



# INSTITUTE OF CHRIST THE KING SOVEREIGN PRIEST

## THE FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI

DOM PROSPER GUÉRANGER

A great solemnity has this day risen upon our earth: a Feast both to God and men: for it is the Feast of Christ the Mediator, who is present in the sacred Host, that God may be given to man, and man to God. Divine union, - yes, such is the dignity to which man is permitted to aspire; and, to this aspiration, God has responded, even here below, by an invention which is all of heaven. It is today that man celebrates this marvel of God's goodness.

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In obedience, then, to this law, was not man, too, obliged to confine within the limits of his finite nature his desires for the good and the beautiful, that is, his searching after God, which is a necessity with every intelligent and free being? Otherwise, would it not be that, for certain beings, their happiness would have to be in objects which must ever be out of the reach of their natural faculties? Great as the anomaly would appear, yet does it exist; true psychology, that is, the true science of the human mind, bears testimony to this desire for the infinite. Like every living creature around him, man thirsts for happiness; and yet he

is the only creature on earth that feels within itself longings for what is immensely beyond its capacity. While docile to the Lord placed over them by the Creator, the irrational creatures are quite satisfied with what they find in this world; they render to man their several services, and their own desires are all fully gratified by what is within their reach: it is not so with man; he can find nothing in this his earthly dwelling which can satisfy his irresistible longings for a something which this earth cannot give and which time cannot produce; - for that something is the infinite.

God himself, when revealing Himself to man through the works he has created, that is, when showing himself to man in a way which his natural powers can take in; God, when giving man to know him as the first cause, as last end of all creatures, as unlimited perfection, as infinite beauty, as sovereign goodness, as the object which can content both our understanding and our will, - no, not even God himself thus known and thus enjoyed could satisfy man. This being, made out of nothing, wishes to possess the Infinite in his own substance; he longs after

the sight of the face, he ambitions to enjoy the life, of his Lord and God. The earth seems to him but a trackless desert, where he can find no water that can quench his thirst.

Let us listen to the Psalmist, who speaks for us all: **"As the hart panteth after the fountains of water; so my soul panteth after thee, O God."** [Psalm 41, 2]



*"As the hart panteth after the fountains of water ..." - Detail from Baptism window by Margaret Rope at Shrewsbury Cathedral.*



*Medieval Corpus Christi procession, The Lowell Lectionary, Glastonbury, 1400*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Important Notice

### Week of Monday, June 14<sup>th</sup> to Friday, June 18<sup>th</sup>

During the week of Monday, June 14<sup>th</sup> to Friday, June 18<sup>th</sup> scaffolding will be erected in the Cathedral. Masses in the Extraordinary Form (Adoration/Benediction included) **will be transferred to St. Winefride's church according to the usual schedule:**

**Monday:** 10:00am Holy Mass

**Tuesday:** 6:30pm Holy Mass;  
(5:30-6:15pm  
Adoration/Benediction)

**Wednesday:** 10:00am Holy Mass

**Thursday:** 6:30pm Holy Mass;  
(5:30-6:15pm Adoration/Benediction)

**Friday:** 10:00am Holy Mass



*Corpus Christi procession at the Institute seminary at Gricigliano.*

## Masses for Your Intentions

You are invited to request Masses to be celebrated for your and your family's intentions. Mass stipends support the apostolate here in Shrewsbury. Please contact Canon Wiener with your requests.

## SHREWSBURY WEEKLY SCHEDULE

DAY	DATE	TIME	MASS OF THE DAY	INTENTIONS	
				CANON WIENER	FATHER GRIBBIN
Sun*	30 <sup>th</sup> May	12:30pm	Trinity Sunday	PI	PI
Mon	31 <sup>st</sup> May	10:00am	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Antonia Walsh RIP	PI
Tue	1 <sup>st</sup> June	6:30pm	St. Angela Merici (Virgin)	Linda & Charles Williams, family and friends	PI
Wed	2 <sup>nd</sup> June	10:00am	Commemoration of SS. Marcellinus, Peter (Martyrs) and St. Erasmus (Bishop & Martyr)	Protection of all children	PI
Thu	3 <sup>rd</sup> June	6:30pm	Feast of Corpus Christi	Patricia Farey	PI
Fri	4 <sup>th</sup> June	10:00am	Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart of Jesus	Eileen Quinn	PI
Sat	5 <sup>th</sup> June	10:00 am	Votive Mass of the Immaculate Heart of Mary	Valeria Nestor	PI
Sun*	6 <sup>th</sup> June	12:30pm	External Solemnity of the Feast of Corpus Christi	Tom and Brenda Gittins R.I.P.	PI

\*Sunday Masses at 12:30 PM at St. Winefride's Church, 187 Crowmere Road, Monkmoor, Shrewsbury, SY2 5RA

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