 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.

CONFESSION

Confessions are heard for half an hour before all Masses, or upon request. Please don't neglect this sacrament.

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: Fr David Barnes, Alain de Jager, Mieke 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,