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CORPUS CHRISTI THE DIOCESAN SHRINE OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

NOVEMBER – MONTH DEDICATED TO
THE HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY



✠ HOLY MASS FOR THE WEEK – 10TH NOVEMBER 2024 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 10TH – REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

✠ 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

*Ps Wk 4
Pro Populo
The Faithful Fallen in Battle*

MONDAY 11TH

ST MARTIN OF TOURS, BISHOP

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

Holy Souls in Purgatory

TUESDAY 12TH

ST JOSAPHAT, BISHOP & MARTYR

No Public Mass. Private Mass offered for

William Doyle – Intentions

WEDNESDAY 13TH

FERIA

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass

Apologies – no Holy Hour today. Opening of *Quarant'Ore* in Haverstock Hill.

Holy Souls in Purgatory

THURSDAY 14TH

FERIA

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour

Benefactors of Corpus Christi

FRIDAY 15TH

(Friday Abstinence)

ST ALBERT THE GREAT, BISHOP & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour

Holy Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY 16TH

ST EDMUND OF ABINGDON, BISHOP

5.00 pm Exposition
6.00 pm Vigil Mass

Pro Populo

SUNDAY 17TH

✠ 33RD 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 1
Bridget Walsh RIP
Heather Bashford RIP – Anniversary*

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

HER WHOLE LIVING

The Liturgy of the Word this Sunday gives us two widows as models of faith. They are presented in parallel: one in the First Book of Kings and the other in the Gospel of Mark. Both these women are very poor and it is precisely this condition that speaks of their great faith in God. The first appears in the series of narratives about the Prophet Elijah. In a time of famine, he receives an order from the Lord to go to pagan territory near Sidon, outside Israel. There he meets a widow and asks her for water to drink and a little bread. The woman replies that there is only a handful of flour and a drop of oil, but, since the Prophet insists and promises her that, if she listens to him, flour and oil will not be wanting; she listens and is rewarded.

The second widow in the Gospel is noticed by Jesus at the Temple in Jerusalem, to be precise at the treasury, where men and women are giving alms. Jesus sees this woman throwing two coins into the treasury; he then calls his disciples and explains that her contribution is greater than that of the rich, because, while they gave of their plenty, the widow put in “everything she had, her whole living”.

From these two biblical passages, wisely juxtaposed, one can learn a valuable lesson about the faith. It appears as an interior attitude of he who bases his life on God, on the Word, and trusts totally in him. Being a widow in antiquity was in itself a condition of grave need. This is why in the Bible widows and orphans were people whom God cared for in a special way: they have lost their earthly support but God remains their Spouse, their Parent.

Yet, Scripture says that the objective state of need, in this case being a widow, does not suffice: God always asks for our free adherence to faith, that it is expressed in love for him and for our neighbour. No one is so poor that he cannot give something. And, in fact, both of these widows from today demonstrate their faith by carrying out an act of charity: one for the Prophet and the other by almsgiving. Thus they attest to the inseparable unity between faith and love, as between love of God and love of one's neighbour — as the Gospel of last Sunday reminded us. Pope St Leo the Great, whose memory we celebrate today, affirmed this: “On the scales of divine justice the quantity of gifts is not weighed, but the weight of hearts. The widow deposited in the Temple treasury two small coins and by doing so surpassed the gifts of all the rich. No gesture of goodness is meaningless before God, no mercy is left barren”.

The Virgin Mary is the perfect example of someone who gives her whole self by trusting in God; with this faith she proclaims her *fiat* to the Angel and accepts the Will of Lord. May Mary help each one of us too to strengthen our faith in God and in his Word.

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.

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. The book can be purchased online from anywhere in the world at tinyurl.com/MaidenLane150 albeit at a slightly higher price than we charge.

NOVEMBER HOLY SOULS

Throughout November, we are 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 5th December at 6:30pm**. This month's guest preacher will be **Bishop James Curry**, Auxiliary Bishop in Westminster. To find out more about the Sodality, and to become a member, visit sodality.co.uk

WEST END CAROL SERVICE

On **Wednesday 11th December at 6.30pm** there will be a traditional Service of Lessons and Carols, ending with Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament, here at Corpus Christi, the Catholic Actors' Church. This is organised in collaboration with various artists from the West End, including the Royal Opera House, Wigmore Hall, and many others. It will be a wonderful evening, preparing for the coming of the Lord. More details will follow in due course, but please do put this date in your diaries now. Entry is free and all are most welcome to come and begin the spiritual preparations for Christmas.

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. Please don't neglect this sacrament.

ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL IN PARLIAMENT

The most vulnerable in our society are at risk. MPs will vote on whether to introduce an extreme assisted suicide law on 29th November. To protect the vulnerable from this radical law change, contact your MP and ask them to vote **NO**. Take action now – it only takes 30 seconds to contact your MP using this tool: righttolife.org.uk/ASThreat

On **Wednesday 13th November at 5:30pm** join the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales as they pause in the middle of their autumn plenary meeting to kneel in front of the Blessed Sacrament to pray for the dignity of human life and to uphold a culture of life in our countries. I will be preaching at the Rosary Shrine in Haverstock Hill as they open their *Quarant'Ore*. Please do pray there if you are able. rosaryshrine.co.uk

Watch actor and disability rights advocate Liz Carr's BBC documentary on assisted suicide, *Better Off Dead?*, which examines the impact of one of the world's most extreme assisted suicide laws in Canada. righttolife.org.uk/betteroffdead

Our sick parishioners and friends: Fr David Barnes, Brian Davidson, Alain de Jager, Mieko Madenokoji, Douglas Adams, Norma Stanes, Phil Bawden, Sheena Colman, Christos Hana, Christopher Bronne, Sandra Jones, Velrich Fernandes, Kee Ow Peng, Maria Jessiman, Marilyn Bruce-Mitford, Peter Noakes, Tony Pearce, David Jordan, Christopher Browne, Margaret Griffith, Pascal James, Brian Keenan, Sid Shepherd, Nicholas Pollock, Fr Patrick Hayward, Traute Pollock, **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, Ann Slater, Ann Christine Leece, Johanna Sophia Pretorius, Pauline Lewis, Michael O'Toole, John Hughes, Fr Mark James