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CORPUS CHRISTI THE DIOCESAN SHRINE OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

SEPTEMBER – MONTH DEDICATED TO
OUR LADY OF SORROWS



✠ HOLY MASS FOR THE WEEK – 21ST SEPTEMBER 2025 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 21ST

✠ 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

*Ps Wk 1
Evelynn Andrea D'Silva-McManus
Marina Dipre – Birthday Intentions*

MONDAY 22ND

FERIA

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
6.30 pm Mass (1962 Missal) – St Thomas of Villanova

Engelbert Mendoza RIP

TUESDAY 23RD

ST PIUS OF PIETRELCINA, PRIEST

No Public Mass today. Private Mass for

Catherine Ekwue Unoma – Intentions

WEDNESDAY 24TH

OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass

Gabriel & Candolina Rodrigues RIP

THURSDAY 25TH

FERIA

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass

Suélem Telles RIP

(Friday Abstinence)

FRIDAY 26TH

Ss COSMAS & DAMIAN, MARTYRS

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass

Mgr Augustine Hoey RIP

SATURDAY 27TH

ST VINCENT DE PAUL, PRIEST

5.00 pm Exposition
6.00 pm Vigil Mass

Craig Cambridge RIP

SUNDAY 28TH

✠ 26TH 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
Pro Populo
Elizabeth Greaves 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

YOU CANNOT SERVE GOD AND MAMMON

Today through a parable that inspires in us a certain surprise since it speaks of a dishonest steward who is praised, a close look reveals that here the Lord has reserved a serious and particularly salutary teaching for us. As always, the Lord draws inspiration from the events of daily life: he tells of a steward who is on the point of being dismissed for dishonest management of his master's affairs and who, to assure a future for himself, cunningly seeks to come to an arrangement with his master's debtors. He is undoubtedly dishonest but clever: the Gospel does not present him to us as a model to follow in his dishonesty, but rather as an example to be imitated for his farsighted guile. The short parable ends, in fact, with these words: "The master commended the dishonest steward for his prudence".

But what does Jesus wish to tell us with this parable? And with its surprising conclusion? The Evangelist follows the parable of the dishonest steward with a short series of sayings and recommendations on the relationship we must have with money and the goods of this earth. These short sentences are an invitation to a choice that presupposes a radical decision, a constant inner tension. Life is truly always a choice: between honesty and dishonesty, between fidelity and infidelity, between selfishness and altruism, between good and evil. The conclusion of this Gospel passage is incisive and peremptory: "No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other". Ultimately, Jesus says, "You cannot serve God and mammon".

Mammon is a term of Phoenician origin that calls to mind economic security and success in business; we might say that riches are shown as the idol to which everything is sacrificed in order to attain one's own material success; hence, this economic success becomes a person's true god. As a result, it is necessary to make a fundamental decision between God and mammon, it is necessary to choose between the logic of profit as the ultimate criterion for our action, and the logic of sharing and solidarity. If the logic of profit prevails, it widens the gap between the poor and the rich, as well as increasing the ruinous exploitation of the planet. On the other hand, when the logic of sharing and solidarity prevails, it is possible to correct the course and direct it to a fair development for the common good of all. Basically, it is a matter of choosing between selfishness and love, between justice and dishonesty and ultimately, between God and Satan.

If loving Christ and one's brethren is not to be considered as something incidental and superficial but, rather, the true and ultimate purpose of our whole existence, it will be necessary to know how to make basic choices, to be prepared to make radical renouncements, if necessary even to the point of martyrdom. Today, as yesterday, Christian life demands the courage to go against the tide, to love like Jesus, who even went so far as to sacrifice himself on the Cross.

MASS INTENTIONS

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

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 2nd October at 6:30pm**. The guest preacher will be **Fr Mike Maguire**, Parish Priest of St Lawrence's, Feltham. 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 4th October**. 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

EUCCHARISTIC FESTIVAL AT WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL

On **Saturday 11th October**, Cardinal Nichols invites everyone to a Eucharistic Festival in the Cathedral, beginning with Votive Mass of St Carlo Acutis at **12:30pm** celebrated by His Eminence, the Cardinal. The afternoon will then include a period of Adoration, Rosary, Confessions and a Procession of the Blessed Sacrament. Watch this space for more info!

MASS FOR OUR LADY, QUEEN OF PALESTINE

The Westminster section of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem warmly invites you to its Mass for the Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of Palestine, on **Wednesday 15th October at 6:30 pm at St. Mary Moorfields**, 4/5 Eldon Street, EC2M 7LS. Mass will be followed by a talk by, and discussion with, two distinguished speakers: Anton Asfar, Secretary General of Caritas Jerusalem; Fr. Elias Tabban, Parish Priest of Zababdeh, a Christian village in the West Bank. They will provide a hands-on account of the catastrophic situation of the Christians in the Holy Land, discuss how the future of the Christians might look like and what gives them hope in these most difficult of times, and share their thoughts on how we can help. RSVP by 10th October: westminstersecretary@eohsj.org.uk

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.

CONFESSION

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

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, Traute Pollock **Of your charity – please pray for those who have died recently:** Sarah Burke, Fr Patrick Hayward CRL, 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