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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 – 24<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2025 21<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### SUNDAY 24<sup>TH</sup>

#### ✠ 21<sup>ST</sup> 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*

#### MONDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> – BANK HOLIDAY

#### ST GENESIUS

10.00 am Mass *Actors & Those in the Performing Arts*  
6.30 pm Mass (1962 Missal) – St Genesius

#### TUESDAY 26<sup>TH</sup>

#### BL DOMINIC OF THE MOTHER OF GOD, PRIEST

No Public Mass today. Private Mass for

*Private Intention – GM*

#### WEDNESDAY 27<sup>TH</sup>

#### ST MONICA

12 noon Exposition  
1.05 pm Mass

*John Ushe RIP*

#### THURSDAY 28<sup>TH</sup>

#### ST AUGUSTINE, BISHOP & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

12 noon Exposition  
1.05 pm Mass

*Emmet McNally RIP*

#### FRIDAY 29<sup>TH</sup>

#### THE PASSION OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

12 noon Exposition  
1.05 pm Mass

*Michael & Irene Healy RIP*

#### SATURDAY 30<sup>TH</sup>

#### SS MARGARET CLITHEROW, ANNE LINE & MARGARET WARD, MARTYRS

5.00 pm Exposition  
6.00 pm Vigil Mass

*Will White RIP – Anniversary*

#### SUNDAY 31<sup>ST</sup>

#### ✠ 22<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

*Ps Wk 2  
Dick & Mea Prendergast RIP  
Pro Populo*



**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](mailto:ccpguk@gmail.com)

## THE NARROW GATE

Today's liturgy presents to us enlightening yet at the same time disconcerting words of Christ. On his last journey to Jerusalem someone asked him: "Lord, will those who are saved be few?" And Jesus answered: "Strive to enter by the narrow door; for many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able".

What does this "narrow door" mean? Why do many not succeed in entering through it? Is it a way reserved for only a few of the chosen?

Indeed, at close examination this way of reasoning by those who were conversing with Jesus is always timely: the temptation to interpret religious practice as a source of privileges or security is always lying in wait.

Actually, Christ's message goes in exactly the opposite direction: everyone may enter life, but the door is "narrow" for all. We are not privileged. The passage to eternal life is open to all, but it is "narrow" because it is demanding: it requires commitment, self-denial and the mortification of one's selfishness.

Once again, as on recent Sundays, the Gospel invites us to think about the future which awaits us and for which we must prepare during our earthly pilgrimage.

Salvation, which Jesus brought with his death and Resurrection, is universal. He is the One Redeemer and invites everyone to the banquet of immortal life; but on one and the same condition: that of striving to follow and imitate him, taking up one's cross as he did, and devoting one's life to serving the brethren. This condition for entering heavenly life is consequently one and universal.

In the Gospel, Jesus recalls further that it is not on the basis of presumed privileges that we will be judged but according to our actions. The "workers of iniquity" will find themselves shut out, whereas all who have done good and sought justice at the cost of sacrifices will be welcomed.

Thus, it will not suffice to declare that we are "friends" of Christ, boasting of false merits: "We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets".

True friendship with Jesus is expressed in the way of life: it is expressed with goodness of heart, with humility, meekness and mercy, love for justice and truth, a sincere and honest commitment to peace and reconciliation.

We might say that this is the "identity card" that qualifies us as his real "friends"; this is the "passport" that will give us access to eternal life.

Dear brothers and sisters, if we too want to pass through the narrow door, we must work to be little, that is, humble of heart like Jesus, like Mary his Mother and our Mother. She was the first, following her Son, to take the way of the Cross and she was taken up to Heaven in glory, an event we commemorated a few days ago. The Christian people invoke her as *Ianna Caeli*, Gate of Heaven. Let us ask her to guide us in our daily decisions on the road that leads to the "Gate of Heaven".

## MASS INTENTIONS

The earliest dates available are now in **January 2026**. Book intentions online at [maidenlane.org.uk/intentions](http://maidenlane.org.uk/intentions)

## 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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 6<sup>th</sup> 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](http://maidenlanejubilee.co.uk)

## MARCH FOR LIFE UK

March for Life UK happens in London on **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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 20<sup>th</sup> September**. More information at [rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages](http://rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages)

## EUCCHARISTIC FESTIVAL AT WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL

On **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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 13<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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,