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CORPUS CHRISTI

THE DIOCESAN SHRINE OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

JUNE – MONTH DEDICATED TO
THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

✠ HOLY MASS FOR THE WEEK – 14TH JUNE 2026 11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 14TH

✠ 11TH 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 3
Margaret Downes RIP
Alida Boudreau*

MONDAY 15TH

FERIA

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

Annina Tarsitano RIP

TUESDAY 16TH

ST RICHARD OF CHICHESTER, BISHOP

No lunchtime Mass today. Private Mass offered for

Holy Souls in Purgatory

WEDNESDAY 17TH

FERIA

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour

Ruby Woodruff RIP

THURSDAY 18TH

FERIA

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour

John Pellegrinon RIP

FRIDAY 19TH

ST ROMUALD, ABBOT

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour

(Friday Abstinence)

Private Intentions – KB

SATURDAY 20TH

ST ALBAN, MARTYR

5.00 pm Exposition
6.00 pm Vigil Mass

Pro Populo

SUNDAY 21ST

✠ 12TH 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 4
Joe McMabon RIP
Jan Szablowski 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

BECOME HOLY

The biblical texts for this 11th Sunday of Ordinary Time illuminate the reality of the Church. The First Reading recalls God's Covenant with Israel on Mount Sinai, while the Gospel recounts the call and mission of the Twelve Apostles. Together they present the Church's very constitution, inviting every community to renew its vocation and missionary zeal.

In the Covenant on Sinai, God declares his eternal plan: to save all humanity by sanctifying a people whom he chooses as his own possession among all peoples. This people is called to be a holy nation – not only morally, but in its deepest ontological reality. The full meaning of this identity would be gradually disclosed through the events of salvation history and perfectly revealed in Jesus Christ.

In calling the Twelve, Jesus symbolically evokes the twelve tribes of Israel. By placing them at the heart of his new community, he shows that he has come to bring the Father's design to completion. The universal Church would burst forth at Pentecost, when the Apostles gathered as one Body with the Risen Christ as Head, and sent by him to all nations.

Jesus works with the unmistakable style of God: accomplishing great things through what is poor and humble. The dramatic cosmic signs of Sinai give way in the Gospels to quiet, discreet gestures charged with immense potential. This is the logic of the Kingdom – the tiny seed that becomes a great tree. While the Covenant at Sinai was accompanied by terrifying signs, the beginnings of the Church in Galilee reflect the gentle compassion of Christ's Heart. Yet they inaugurate another decisive battle against the forces of evil. Jesus gives the Twelve authority over unclean spirits and every disease and infirmity, so that they might cooperate with him in establishing the Kingdom.

The Church, like Christ and with him, is called and sent to establish the Kingdom of life, to drive out the dominion of death, and to let the love of God triumph in the world. Christ's work is always silent and unspectacular. The great tree of true life grows in the humility of being Church and living the Gospel day by day. In these humble beginnings the Lord encourages us: even in the poverty of our Christian lives today, we can recognise his presence, find courage to meet him, and make his love – source of peace and authentic life – present on earth.

God's plan unfolds with respect for our freedom, for love cannot be imposed. The Church is the place where we receive and mediate God's love. Holiness and mission are therefore inseparable: only because she is filled with divine love can the Church fulfil her mission. Our first duty, if we wish to heal the world, is to be holy, configured to God; from this flows a transforming power that touches others and history itself.

The Apostles were not chosen for their perfection. They were believers full of zeal, yet marked by serious human limitations. Jesus called them not because they were already holy, but so that they might become holy and thereby transform history – the same calling given to every Christian. The Church is the community of sinners who believe in God's love, allow themselves to be transformed by it, and thus become holy.

CORPUS CHRISTI – THANK YOU!

I can't thank you all enough for your support during the Eucharistic Octave, and most of all the Corpus Christi Procession last Sunday. There are too many people to thank by name, but I hope they all know who they are, and that they know how grateful I truly am. The numbers were fantastic – by far the largest we have seen yet – and the whole thing was a wonderful witness to our Eucharistic Lord. If you'd like to watch any of the Masses again, you can do so at catholiclondon.org

At the time of printing the newsletter, we had covered 42% of the Procession costs. If you are able to help us get this figure nearer to 50%, you can donate at catholiclondon.org/donate The largest cost, by far, is the traffic management company, who we are required to use by law, but who also do such sterling work in closing the roads to cars and keeping us all safe.

SS PETER & PAUL

The obligation to attend Mass for the Solemnity of Ss Peter & Paul is this year transferred to **Sunday 28th June**. The Feast will, however, still be commemorated on Monday 29th June at 1:05pm and 6:30pm.

SODALITY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The next Sodality of the Blessed Sacrament Mass with Adoration and Benediction will be on **Thursday 2nd July at 6:30pm**. To join the Sodality, visit sodality.co.uk

70TH ANNIVERSARY OF CONSECRATION

Please put the **11:30am** Mass on **Sunday 18th October** in your diary. **His Eminence, Cardinal Nichols** will be celebrating the Mass, marking the 70th Anniversary of the Shrine's Consecration in 1956 by Bishop George Craven.

BROMPTON ORATORY SUMMER FETE

The Annual Oratory Summer Fête will take place this year on **Saturday 20th June**. The Garden Party is their major annual fundraising event, with books and gifts for sale, games for children, and refreshments to enjoy, all within the garden of Oratory House. If you would like to volunteer to assist with planning or with facilitation on the day, please email youngadultsgroup@bromptonoratory.co.uk

NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

The Order in Britain will keep the its patronal feast, that of the Nativity of St John the Baptist, with a solemn Mass and the customary investiture of new Members of the Order. The Mass will take place on **Wednesday 24th June at 10:15am at the London Oratory**, Brompton Road, and be celebrated by their Principal Chaplain, Archbishop Cushley of St Andrews & Edinburgh. At the end of Mass, recipients of awards in the order of merit '*Pro merito Melitensi*' will be honoured. All are welcome to attend.

SEVEN DAY LAMPS

Are available at the back of the church for £6, or online at maidenlane.org.uk/lamps.

CONFESSION

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

MASS INTENTIONS

The earliest dates available are now in **March 2027**. Book intentions online at maidenlane.org.uk/intentions

Our sick parishioners and friends: Peter Noakes, 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:** Catherine Donner, Dan Brown, Diane Bettles, Philip Umunnakwe, Robert Adams, Fr Hubert Bonnet-Eymard SM, Rose Reid, Joan Rodrigues, Molly Steele, 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