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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 – 14TH SEPTEMBER 2025 THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

SUNDAY 14TH

✠ THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Ps Wk 4

9.30 am Said Mass in English *Giorgia Galea RIP – Anniversary*
11.30 am Sung Mass in Latin *Empress Elisabeth of Austria RIP – Anniversary*
5.00 pm Holy Hour

MONDAY 15TH

OUR LADY OF SORROWS

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass *de Burgh Family Deceased Members RIP*
5.00 pm Holy Hour
6.30 pm Mass (1962 Missal) – Our Lady of Sorrows

TUESDAY 16TH

Ss CORNELIUS, POPE, AND CYPRIAN, BISHOP, MARTYRS

No Public Mass today. Private Mass for *Private Intentions – MDB*

WEDNESDAY 17TH

ST ROBERT BELLARMIN, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass *Graham & Tristan Gilder RIP*

THURSDAY 18TH

FERIA

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass *Benefactors of Corpus Christi*

FRIDAY 19TH

ST JANUARIUS, BISHOP & MARTYR

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass *Stefan Muller RIP*

SATURDAY 20TH

Ss ANDREW KIM TAE-GÖN, PRIEST, & PAUL CÖNG HA-SANG & COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

5.00 pm Exposition
6.00 pm Vigil Mass *Pro Populo*

SUNDAY 21ST

✠ 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ps Wk 1

9.30 am Said Mass in English *Evelynn Andrea D'Silva-McManus*
11.30 am Sung Mass in Latin *Marina Dipre – Birthday Intentions*

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

AVE CRUX SPES UNICA!

“What a great thing it is to possess the Cross! He who possesses it possesses a treasure”. On this day when the Church’s liturgy celebrates the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, the Gospel we hear reminds us of the meaning of this great mystery: God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that men might be saved. The Son of God became vulnerable, assuming the condition of a slave, obedient even to death, death on a cross. By his Cross we are saved. The instrument of torture which, on Good Friday, manifested God’s judgement on the world, has become a source of life, pardon, mercy, a sign of reconciliation and peace. “In order to be healed from sin, gaze upon Christ crucified!” said Saint Augustine. By raising our eyes towards the Crucified one, we adore him who came to take upon himself the sin of the world and to give us eternal life. And the Church invites us proudly to lift up this glorious Cross so that the world can see the full extent of the love of the Crucified one for mankind, for every man and woman. She invites us to give thanks to God because from a tree which brought death, life has burst out anew. On this wood Jesus reveals to us his sovereign majesty, he reveals to us that he is exalted in glory. Yes, “Come, let us adore him!” In our midst is he who loved us even to giving his life for us, he who invites every human being to draw near to him with trust.

The sign of the Cross is a kind of synthesis of our faith, for it tells how much God loves us; it tells us that there is a love in this world that is stronger than death, stronger than our weaknesses and sins. The power of love is stronger than the evil which threatens us. It is this mystery of the universality of God’s love for men that Mary came to reveal in Lourdes. She invites all people of good will, all those who suffer in heart or body, to raise their eyes towards the Cross of Jesus, so as to discover there the source of life, the source of salvation.

The Church has received the mission of showing all people this loving face of God, manifested in Jesus Christ. Are we able to understand that in the Crucified One of Golgotha, our dignity as children of God, tarnished by sin, is restored to us? Let us turn our gaze towards Christ. It is he who will make us free to love as he loves us, and to build a reconciled world. For on this Cross, Jesus took upon himself the weight of all the sufferings and injustices of our humanity. He bore the humiliation and the discrimination, the torture suffered in many parts of the world by so many of our brothers and sisters for love of Christ. We entrust all this to Mary, mother of Jesus and our mother, present at the foot of the Cross.

In order to welcome into our lives this glorious Cross, this month dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows urges us to embark upon a journey of faith and conversion. Today, Mary comes to meet us, so as to show us the way towards a renewal of life for our communities and for each one of us. By welcoming her Son, whom she presents to us, we are plunged into a living stream in which the faith can rediscover new vigour, in which the Church can be strengthened so as to proclaim the mystery of Christ ever more boldly.

FR PATRICK HAYWARD CRL, RIP

Fr Patrick Hayward, who for many years celebrated the Monday evening Masses here at Maiden Lane died early on Thursday morning. Details of his funeral will be announced in due course. Please pray for the happy repose of his soul.

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.

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

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!

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. We are pleased to once again be able to offer blue seven day lamps for sale.

MASS INTENTIONS

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

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:** 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 O’Toole,