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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 – 17TH AUGUST 2025 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 17TH

✠ 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9.30 am Said Mass in English
11.30 am Said Mass in Latin

*Ps Wk 4
Paddy McCarthy RIP
Pro Populo*

MONDAY 18TH

FERIA

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

Niki Nicholas & Apostolos RIP

TUESDAY 19TH

ST JOHN EUDES

No Public Mass today. Private Mass for

Deceased Family & Friends RIP

WEDNESDAY 20TH

ST BERNARD, ABBOT AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass

Jimmy Lai – Intentions

THURSDAY 21ST

ST PIUS X, POPE

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass

Michael & Mary O'Beirne RIP

FRIDAY 22ND

THE QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass

Mati de Leon – sick

SATURDAY 23RD

ST ROSE OF LIMA, VIRGIN

5.00 pm Exposition
6.00 pm Vigil Mass

Pro Populo

SUNDAY 24TH

✠ 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9.30 am Said Mass in English
11.30 am Said Mass in Latin

*Ps Wk 1
Brid Slattery
Gaetanina Pietrocarlo 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: Prayer Group each Wednesday 7pm in Church with Eucharistic Adoration and Rosary. Contact Annette: ccpguk@gmail.com

DO I COME TO GIVE PEACE?

In this Sunday's Gospel there is an expression of Jesus that always attracts our attention and needs to be properly understood.

While he is on his way to Jerusalem, where death on a cross awaits him, Christ asked his disciples: "Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division". And he adds: "[H]enceforth in one house there will be five divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against her mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law".

Anyone who has even the slightest knowledge of Christ's Gospel knows that it is a message of peace par excellence; as St Paul wrote, Jesus himself "is our peace", the One who died and rose in order to pull down the wall of enmity and inaugurate the Kingdom of God which is love, joy and peace. So how can his words be explained? To what was the Lord referring when he said he had come – according to St Luke's version - to bring "division" or – according to St Matthew's – the "sword"?

Christ's words mean that the peace he came to bring us is not synonymous with the mere absence of conflicts. On the contrary, Jesus' peace is the result of a constant battle against evil. The fight that Jesus is determined to support is not against human beings or human powers, but against Satan, the enemy of God and man.

Anyone who desires to resist this enemy by remaining faithful to God and to good, must necessarily confront misunderstandings and sometimes real persecutions.

All, therefore, who intend to follow Jesus and to commit themselves without compromise to the truth, must know that they will encounter opposition and that in spite of themselves they will become a sign of division between people, even in their own families. In fact, love for one's parents is a holy commandment, but to be lived authentically it can never take precedence over love for God and love for Christ.

Thus, following in the footsteps of the Lord Jesus, in accordance with St Francis of Assisi's famous words, Christians become "instruments of peace"; not of a peace that is inconsistent and only apparent but one that is real, pursued with courage and tenacity in the daily commitment to overcome evil with good and paying in person the price that this entails.

The Virgin Mary, Queen of Peace, shared until his martyrdom her Son Jesus' fight with the Devil and continues to share in it to the end of time. Let us invoke her motherly intercession so that she may help us always to be witnesses of Christ's peace and never to sink so low as to make compromises with evil.

MASS INTENTIONS

The earliest dates available are now in **January 2026**. Book intentions online at maidenlane.org.uk/intentions

CONFESSION

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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!

SODALITY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The next Sodality of the Blessed Sacrament Mass, concluding with Adoration and Benediction will be on **Thursday 4th September at 6:30pm**. Please note that there is no Sodality Mass in August. To find out more about the Sodality, and to become a member, visit sodality.co.uk

2025 – HOLY YEAR OF JUBILEE

On the **first Saturday of the month at 11am**, there will be a particular sung Jubilee Mass here, the next being **Saturday 6th September**. These are a fantastic opportunity to obtain the Plenary Indulgence on offer during this year. For more information about the Jubilee and what's on here, visit maidenlanejubilee.co.uk

MARCH FOR LIFE UK

March for Life UK happens in London on **Saturday 6th September**. There is a Mass at Westminster Cathedral beforehand at 10:30am, and the March takes place from 1:30pm departing The Emmanuel Centre, ending at Parliament Square around 4:30pm. This year's theme is *Human Rights for All Humans*. The Right to Life underpins every other right we have and without it every other right is rendered meaningless. Human rights are for all humans, not a select, privileged few; not just for the wanted, the born, the able-bodied, the healthy or any other subdivision. Join thousands at this family-friendly event. Find out more at marchforlife.co.uk

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

The annual diocesan pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham, led by the Cardinal, will take place on **Saturday 20th September**. More information at rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages

EUCCHARISTIC FESTIVAL AT WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL

On **Saturday 11th October**, Cardinal Nichols invites everyone to a Eucharistic Festival in the Cathedral, (exact timings TBC). The afternoon will include Mass celebrated by the Cardinal, Adoration, Rosary, Confessions and a Procession of the Blessed Sacrament. Watch this space for more info!

SEVEN DAY LAMPS

Are available at the back of the church for £6, or online at maidenlane.org.uk/lamps. If you'd like to have the Sanctuary Lamps lit for a particular intention, you can get all seven for £30.

CONTINUING THE JOURNEY

The Agency for Evangelisation has created an initiative called 'Continuing the Journey' to support new adult Catholics in their first year since being baptised or received into the Church. The next event is on **Saturday 13th September**, 10am-1pm in Vaughan House, Westminster. It will be on: 'Our story: God's story. How the Mass roots us in the Scriptures.' This session will be led by Fleur Dorrell. Please email catadmin@rcdow.org.uk

Our sick parishioners and friends: 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, Nicholas Pollock, Fr Patrick Hayward, Traute Pollock **Of your charity – please pray for those who have died recently:** John O'Riordan, William Taor, Roy Truman, John Ushe, Jan Skubisz, Pope Francis, Ann Luff, Sr Patricia of the Presentation, Alan Bettles, Fr David Barnes, Evelyn Watkin, 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,