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Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

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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 – 7<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2021 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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. Please wear a face covering. The church will open just before the times listed below, and will close soon after Mass to allow for cleaning. An NHS Track & Trace QR Code is by the entrance.

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

#### SUNDAY 7<sup>TH</sup>

##### ✠ 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

*Ps Week 1  
Michael Ryan RIP – Anniversary  
Carlo Savino*

#### MONDAY 8<sup>TH</sup>

##### ST JOSEPHINE BAKHITA

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

*Alexander Grothendieck RIP*

*Holy Souls in Purgatory*

#### TUESDAY 9<sup>TH</sup>

##### FERIA

Private Mass – church closed today.

*Thanksgiving*

#### WEDNESDAY 10<sup>TH</sup>

##### ST SCHOLASTICA, VIRGIN

12 noon Exposition  
1.05 pm Mass  
5.00 pm Holy Hour

*Natalina Wakiuru & Family*

#### THURSDAY 11<sup>TH</sup>

##### OUR LADY OF LOURDES

12 noon Exposition  
1.05 pm Mass  
5.00 pm Holy Hour

*Benefactors of Corpus Christi*

#### FRIDAY 12<sup>TH</sup>

##### FERIA

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

*(Friday Abstinence)*

*Mary Harwood RIP*

*Good Counsel Network*

#### SATURDAY 13<sup>TH</sup>

##### FERIA

5.00 pm Exposition  
6.00 pm Vigil Mass

*Pro Populo*

#### SUNDAY 14<sup>TH</sup>

##### ✠ 6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

*Ps Week 2  
Jessie Stewart RIP  
Austin Lloyd RIP – Anniversary*

## HEAL THE SICK

This Sunday's Gospel presents to us Jesus who heals the sick: first Simon Peter's mother-in-law who was in bed with a fever and Jesus, taking her by the hand, healed her and helped her to her feet; then all the sick in Capernaum, tried in body, mind and spirit, and he "healed many... and cast out many demons". The four Evangelists agree in testifying that this liberation from illness and infirmity of every kind was — together with preaching — Jesus' main activity in his public ministry.

Illness is in fact a sign of the action of Evil in the world and in people, whereas healing shows that the Kingdom of God, God himself, is at hand. Jesus Christ came to defeat Evil at the root and instances of healing are an anticipation of his triumph, obtained with his death and Resurrection.

Jesus said one day: "those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick". On that occasion he was referring to sinners, whom he came to call and to save. It is nonetheless true that illness is a typically human condition in which we feel strongly that we are not self-sufficient but need others. In this regard we might say paradoxically that illness can be a salutary moment in which to experience the attention of others and to pay attention to others!

However illness is also always a trial that can even become long and difficult. When healing does not happen and suffering is prolonged, we can be as it were overwhelmed, isolated, and then our life is depressed and dehumanized. How should we react to this attack of Evil? With the appropriate treatment, certainly — medicine in these decades has taken giant strides and we are grateful for it — but the Word of God teaches us that there is a crucial basic attitude with which to face illness and it is that of faith in God, in his goodness. Jesus always repeats this to the people he heals: your faith has made you well.

Even in the face of death, faith can make possible what is humanly impossible. But faith in what? In the love of God. This is the real answer which radically defeats Evil. Just as Jesus confronted the Evil One with the power of the love that came to him from the Father, so we too can confront and live through the trial of illness, keeping our heart immersed in God's love.

We all know people who were able to bear terrible suffering because God gave them profound serenity. I am thinking of the recent example of Bl. Chiara Badano, cut off in the flower of her youth by a disease from which there was no escape: all those who went to visit her received light and confidence from her! Nonetheless, in sickness we all need human warmth: to comfort a sick person what counts more than words is serene and sincere closeness.

Dear friends, next Thursday, 11 February, the Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes, is the World Day of the Sick. Let us too do as people did in Jesus' day: let us present to him spiritually all the sick, confident that he wants to and can heal them. And let us invoke the intercession of Our Lady, especially for the situations of greater suffering and neglect. Mary, Health of the Sick, pray for us!

## ASH WEDNESDAY

Next Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> is Ash Wednesday. Mass will be at **8am (EF), 1:05pm and 6:30pm (Sung)**. In accordance with a directive from the Congregation of Divine Worship in Rome, ashes this year will be sprinkled on the top of your heads, in the traditional Roman fashion, rather than 'drawn' on your forehead as in previous years.

## FR KIDANE LEBASI RIP

On Monday we learnt the sad news that Fr Kidane Lebasi died last Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> January. Fr Kidane used to say Mass here every Tuesday, and would often supply during the week when Fr Alan was away. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.

## LENT APPROACHES

It is only a few days before Lent begins – that time of prayer, fasting and abstinence ahead of Our Lord's Passion and Resurrection. How will you spend those forty days? I'm sure many of you might be thinking of things to give up – alcohol, chocolate, meat... But what about taking something up instead? Here at Corpus Christi on Fridays in Lent, there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 5pm, followed by Stations of the Cross at 6pm. Every day we have two Holy Hours, with the Blessed Sacrament exposed. Why not come and spend some extra time with the Lord, Truly Present in the Most Blessed Sacrament? Perhaps bring some spiritual reading with you as well? If you're not sure what to read, I can recommend plenty of books that will help (see below)!

## WHAT DOES THE CHURCH TEACH?

Over the last few weeks, we have been thinking about what the Church teaches – in matters of both faith and morals. In my homilies, I have recommended that people either buy a copy of the **Catechism of the Catholic Church**, or look for it freely online. The Catholic Truth Society sells the Catechism, but also has a book entitled *A Year with the Catechism*. This breaks up the text into manageable chunks that you could read each day, offering explanations and reflections to explain the different sections. Perfect to begin in Lent! All these can be bought from the CTS website directly through this link: [bit.ly/3awayBb](http://bit.ly/3awayBb)

If you have children, you might like to buy the **YouCat**, which is a version of the Catechism which has been adapted for younger children [bit.ly/3cJ3NPc](http://bit.ly/3cJ3NPc) as well as for teenagers and young adults [bit.ly/2YGPF0P](http://bit.ly/2YGPF0P)

## 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.

## 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)

**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:** 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, Eva Wiesinger, Revd. Dr. Cadoc Douglas Auld Leighton, Mgr Anthony Conlon, Mgr Frederick Canon Miles, Rita Lobo, Bill Tomlinson, Mgr John Klyberg, Mgr. Wolfgang Nastainczyk, Christiane Brown