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CORPUS CHRISTI THE DIOCESAN SHRINE OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

OCTOBER – MONTH DEDICATED TO
THE HOLY ROSARY

✠ HOLY MASS FOR THE WEEK – 4TH OCTOBER 2026 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 4TH

✠ 27TH 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
Eileen Osborne RIP
Dennis Milewski*

MONDAY 5TH

ST FAUSTINA KOWALSKA, VIRGIN

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

Parmenio Riano RIP

TUESDAY 6TH

ST BRUNO, PRIEST

Private Mass offered for *Josephine, Paddy, Michael & Michael Jr Hanley RIP*

WEDNESDAY 7TH

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass

Josie O'Kane – Intentions

THURSDAY 8TH

FERIA

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass

Benefactors of Corpus Christi

FRIDAY 9TH

(Friday Abstinence)

ST JOHN HENRY NEWMAN, PRIEST & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour
6.30 pm Mass (1962 Missal)

Kathleen Carter RIP – Anniversary

Good Counsel Network

SATURDAY 10TH

ST PAULINUS OF YORK, BISHOP

5.00 pm Exposition
6.00 pm Vigil Mass

Pro Populo

SUNDAY 11TH

✠ 28TH 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
Jim Ryan RIP
Empress Elisabeth of Austria 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

THE VITAL BOND OF UNION WITH CHRIST

This Sunday's Gospel ends with a particularly severe warning from Jesus, addressed to the chief priests and the elders of the people: "The kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a nation producing the fruits of it". These are words that call to mind the great responsibility of those in every epoch who are called to work in the Lord's vineyard, especially in roles of authority, and they press for a renewal of full fidelity to Christ.

He is "the very stone which the builders rejected", because they judged him to be hostile to the law and a danger to public order; but he himself, rejected and crucified, is risen, to become the "corner stone" on which the foundations of every human life and of the whole world may rest in total safety.

The truth of this is the subject of the Parable of the Unfaithful Tenants to whom a man entrusted his vineyard so that they might cultivate and harvest the produce. The owner of the vineyard symbolizes God himself, while the vineyard symbolizes his people, as well as the life he gives, so that with his grace and our hard work, we may do good. St Augustine comments: "God does also cultivate us... as a field, that he may make us better". God has a project for his friends, but unfortunately the human response is often oriented to infidelity which is expressed in rejection. Pride and selfishness prevent us from recognizing and welcoming even God's most precious gift: his Only-Begotten Son.

When, in fact, "he sent his son to them", the Evangelist Matthew wrote, "[the tenants] took him and cast him out of the vineyard, and killed him". God puts himself in our hands, agrees to make himself an unfathomable mystery of weakness and manifests his omnipotence in his faithfulness to a plan of love which, in the end, also provides for the proper punishment of the wicked.

Firmly anchored in faith to the cornerstone which is Christ, let us abide in him, like the branch that can bear no fruit unless it remains attached to the vine. The Church, the People of the New Covenant, is built only in him, for him and with him. On this the Paul St VI wrote: "The first benefit which We trust the Church will reap from a deepened self-awareness, is a renewed discovery of its vital bond of union with Christ. This is something which is perfectly well known, but it is supremely important and absolutely essential. It can never be sufficiently understood, meditated upon and preached".

Dear friends, the Lord is ever close and active in humanity's history and accompanies us with the unique presence of his Angels, whom the Church venerated last week as "Guardian Angels", that is, ministers of the divine care for every human being. From the beginning until the hour of death, human life is surrounded by their constant protection. And the Angels encircle the august Queen of Victories, the Blessed Virgin Mary of the Rosary, who, on the first Sunday of October, at this very moment, receives the fervent supplication from the Shrine of Pompeii and from the whole world that evil may be defeated and God's goodness revealed in its fullness.

SEVEN DAY LAMPS

Are available at the back of the church for £6, or online.

BECOMING A CATHOLIC

If you are considering becoming a Catholic or 'reverting' to the Catholic Life that you have fallen away from, then please do get in touch with us.

If you'd like to join – it's not too late! Please do send me an email. Don't hold back – the Lord is waiting for you!

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!

ROSARY CRUSADE OF REPARATION

The annual Rosary Crusade of Reparation takes place on **Saturday 17th October**. The procession with the statue of Our Lady of Fatima leads from Westminster Cathedral (starting at 1:45pm) to the Oratory. At the Oratory church there will be devotions, a sermon, and Solemn Benediction.

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. All are most welcome to celebrate this milestone in the life of the Shrine. A Plenary Indulgence is available to all who visit the church on that day, under the usual conditions.

SODALITY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The next Sodality of the Blessed Sacrament Mass with Adoration and Benediction will be on **Thursday 5th November at 6:30pm**. This will be a Requiem Mass for all those Sodality Members over the last century who have gone to their eternal reward. To join the Sodality, visit sodality.co.uk

MASS INTENTIONS

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

GIFT AIDING DONATIONS

The human calculators in the Diocesan finance office have been tapping away at the financial figures of all the parishes across the Diocese and have come up with some interesting figures. Here at the Shrine, they have worked out that only 43% of offerings we received last year were Gift Aided. Had that figure been higher, we could have claimed an additional **£19,761** from the Government at no extra cost to those who visit the Shrine. This sum alone would pay for the works to the cellar, and still leave plenty left over. If you are a UK tax payer, and aren't already gift aiding your donations, please do as it will make such a difference to us. I'd like to take this opportunity, however, to thank all those who give in any way to the Shrine. Thank you!

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:** Regina, Dame Ann Widdecombe, Ibolya Keshely, Marygold Turner, Catherine Donner, Dan Brown, Diane Bettles, Philip Ummunnakwe, 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,