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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 – 31ST AUGUST 2025 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 31ST

✠ 22ND 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*

MONDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER

FERIA

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

Mary Powell RIP

TUESDAY 2ND

FERIA

No Public Mass today. Private Mass for

Private Intentions – KJ

WEDNESDAY 3RD

ST GREGORY THE GREAT

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour

Mary Waugh RIP

THURSDAY 4TH

ST CUTHBERT, BISHOP

1.05 pm Mass
6.30 pm Sodality of the Blessed Sacrament Mass

*Alice O'Brien RIP
Sodality Members*

FRIDAY 5TH

ST TERESA OF CALCUTTA, VIRGIN

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass

Marian T. Bodian – Birthday Intentions

SATURDAY 6TH

FERIA

10.00 am Exposition & Confessions
11.00 am Sung Jubilee Mass in Latin
5.00 pm Exposition
6.00 pm Vigil Mass

Holy Father's Intentions

Pro Populo

SUNDAY 7TH

✠ 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

*Ps Wk 3
Anne Barrett RIP
Elijah Manning Heacock 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

THE LOWEST PLACE

In this Sunday's Gospel, we find Jesus as a guest dining at the house of a Pharisee leader. Noting that the guests were choosing the best places at table, he recounted a parable in the setting of a marriage feast. "When you are invited by any one to a marriage feast, do not sit down in a place of honour, lest a more eminent man than you be invited by him; and he who invited you both will come, and say to you, 'Give place to this man'... But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place". The Lord does not intend to give a lesson on etiquette or on the hierarchy of the different authorities. Rather, he insists on a crucial point, that of humility: "Every one who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted". A deeper meaning of this parable also makes us think of the position of the human being in relation to God. The "lowest place" can in fact represent the condition of humanity degraded by sin, a condition from which the Incarnation of the Only-Begotten Son alone can raise it. For this reason Christ himself "took the lowest place in the world the Cross and by this radical humility he redeemed us and constantly comes to our aid".

At the end of the parable Jesus suggests to the Pharisee leader that he invite to his table not his friends, kinsmen or rich neighbours, but rather poorer and more marginalized people who can in no way reciprocate, so that the gift may be given freely. The true reward, in fact, will ultimately be given by God, "who governs the world... We offer him our service only to the extent that we can, and for as long as he grants us the strength". Once again, therefore, let us look to Christ as a model of humility and of giving freely: let us learn from him patience in temptation, meekness in offence, obedience to God in suffering, in the hope that the One who has invited us will say to us: "Friend, go up higher". Indeed, the true good is being close to him. St Louis IX, King of France whose Memorial was last Monday put into practice what is written in the Book of Sirach: "The greater you are, the more you must humble yourself; so you will find favour in the sight of the Lord". This is what the King wrote in his "Spiritual Testament to his son": "If the Lord grant you some prosperity, not only must you humbly thank him but take care not to become worse by boasting or in any other way, make sure, that is, that you do not come into conflict with God or offend him with his own gifts".

Dear friends, on Friday we commemorated the Martyrdom of St John the Baptist, the greatest among the prophets of Christ, who was able to deny himself to make room for the Saviour and who suffered and died for the truth. Let us ask him and the Virgin Mary to guide us on the path of humility, in order to become worthy of the divine reward.

MASS INTENTIONS

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

CONFESSION

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

CATECHESIS SEASON

September is the time we begin the various programmes of Catechesis, to prepare for the celebration of the Sacraments of the Church. Baptism, First Confession, Confirmation, Marriage, and even Ordination – now is the time to begin talking about these things. If you are already Baptised, but not as a Catholic, please do feel free to come and talk about Reception into Full Communion with the Catholic Church. Now is also the ideal time to talk about things that you realise are not quite right in your life, e.g. irregular relationships, such as living in a civil but not Catholic Marriage. Or living together without the benefit of a Catholic Marriage – perhaps because there is a divorce in the picture of your life; for these situations prevent a full and grace-filled life with God. Please make an appointment if you would like to come and talk with me – I'd be delighted to see you.

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.

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,