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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 – 28TH FEBRUARY 2021 2ND 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. (We certainly look forward to when the church can again be open all day – the end of June we assume.) **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

SUNDAY 28TH

✠ 2ND 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

MONDAY 1ST MARCH

ST DAVID, BISHOP, PATRON OF WALES

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

Foundation Mass

Holy Souls in Purgatory

TUESDAY 2ND

LENT FERIA

Private Mass – church closed today.

Anne Mary Babirye RIP

WEDNESDAY 3RD

LENT FERIA

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour

Foundation Mass

THURSDAY 4TH

LENT FERIA

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
6.30 pm Sodality of the Blessed Sacrament Mass

Dennis Graham RIP

Sodality Members

(Friday Abstinence)

FRIDAY 5TH

LENT FERIA

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

Noel Lennon RIP

SATURDAY 6TH

LENT FERIA

5.00 pm Exposition
6.00 pm Vigil Mass

Henry Gryko RIP – Anniversary

SUNDAY 7TH

✠ 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

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

Ps Week 3

Pro Populo

Peter Lock – sick

THE SPLENDOR OF TRUTH & LOVE

This Sunday, the Second Sunday of Lent, is known as the Transfiguration of Christ. Indeed in the Lenten itinerary, having invited us to follow Jesus into the wilderness to face and overcome the temptations with him, the Liturgy now proposes that we climb the “mountain” of prayer with him to contemplate God’s glorious radiance on his human face. The episode of the Transfiguration of Christ is unanimously attested by the Evangelists Matthew, Mark and Luke. There are two essential elements: first of all, Jesus leads the disciples Peter, James and John up a high mountain and there “he was transfigured before them” and his face and his garments shone with dazzling light while Moses and Elijah appeared beside him; the second, a cloud overshadowed the mountain peak and from it came a voice saying: “This is my beloved Son; listen to him”. Thus, light and the voice: the divine radiance on Jesus’ face, and the voice of the heavenly Father that witnesses to him and commands that he be listened to.

The mystery of the Transfiguration must not be separated from the context of the path Jesus is following. He is now decisively oriented to fulfilling his mission, knowing all too well that to arrive at the Resurrection he must pass through the Passion and death on the Cross. He had spoken openly of this to his disciples; but they did not understand, on the contrary they rejected this prospect because they were not reasoning in accordance with God, but in accordance with men. It is for this reason that Jesus takes three of them with him up the mountain and reveals his divine glory, the splendour of Truth and of Love. Jesus wants this light to illuminate their hearts when they pass through the thick darkness of his Passion and death, when the folly of the Cross becomes unbearable to them. God is light, and Jesus wishes to give his closest friends the experience of this light which dwells within him. After this event, therefore, he will be an inner light within them that can protect them from any assault of darkness. Even on the darkest of nights, Jesus is the lamp that never goes out. St Augustine sums up this mystery in beautiful words, he says: “what this sun is to the eyes of the flesh, that is [Christ] to the eyes of the heart”.

Dear brothers and sisters, we all need inner light to overcome the trials of life. This light comes from God and it is Christ who gives it to us, the One in whom the fullness of deity dwells. Let us climb with Jesus the mountain of prayer and, contemplating his face full of love and truth, let us allow ourselves to be filled with his light. Let us ask the Virgin Mary, our guide on the journey of faith, to help us to live out this experience in the season of Lent, finding every day a few moments for silent prayer and for listening to the Word of God.

MOVING FORWARD NOW

I’m sure that many of us were very pleased to hear the PM’s plans for getting things open again and getting us back to normal. Slow and steady looks like a very good plan. Unless you’re shielding, PLEASE get back to the church NOW. My mantra is: if we can go to the shops we can go to the church. After all, churches are safer; that’s official.

SODALITY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The next Sodality Mass with Adoration & Benediction is on **this coming Thursday 4th March at 6:30pm**. Those who can’t be here in person can join via the live stream, and a recording will be available afterwards on Facebook. To join the Sodality, visit www.sodality.co.uk

LENT IS A MARATHON, NOT A SPRINT

I hope that you’re all firmly on track with your Rule of Life for Lent. To help you on your way, have you thought about coming to Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament – or just calling into your church and spending a few minutes each day before 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.** And all of us need to ask ourselves whether we need to go to Confession more often. Use these Forty Days wisely as a time to grow closer to our Crucified Lord.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

You can still request Masses to be offered for a particular intention. At the moment, the earliest date available is in June. 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

SEVEN DAY LAMPS

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

A YEAR WITH THE CATECHISM

We have been given 10 copies of this wonderful book – ideal for growing in knowledge and faith during Lent and beyond. There are a few remaining, Please email me for a copy or ask after Mass. a.i.p.robinson@btinternet.com

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
Of your charity – please pray for those who have died recently: Nancy McWilliams, Virginia Maria Vaz, Fr Kidane Lebasi, Giles Canon Goward, Mgr Mark Langham, Olive O’Grady, Fr John Miller, Jack Ward, Mary Quinlan, Fr Frederick Jackson, Christopher Canon Tuckwell, Larinka Wright, Claus Tenzler, Revd. Dr. Cadoc Douglas Auld Leighton, Mgr Frederick Canon Miles, Rita Lobo, Bill Tomlinson, Mgr John Klyberg, Mgr. Wolfgang Nastainczyk, Christiane Brown