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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 – 11TH OCTOBER 2026 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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*

MONDAY 12TH

ST CARLO ACUTIS

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

Bill Mulcahy RIP

TUESDAY 13TH

✠ ST EDWARD THE CONFESSOR

No public Mass today. Private Mass offered for

Aidan & Helen Roche RIP

WEDNESDAY 14TH

ST CALLISTUS I, POPE & MARTYR

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour

Holy Souls

THURSDAY 15TH

ST TERESA OF JESUS, VIRGIN & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour

Jim Ryan RIP – Anniversary

FRIDAY 16TH

ST MARGARET MARY ALACOQUE, VIRGIN

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour

(Friday Abstinence)

In Thanksgiving

SATURDAY 17TH

ST IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH, BISHOP & MARTYR

9.00 am Church Cleaning
5.00 pm Exposition
6.00 pm Vigil Mass

Holy Souls in Purgatory

SUNDAY 18TH

✠ ANNIVERSARY OF THE CONSECRATION OF THE SHRINE

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

*Ps Wk 1
Jim Ryan RIP
Pro Populo*

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 GRACE OF LOVE

This Sunday's liturgy presents a parable to us that speaks of a wedding banquet to which many were invited. The First Reading, from the Book of Isaiah, prepares the ground for this theme, for it speaks about the banquet of God. It is an image – the banquet – often used in the Scriptures to indicate the joy in communion and in the abundance of the Lord's gifts, and it gives some idea of the celebration of God with humanity. The Prophet adds that God's intention is to put an end to sadness and shame; he wants all people to live happily in love of him and in mutual communion. Therefore his plan is to eliminate death forever, to wipe away the tears from all faces, to take away once and for all the dishonourable condition of his people, as we heard. All this awakens deep gratitude and hope. In the Gospel Jesus speaks to us of the answer that is given to the invitation of God – represented by a king – to take part in this marriage feast. Many guests were invited but something unexpected happens: they refuse to take part in the celebration, they have other things to do; indeed, some of them show contempt for the invitation. God is generous to us, he offers us his friendship, his gifts, his joy, but often we do not welcome his words, we show greater interest in other things and put our own material concerns, our own interests, first. The king's invitation even meets with hostile and aggressive reactions. Yet this does not impede his generosity. He is not discouraged and sends his servants out to invite many other people. The refusal of those invited first causes the invitation to be extended to everyone, even the poorest, the abandoned and disinherited. The servants gather together those they find and the wedding hall is filled: the king's goodness knows no bounds and all are given the possibility of answering his call. However, there was one condition in order to attend this wedding feast: that the wedding garment be worn. And, on entering the hall, the king notices that someone has not wished to wear it and for this reason bars him from the banquet.

I would like to reflect for a moment on this point with a question: why did this man accept the king's invitation, enter the banquet hall, find the door opened to him but not put on the wedding garment? What is this wedding garment? There is a beautiful commentary on this parable by St Gregory the Great. He explains that the guest had accepted God's invitation to take part in his banquet, that in a certain way he had faith which opened the door of the banquet hall to him, but he lacked something essential: the wedding garment, which is charity or love. And St Gregory adds: "Therefore each one of you in the Church who has faith in God has already taken part in the wedding feast, but cannot claim to wear the wedding garment unless he jealously guards the grace of love". And this garment is woven symbolically on two looms of wood, one above and one below: love of God and love of neighbour. We are all invited to be the Lord's guests, to enter his banquet with faith, but we must put on and take care of the wedding garment: charity, to live in the profound love of God and neighbour.

SEVEN DAY LAMPS

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

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

Next **Sunday 18th October at the 11:30am** Mass we will be welcoming **His Eminence, Cardinal Nichols** who 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.

NOVEMBER HOLY SOULS

Sheets are available at the back of the church for you to add the names of your loved ones for the November Masses for the Holy Souls. You can also submit names via the website at maidenlane.org.uk/holysouls

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

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!

REPAIR WORKS

Thank you to all those who have donated towards the Building Fund. We have finally got the permissions needed to do the repair works to the coal store, so hopefully that will happen before the winter rains set in. We are still collecting money to help towards the cost of the repairs to the façade of the church – repointing and cleaning of the external brick work. If you are able to donate towards the cost of these works (about £50k) please use the machines, or visit the website at maidenlane.org.uk/donate

Our sick parishioners and friends: Dr Adel Isaak, 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 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,