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Private Intention CW

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In Thanksgiving

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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 – 20TH SEPTEMBER 2026 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 20TH

✠ 25TH 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
Pro Populo
Marina Dipre – Birthday Intentions*

MONDAY 21ST

ST MATTHEW, APOSTLE & EVANGELIST

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

Ugo Annemarie – Intentions

TUESDAY 22ND

FERIA

No lunchtime Mass today. Private Mass offered for

Joan Rodrigues RIP

WEDNESDAY 23RD

ST PIUS OF PIETRELCINA, PRIEST

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour

John Ernest Brentnall RIP – Anniversary

THURSDAY 24TH

OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour

Rosemary Relf RIP

FRIDAY 25TH

FERIA

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour

(Friday Abstinence)

Maurice James Knight RIP – Anniversary

SATURDAY 26TH

Ss COSMAS & DAMIAN, MARTYRS

10.30 am RCIA Class
5.00 pm Exposition
6.00 pm Vigil Mass

Mgr Augustine Hoey RIP – Anniversary

SUNDAY 27TH

✠ 26TH 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 2
Pro Populo
Sarah Burke 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

TO LIVE IS CHRIST

Today's liturgy begin with the Reading from St Paul's Letter to the Philippians, namely to the members of the community that the Apostle himself founded in the city of Philippi, an important Roman colony in Macedonia, today northern Greece. Paul reached Philippi on his second missionary voyage, sailing across the Aegean Sea from Anatolia. This was the first time the Gospel arrived in Europe. It was in about the year 50, hence 20 years after Jesus' death and Resurrection. Yet, the Letter to the Philippians contains a hymn to Christ which presents a complete synthesis of his mystery: incarnation, *kenosis*, that is, self-emptying to the point of death on the cross, and glorification.

This same mystery became one with the life of the Apostle Paul, who wrote this Letter while he was in prison, awaiting a sentence of life or death. He declared: "For me to live is Christ and to die is gain". This is a new meaning for life and of human existence, which consists in communion with the living Jesus Christ; not only with a historical figure, a teacher of wisdom, a religious leader, but with a man in whom God himself dwells. His death and Resurrection is the Good News, which, starting from Jerusalem, is destined to reach all men and all peoples, and to transform from within all cultures, opening them to the fundamental truth: God is love. He was made man in Jesus and with his sacrifice redeemed humanity from the slavery of evil, giving people a hope in which they could trust.

St Paul was a man who summed up three worlds in himself: the Jewish, the Greek, and the Roman. Not by chance did God entrust to him the mission to take the Gospel to Asia Minor, to Greece and later to Rome, building a bridge that would take Christianity to the very ends of the earth. Today we live in an era of new evangelization. Vast horizons are opening to the proclamation of the Gospel while regions with an ancient Christian tradition are called to rediscover the beauty of faith. The leaders of this mission are men and women who, like St Paul, can say: "For me to live is Christ". People, families, and communities who agree to work in the Lord's vineyard, according to the image in this Sunday's Gospel. Humble and gentle workers, who ask for no remuneration other than to share in the mission of Jesus and of his Church.

"If it is to be life in the flesh", St Paul writes further, "that means fruitful labour for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell": full union with Christ beyond death, or service to his mystical body on this earth.

Dear friends, the Gospel has transformed the world and is still transforming it, like a river that irrigates a vast field. Let us turn in prayer to the Virgin Mary, that priestly, religious and lay vocations may develop throughout the Church for the service of the new evangelization.

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!

A GIFT FROM PADRE PIO

Last year, to fulfil a promise I made to Padre Pio, I went to San Giovanni Rotondo to celebrate his feast day on 23rd September. Whilst there, I asked whether it might be possible to obtain a First Class relic of the saint for the Shrine. I took with me a letter from Cardinal Nichols to support my request. At that time, there were no relics prepared. A couple of months ago we received a letter advising us that the requested relic had been prepared and was now ready for collection. Patti Fordyce, from Cheyne Row parish, was in Rome recently and very kindly collected the relic for us. It is a piece of one of the bandages used to cover the stigmata, and is stained with Padre Pio's blood.

At the end of the 1.05pm Mass on this coming Wednesday 23rd September, his feast day, you'll be able to venerate this relic.

VACANCY AT THE LATIN MASS SOCIETY

The Latin Mass Society (LMS) is seeking an efficient and experienced manager for its London office, managing a small team of staff and online bookshop, the production of its quarterly magazine *Mass of Ages*, and facilitating the work of its activities in supporting the celebration of the Traditional Mass in England and Wales and beyond. Full time position, for the complete Job Description and how to apply, visit: lms.org.uk/vacancies

SODALITY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The next Sodality of the Blessed Sacrament Mass with Adoration and Benediction will be on **Thursday 1st October at 6.30pm**. To join the Sodality, visit sodality.co.uk

FEAST OF ST CARLO ACUTIS

The Feast of St Carlo Acutis falls on **Monday 12th October**. There will be two Masses here that day: 1.05pm (said, English) and 6.30pm (1962 Missa Cantata). The evening Mass will be sung by the Southwell Consort and will include the *Missa Voce Mea* by Ingegneri, *O Altitudo Divitiarum* by Guerrero and *O Sacrum Convivium* by Salazar. It will be possible to venerate the relic after each of the Masses.

CHURCH CLEANING

We will be cleaning the church on the morning of **Saturday 17th October from 9am** ahead of our Anniversary celebrations the following day. If you are able to come and lend us a hand for a couple of hours, I'd be hugely grateful. The more, the merrier!

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 **July 2027**. Book intentions online at maidenlane.org.uk/intentions

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