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In Thanksgiving

LADY CHAPEL

Private Intention CW

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In Thanksgiving

SACRED HEART NARTHEX

Dipre Family

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CORPUS CHRISTI

THE DIOCESAN SHRINE OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

JULY – MONTH DEDICATED TO
THE MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD

✠ HOLY MASS FOR THE WEEK – 26TH JULY 2026 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 26TH

✠ 17TH 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 1
Pauline McMahon RIP
Jan Woronowicz RIP

MONDAY 27TH

FERIA

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

Kathleen Carter RIP

Marygold Turner RIP

TUESDAY 28TH

FERIA

No lunchtime Mass today. Private Mass offered for *Mary Cecilia Cuming RIP*

WEDNESDAY 29TH

Ss MARTHA, MARY & LAZARUS

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour

Krystyna, Andrzej & Jarosław Adamczewski RIP

THURSDAY 30TH

ST PETER CHRYSOLOGUS, BISHOP & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour

Leokadia & Władysław Ładecy RIP

FRIDAY 31ST

(Friday Abstinence)

ST IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA, PRIEST

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour

Józefa, Zofia & Stefan Cała RIP

SATURDAY 1ST AUGUST

ST ALPHONSUS LIGUORI, BISHOP & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

5.00 pm Exposition
6.00 pm Vigil Mass

Pro Populo

SUNDAY 2ND

✠ 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

Ps Wk 2
Leo Henderson RIP

Maria Isabella & Antonio Barbuto – Anniversary

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

AN UNDERSTANDING HEART

Today, in the liturgy, the Old Testament Reading presents to us the figure of King Solomon, the son and successor of David. It presents him at the beginning of his reign, when he was still very young. Solomon inherited a very demanding task and the responsibility that lay heavily on his shoulders was great for a young king. He first of all offered God a solemn sacrifice, "a thousand burnt offerings", as the Bible says. Then the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night and promised to grant him what he asked in prayer. And here we see the greatness of Solomon's soul. He did not ask for a long life, nor wealth, nor the elimination of his enemies; instead he said to the Lord: "Give your servant, therefore, an understanding heart to judge your people and to distinguish right from wrong". And the Lord heard him, so that Solomon became famous throughout the world for his wisdom and his right judgements.

Therefore he prayed God to grant him "an understanding heart". What do these words mean? We know that the "heart" in the Bible does not only indicate a part of the body, but also the centre of the person, the seat of his intentions and opinions. We might say: the conscience. Thus an "understanding heart" means a conscience that knows how to listen, that is sensitive to the voice of truth and for this reason can discern right from wrong.

In Solomon's case, the request was motivated by the responsibility of leading a nation, Israel, the people whom God chose to show the world his plan of salvation. The King of Israel, therefore, had to try always to be in tune with God, listening to his word, in order to guide the people on the paths of the Lord, the path of justice and of peace.

However, Solomon's example is valid for every person. Each one of us has a conscience so as to be, in a certain way, "king", that is, to exercise the great human dignity of acting in accordance with an upright conscience, doing what is right and avoiding wrong.

The moral conscience presupposes the ability to hear the voice of truth and to be docile to its indications. People who are called to the task of government naturally have a further responsibility and, therefore - as Solomon teaches - are in even greater need of God's help. Yet each one has his own part to play, in the concrete situation in which he finds himself. An erroneous mentality suggests to us that we ask God for favourable things or conditions; in fact, the true quality of our life and of social life depends on the upright conscience of each one, on the capacity of one and all to recognize right, separating it from wrong and seeking patiently to put it into practice, thereby contributing to justice and to peace.

Let us ask the Virgin Mary, Seat of Wisdom, for help in this. Her "heart" was perfectly docile to the Lord's will. Even though she was a humble and simple person, Mary was a queen in God's eyes, and we venerate her as such. May the Blessed Virgin help us to form in ourselves, with God's grace, a conscience ever open to the truth and sensitive to justice, to serve the Kingdom of God.

MARY'S MEALS

Mary's Meals are with us this weekend. The charity, based in Scotland, serves nutritious school meals to children living in some of the world's poorest countries. The promise of a good meal attracts these hungry children into the classroom, giving them the energy to learn and hope for a better future. Mary's Meals will also have a special announcement to make. You can also donate online at donate.marysmeals.org/gb

PILGRIMAGE OF REPARATION & PRAYER

All are welcome to join the annual Pilgrimage of Reparation and Prayer for the Sanctity of Life on **Saturday 1st August**, at the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham. More details, including information on coach transport, can be found at prolifepilgrimage.org If you cannot join in person, please consider uniting with the pilgrims in prayer.

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

The Obligation for the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is this year transferred to **Sunday 16th August**. Masses therefore will follow the usual Sunday schedule.

LATIN MASS SOCIETY WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE

There will be a Day Pilgrimage to Walsingham on **Saturday 30th August** with a coach departing from Westminster Cathedral at 9.20am. Cost: £30. The day will include High Mass in the traditional Roman Rite and Marian devotions at the Abbey Ruins, as well as time to explore Walsingham. The day pilgrimage forms part of the annual Walking Pilgrimage, with groups travelling from both London and Ely. Further information and booking at lms.org.uk/walsingham

SODALITY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The next Sodality of the Blessed Sacrament Mass with Adoration and Benediction will be on **Thursday 3rd September at 6:30pm**. A reminder that there is no Sodality Mass in August. To join the Sodality, visit sodality.co.uk

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

The annual diocesan pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham, led by the Archbishop, will take place on **Saturday 19th September**. Information at rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

The earliest dates available are now in **April 2027**. Book intentions online at maidenlane.org.uk/intentions If you have any dates you would like in 2027, book them early!

VESTMENT SPONSORSHIP

All of the vestments you see at Mass here at the Shrine have been donated by parishioners, visitors, and even people who have never stepped foot in Covent Garden. Embroidered inside each vestment is the name of a loved one in whose memory that particular set has been donated, and every time the priest vests for Mass, he remembers that name especially, and prays for them. In this year of our 70th Anniversary, might you like to sponsor a set of vestments, or contribute towards the costs of a set? If you would, please visit maidenlane.org.uk/vestments

Our sick parishioners and friends: Pam Molyneux, Peter Noakes, Alain de Jager, Mieke 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:** Dame Ann Widdecombe, Ibolya Keshely, Marygold Turner, 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