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In Thanksgiving

LADY CHAPEL

Private Intention CW

SACRED HEART CHAPEL

In Thanksgiving

SACRED HEART NARTHEX

Reynaldo B. Alvarado

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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 – 23RD AUGUST 2026 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 23RD

✠ 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

*Ps Wk 1
Brid Slattery RIP
Laura Archard RIP*

MONDAY 24TH

ST BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE

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

Stephen & Teresa Young RIP

TUESDAY 25TH

ST GENESIUS, MARTYR

No lunchtime Mass today. Private Mass offered for *Actors & Performing Artists*

WEDNESDAY 26TH

BL DOMINIC OF THE MOTHER OF GOD, PRIEST

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass

William Mulvoy RIP

THURSDAY 27TH

ST MONICA

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass

Carmel Reynolds RIP – Anniversary

FRIDAY 28TH

(Friday Abstinence)

ST AUGUSTINE, BISHOP & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass

Kathleen Bernadette McGovern RIP

SATURDAY 29TH

THE PASSION OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

5.00 pm Exposition
6.00 pm Vigil Mass

Pro Populo

SUNDAY 30TH

✠ 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

*Ps Wk 2
Dick & Mea Prendergast RIP
Gaetanina Pietrocario 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

WHO DO YOU SAY I AM?

This Sunday's liturgy addresses to us Christians but also at the same time to every man and every woman the double question that one day Jesus put to his disciples. He first asked them: "Who do men say that the Son of man is?". They answered him saying that some of the people said John the Baptist restored to life, others Elijah, Jeremiah or one of the prophets. The Lord then directly questioned the Twelve: "But who do you say that I am?". Peter spoke enthusiastically and authoritatively on behalf of them all: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God". This solemn profession of faith the Church continues to repeat since then. Today too, we long to proclaim with an innermost conviction: "Yes, Jesus, you are the Christ, the Son of the living God!". Let us do so in the awareness that Christ is the true "treasure" for whom it is worth sacrificing everything; he is the friend who never abandons us for he knows the most intimate expectations of our hearts. Jesus is the "Son of the living God", the promised Messiah who came down to earth to offer humanity salvation and to satisfy the thirst for life and love that dwells in every human being. What an advantage humanity would have in welcoming this proclamation which brings with it joy and peace!

"You are the Christ, the Son of the living God". Jesus answers Peter's inspired profession of faith: "You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church, and the powers of death shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven". This is the first time that Jesus speaks of the Church, whose mission is the actuation of God's great design to gather the whole of humanity into a single family in Christ. Peter's mission, and that of his Successors, is precisely to serve this unity of the one Church of God formed of Jews and pagans of all peoples; his indispensable ministry is to ensure that she is never identified with a single nation, with a single culture, but is the Church of all peoples – to make present among men and women, scarred by innumerable divisions and conflicts, God's peace and the renewing power of his love. This, then, is the special mission of the Pope, Bishop of Rome and Successor of Peter: to serve the inner unity that comes from God's peace, the unity of those who have become brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ.

In the face of the enormous responsibility of this task, I am increasingly aware of the commitment and importance of the service to the Church and the world that the Lord has entrusted to our Holy Father. I therefore ask you to support him with your prayers so that, faithful to Christ, we may proclaim and bear witness together to his presence in our time. May Mary, whom we invoke with trust as Mother of the Church and Star of Evangelization, obtain this grace for us.

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, the book is full for this year and next, so it is only possible to buy for the Sacred Heart Lamp in the Narthex or for an individual lamp in a side chapel.

BECOMING A CATHOLIC

Now is the time of the year when we invite those of you who are considering becoming a Catholic or 'reverting' to the Catholic Life that you have fallen away from, to get in touch with us. The classes will take place on **Saturday mornings at 10.30am, beginning on the 26th September.**

If you'd like to be in touch to discuss this or just to register for the program, please do send me an email. Don't hold back - the Lord is waiting for you!

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.

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 for more information, or send Alex an email.

Thank you very much to the generous donors who have given vestments so far. If you would like to help make one set 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 **Sunday 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.** 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 **May 2027.** Book intentions online at maidenlane.org.uk/intentions

BUILDING FUND

These second collections help us with the maintenance of the Shrine building. maidenlane.org.uk/donate

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