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# CORPUS CHRISTI

## THE DIOCESAN SHRINE OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

FEBRUARY – MONTH DEDICATED TO  
THE HOLY FAMILY

### ✠ HOLY MASS FOR THE WEEK – 21<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY 2021 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

In spite of the Government Lockdown, the church is open for private prayer and public Mass. Please keep a safe distance from those outside your household. There is no need to book. You **MUST** wear a face covering unless exempt. The church will open just before the times listed below, and will close soon after Mass to allow for cleaning.

**Confessions** may be heard before Masses, or upon appointment, but will be heard in the Lady Chapel with social distancing in place. Live stream continues at [maidenlane.org.uk/live](http://maidenlane.org.uk/live)

**SUNDAY 21<sup>ST</sup>****✠ 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT**

9.30 am Mass  
11.30 am Sung Latin Mass  
5.00 pm Holy Hour

*Ps Week 1  
Pro Populo  
Andrew Gob RIP*

**MONDAY 22<sup>ND</sup>****THE CHAIR OF ST PETER THE APOSTLE**

12 noon Exposition  
1.05 pm Mass  
5.00 pm Holy Hour  
6.30 pm Mass – Extraordinary Form

*Angelo Fernandes – Anniversary*

*Holy Souls in Purgatory*

**TUESDAY 23<sup>RD</sup>****LENT FERIA (ST POLYCARP, BISHOP & MARTYR)**

Private Mass – church closed today.

*Kay McGorrry – Intentions*

**WEDNESDAY 24<sup>TH</sup>****LENT FERIA**

12 noon Exposition  
1.05 pm Mass  
5.00 pm Holy Hour

*Holy Souls in Purgatory*

**THURSDAY 25<sup>TH</sup>****LENT FERIA**

12 noon Exposition  
1.05 pm Mass  
5.00 pm Holy Hour

*Holy Father's Intentions*

**FRIDAY 26<sup>TH</sup>****LENT FERIA**

12 noon Exposition  
1.05 pm Mass  
5.00 pm Holy Hour  
6.00 pm Stations of the Cross

*(Friday Abstinence)*

*Kai Yiu Wong*

**SATURDAY 27<sup>TH</sup>****LENT FERIA**

5.00 pm Exposition  
6.00 pm Vigil Mass

*Ted Pearce – Anniversary*

**SUNDAY 28<sup>TH</sup>****✠ 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT**

9.30 am Mass  
11.30 am Sung Latin Mass  
5.00 pm Holy Hour

*Ps Week 2  
Pro Populo  
Joe Boudreau RIP*

## THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS AT HAND

On this First Sunday of Lent we meet Jesus who, after receiving Baptism from John the Baptist in the River Jordan, is subjected to temptation in the wilderness. St Mark's concise narrative lacks the details we read in the other two Gospels of Matthew and Luke. The wilderness referred to has various meanings. It can indicate the state of abandonment and loneliness, the "place" of human weakness, devoid of support and safety, where temptation grows stronger.

However, it can also indicate a place of refuge and shelter — as it was for the People of Israel who had escaped from slavery in Egypt — where it is possible to experience God's presence in a particular way. Jesus "was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan". St Leo the Great comments that "The Lord wanted to suffer the attack of the tempter in order to defend us with his help and to instruct us with his example. What can this episode teach us? As we read in the book *The Imitation of Christ*, "There is no man wholly free from temptations so long as he lives... but by endurance and true humility we are made stronger than all our enemies", endurance and the humility of following the Lord every day, learning not to build our lives outside him or as though he did not exist, but in him and with him, for he is the source of true life. The temptation to remove God, to arrange things within us and in the world by ourselves, relying on our own abilities, has always been present in human history. Jesus proclaims that "the time is fulfilled and the kingdom of God is at hand", he announces that in him something new happens: God turns to the human being in an unexpected way, with a unique, tangible closeness, full of love; God is incarnate and enters the human world to take sin upon himself, to conquer evil and usher men and women into the world of God. However, this proclamation is accompanied by the request to measure up to such a great gift. In fact Jesus adds: "Repent, and believe in the Gospel". It is an invitation to have faith in God and to convert all our actions and thoughts to goodness, every day. The season of Lent is a favourable moment for renewing and reinforcing our relationship with God, through daily prayer, acts of penance and works of brotherly charity.

Let us fervently beg Mary Most Holy to accompany us on our Lenten journey with her protection and to help us to impress the words of Jesus Christ in our hearts and in our lives so as to convert to him.

### SEVEN DAY LAMPS

Are available at the back of the church for £5, or online at [maidenlane.org.uk/lamps](http://maidenlane.org.uk/lamps) You can also request the Sanctuary lamps to burn for a particular intention in this way.

### MASS INTENTIONS

You can still request Masses to be offered for a particular intention. At the moment, the earliest date available is in March. You can make a request either by using the envelopes at the back of the church, or going on the website [maidenlane.org.uk/intentions](http://maidenlane.org.uk/intentions)

### A YEAR WITH THE CATECHISM

We are being given 10 copies of this wonderful book – ideal for growing in knowledge and faith during Lent and beyond. Please email me for a copy [a.i.p.robinson@btinternet.com](mailto:a.i.p.robinson@btinternet.com)

## LENT HAS BEGUN!

I hope that you're all firmly on track with your Rule of Life for Lent, which began on Ash Wednesday. If not, here are some things to think about...

Do you have a good spiritual book to use each day? You can easily find one in St Paul's bookshop or online at CTS or Amazon. What about saying the Rosary each day? You could say some of the Divine Office – perhaps Morning and / or Evening Prayer. You don't need to go and buy anything – you can just download the free "Universalis" app onto your phone. It's very easy to use and you can conveniently carry it around in your pocket. Do you go to Weekday Mass at all? If not, perhaps you could, if only one day a week. Or what about Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament – or just calling into your church and spending a few minutes each day before Our Blessed Lord in the Tabernacle? **Here at Corpus Christi on Fridays in Lent, there is Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 5pm, followed by Stations of the Cross at 6pm. There are also all the Holy Hours each evening from 5pm – 6pm here.** And all of us need to ask ourselves whether we need to go to Confession more often. When you've thought about all of these things, and made your decision, write down your Rule on a piece of paper. Then tell God that this is your Rule for Lent, and the manner in which you are offering your life to Him during the next six weeks. Then place this in your prayer book, so that you see it every day; it will remind you of the commitment you have promised to God. I know it sounds like a lot of work, but why not? Lent is that yearly season when each one of us tries very hard to change our lives and enter more deeply into the life of the Lord.

### SODALITY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The next Sodality Mass with Adoration & Benediction is on **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March at 6:30pm.** To join the Sodality, visit [www.sodality.co.uk](http://www.sodality.co.uk)

### LENTEN ALMS – CARDINAL'S APPEAL

Cardinal Nichols thanks you for your generous support for the Cardinal's Lenten Appeal, especially throughout the unprecedented events of 2020. Your donations help fund initiatives in parishes, schools and charities in three mission areas which are more critical than ever. **Marriage and Family Life:** enriching and supporting marriages, the essential building block of society and the Church. **Youth and Evangelisation:** helping young people, the future of the Church, as they grow in their relationship with God and deepen their Catholic faith. **Caritas Westminster:** putting our faith into action by serving those in need. **Education Service:** supporting our schools. This year, the Cardinal is asking us to think about families who are struggling to put food on the table. **Poverty** is deepening across our Diocese and the need for foodbanks and supermarket vouchers has accelerated. Through your generosity we're continuing to provide food for those people most in need. Please take a donation envelope. You can use the QR code to make your donation online. Thank you for your generosity.

### CONFESSION

Confessions may still be heard before all Masses, or upon appointment, in the Lady Chapel. Please ensure you are wearing a face covering to protect both yourself and the priest.

**Our sick parishioners and friends:** Kee Ow Peng, Maria Jessiman, Adam Serdiuchenko, Sue Wingfield, Marilyn Bruce-Mitford, Peter Noakes, Tony Pearce, David Jordan, Christopher Browne, Margaret Griffith, Pascal James, Jean Bernard, Brian Keenan, Sid Shepherd, Terry Miles, John Hughes, Warren Peterson, Nicholas Pollock, Fr Patrick Hayward, Traute Pollock, Noël Tobin, Geoff Smale, David Michael Barrett, Christopher Browne, John Lynch, Ann Gorman, Janet Seeley  
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