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In Thanksgiving

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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 – 18TH OCTOBER 2026

THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE CONSECRATION OF CORPUS CHRISTI

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*

MONDAY 19TH

ST PAUL OF THE CROSS, PRIEST

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass *Angelina Joy Stroyan & Raymond Arinze Nnajiogor – Ints.*
6.30 pm Mass (1962 Missal) – St Peter of Alcantra

TUESDAY 20TH

FERIA

No public Mass today. Private Mass offered for *Leo O'Beirne RIP – Anniversary*

WEDNESDAY 21ST

FERIA

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour

Karen Bennett RIP

THURSDAY 22ND

ST JOHN PAUL II, POPE

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour

Bishop Friedrich Ostermann RIP – Anniversary

FRIDAY 23RD

ST JOHN CAPISTRANO, PRIEST

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour

(Friday Abstinence)

Maria Anh Thi Nguyen RIP

SATURDAY 24TH

ST ANTHONY MARY CLARET, BISHOP

5.00 pm Exposition
6.00 pm Vigil Mass

Pro Populo

SUNDAY 25TH

✠ 30TH 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
Kathleen Slattery RIP
Björn Johan Andréson 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

GOD'S TEMPLE

Today we celebrate the anniversary of the consecration of this Shrine church, which took place on 18th October 1956. Although the church was opened in 1874, it took that long for the debt to be paid off before the church could be consecrated. Let us pray especially for all those who came before us and offered their money and talents for the establishment of this jewel in the heart of London.

Scripture recalls an essential truth: the stone temple is the symbol of the living Church, the Christian community, that the Apostles Peter and Paul had, in their Letters, already understood as a “spiritual building”, constructed by God with the “living stones” that are the Christians, upon the one foundation that is Jesus Christ, who is in turn compared to the “cornerstone”. “Brethren,... you are God's building”, St Paul writes, and he adds, “God's temple is holy, and you are that temple”.

The beauty and the harmony of churches, destined to render praise to God, invites us human beings too, though limited and sinful, to convert ourselves to form a “cosmos”, a well-ordered construction, in close communion with Jesus, who is the true Holy of Holies. This reaches its culmination in the Eucharistic liturgy, in which the “ecclesia” that is, the community of baptized finds itself again united to listen to the Word of God and nourish itself on the Body and Blood of Christ.

Gathered around this twofold table, the Church of living stones builds herself up in truth and in love and is moulded interiorly by the Holy Spirit, transforming herself into what she receives, conforming herself ever more to her Lord Jesus Christ. She herself, if she lives in sincere and fraternal unity, thus becomes a spiritual sacrifice pleasing to God.

Dear friends, today's feast celebrates an ever-current mystery: that God desires to build himself a spiritual temple in the world, a community that adores him in spirit and truth. But this occasion reminds us also of the importance of the concrete buildings in which the community gathers together to celebrate God's praises. Every community therefore has the duty to carefully guard their holy structures, which constitute a precious religious and historical patrimony.

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.

DIARY DATES – LOOKING AHEAD

29th November – Unveiling of the Nativity Scene

5th December – 6pm, Byron Consort of Harrow School sing at Mass & free concert of sacred music afterwards

8th December – 6:30pm, Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9th December – 6:30pm, Corpus Christi Annual Carol Service with Benediction

11th December – 7pm, Eastern Carols with the Mosaic Choir of the Orthodox Fellowship of St John the Baptist

70TH ANNIVERSARY OF CONSECRATION

Today we are pleased to welcome **His Eminence, Cardinal Nichols** as we celebrate the 70th Anniversary of the Shrine's Consecration in 1956 by Bishop George Craven. A Plenary Indulgence is available to all who visit the church today, under the usual conditions.

NOVEMBER HOLY SOULS

November, the Month of the Holy Souls, will be upon us before we know it! Throughout November, we will be offering at least three Masses a week for the Holy Souls in Purgatory. You can have your departed relatives and friends remembered at the Altar at these Masses by adding their names to the list by simply filling out the form on our website, or one of the forms at the back of the church. Visit maidenlane.org.uk/holysouls to make your offering today!

ALL SAINTS & ALL SOULS

All Saints' Day this year falls on a Sunday. Mass here on **1st November** will be at 9:30am & 11:30am. There is also the usual Vigil Mass at 6pm on Saturday 31st October.

All Souls' Day is on **Monday 2nd November**, and there will be the traditional three Masses here that day: 8am (1962, Low), 1:05pm (said, English), and 6:30pm (1962, Sung). Please come and pray for your departed loved ones.

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

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Sunday 8th November is Remembrance Sunday. In line with an indult of the Holy See, the 11:30am Mass that day will be a Sung Requiem Mass for all the Faithful fallen in battle. The Catholic Military Association's Requiem Mass will be on Monday 9th November at 6:30pm, concluding with the Last Post.

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

CONFESSION

Confessions are heard for half an hour before all Masses, or upon request.

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,