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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 – 2<sup>ND</sup> AUGUST 2026 18<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### SUNDAY 2<sup>ND</sup>

#### ✠ 18<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9.30 am Said Mass in English *Ps Wk 2*  
11.30 am Said Mass in Latin *Leo Henderson RIP*  
*Maria Isabella & Antonio Barbuto – Anniversary*

#### MONDAY 3<sup>RD</sup>

#### FERIA

12 noon Exposition  
1.05 pm Mass *Holy Souls in Purgatory*  
6.30 pm Missa Cantata (1962 Missal) – Feria

#### TUESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup>

#### ST JOHN VIANNEY, PRIEST

No lunchtime Mass today. Private Mass offered for *Holy Souls in Purgatory*

#### WEDNESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup>

#### THE DEDICATION OF THE BASILICA OF ST MARY MAJOR

12 noon Exposition  
1.05 pm Mass *Francois Dimminger RIP*

#### THURSDAY 6<sup>TH</sup>

#### THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

12 noon Exposition  
1.05 pm Mass *Annie Antoinette RIP*

#### FRIDAY 7<sup>TH</sup>

*(Friday Abstinence)*

#### ST SIXTUS, POPE, & COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

12 noon Exposition  
1.05 pm Mass *Kathleen O'Dea – Intentions*

#### SATURDAY 8<sup>TH</sup>

#### ST DOMINIC, PRIEST

5.00 pm Exposition  
6.00 pm Vigil Mass *Pro Populo*

#### SUNDAY 9<sup>TH</sup>

#### ✠ 19<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9.30 am Said Mass in English *Ps Wk 3*  
11.30 am Said Mass in Latin *Johnny Benson RIP*  
*Bernhard Tenzler RIP – 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](mailto:ccpguk@gmail.com)

## HUNGER FOR MORE

This Sunday's Gospel describes the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves that Jesus worked for a great throng of people who had followed him to listen to him and to be healed of various illnesses.

As evening fell the disciples suggested to Jesus that he send the crowds away so that they might take some refreshment. But the Lord had something else in mind: "You give them something to eat". However they had "only five loaves... and two fish". Jesus' subsequent action evokes the sacrament of the Eucharist: "He looked up to heaven, and blessed, and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds".

The miracle consists in the brotherly sharing of a few loaves which, entrusted to the power of God, not only sufficed for everyone but enough was left over to fill 12 baskets. The Lord asked this of the disciples so that it would be they who distributed the bread to the multitude; in this way he taught and prepared them for their future apostolic mission: in fact, they were to bring to all the nourishment of the Word of life and of the sacraments.

In this miraculous sign the incarnation of God and the work of redemption are interwoven. Jesus, in fact, "went ashore" from the boat to meet the men and women. St Maximus the Confessor said that the Word of God made himself present for our sake, by taking flesh, derived from us and conformed to us in all things save sin, in order to expose us to his teaching with words and examples suitable for us".

Here the Lord offers us an eloquent example of his compassion for people. We are reminded of all our brothers and sisters in the Horn of Africa who in these days are suffering the dramatic consequences of famine, exacerbated by war and by the lack of solid institutions. Christ is attentive to material needs but he wished to give more, because man always "hungers for more, he needs more". God's love is present in the bread of Christ; in the encounter with him "we feed on the living God himself, so to speak, we truly eat the 'bread from Heaven'".

Dear friends. "in the Eucharist Jesus also makes us witnesses of God's compassion towards all our brothers and sisters. The Eucharistic mystery thus gives rise to a service of charity towards neighbour". St Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Society of Jesus whom the Church commemorated on Friday, also bore witness to this. Indeed Ignatius chose to live "finding God in all things, loving him in all creatures".

Let us entrust our prayers to the Virgin Mary, so that she may open our hearts to compassion for our neighbour and to fraternal sharing.

## 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 16<sup>th</sup> August**. Masses therefore will follow the usual Sunday schedule.

## HEARING AID T-LOOP

Apologies. We hope this will be repaired soon.

## SUMMER BREAK

During August, things wind down for the summer to give everyone a chance of a rest. The musicians are on a break, and sung Masses will resume in September. The 5pm Holy Hours will also be paused during August, resuming in September. I'd like to take this opportunity, however, to thank everyone for so much hard work over the last few months, as we have celebrated the Triduum and Easter, our Titular Feast and so much more. May you all have a well-deserved and restful summer!

## 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 70<sup>th</sup> 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](http://maidenlane.org.uk/vestments) for more information, or send Alex an email.

**Thank you very much** to the generous donor who has given a chasuble this week. If you would like to help make this a full High Mass set with dalmatics and copes, please contact Alex.

## LATIN MASS SOCIETY WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE

There will be a Day Pilgrimage to Walsingham on **Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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 3<sup>rd</sup> September at 6:30pm**. A reminder that there is no Sodality Mass in August. To join the Sodality, visit [sodality.co.uk](http://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 19<sup>th</sup> September**. Information at [rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages](http://rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages)

## 70<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF CONSECRATION

Please put the **11:30am** Mass on **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October** in your diary. **His Eminence, Cardinal Nichols** will be celebrating the Mass, marking the 70<sup>th</sup> 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](http://maidenlane.org.uk/intentions)

## BUILDING FUND

These second collections help us with the maintenance of the Shrine building, which are an on-going cause for concern with a building this old. At the moment we need to raise **£15k** to tank the cellar to stop it from flooding, as well as **£50k** to do essential repairs to the brickwork and masonry on the front of the building. All help gratefully received!

**Our sick parishioners and friends:** Pam Molyneux, 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:** 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