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# CORPUS CHRISTI

## THE DIOCESAN SHRINE OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

MARCH – MONTH DEDICATED TO  
ST JOSEPH



### ✠ HOLY MASS FOR THE WEEK – 7<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2021

#### 3<sup>RD</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, in the Lady Chapel with social distancing in place. Live stream continues at [maidenlane.org.uk/live](http://maidenlane.org.uk/live)

**SUNDAY 7<sup>TH</sup>****✠ 3<sup>RD</sup> 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*

**MONDAY 8<sup>TH</sup>****LENT FERIA (ST JOHN OF GOD, RELIGIOUS)**

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

*Mrs NE Smith – sick*

*Fr Henry Dodd RIP*

**TUESDAY 9<sup>TH</sup>****LENT FERIA (ST FRANCES OF ROME, RELIGIOUS)**

Private Mass – church closed today.

*De Burgh Family Deceased RIP*

**WEDNESDAY 10<sup>TH</sup>****LENT FERIA**

12 noon Exposition  
1.05 pm Mass  
5.00 pm Holy Hour

*Raymond Sheedy RIP*

**THURSDAY 11<sup>TH</sup>****LENT FERIA**

12 noon Exposition  
1.05 pm Mass  
5.00 pm Holy Hour

*Benefactors of Corpus Christi*

**FRIDAY 12<sup>TH</sup>****LENT FERIA**

12 noon Exposition  
1.05 pm Mass  
5.00 pm Holy Hour  
6.00 pm Stations of the Cross  
6.30 pm Mass – Extraordinary Form

*(Friday Abstinence)*

*Emma B – sick*

*Good Counsel Network*

**SATURDAY 13<sup>TH</sup>****LENT FERIA****ANNIVERSARY OF THE ELECTION OF POPE FRANCIS (2013)**

5.00 pm Exposition  
6.00 pm Vigil Mass

*Pro Populo*

**SUNDAY 14<sup>TH</sup>****✠ 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT**

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

*Ps Week 3  
Diana Helena Waddington – Intentions  
Private Intention*

## DESTROY THIS TEMPLE

On this Third Sunday of Lent the Gospel — in St John's version — refers to the famous episode of Jesus who drives the animal dealers and the money-changers out of the Temple of Jerusalem. The event, recorded by all the Evangelists, happened in the Passover Feast and made a deep impression on both the crowd and the disciples. How should we interpret Jesus' action?

First of all it should be noted that it did not provoke any repression from the keepers of public order because it was seen as a typical prophetic action: indeed, in God's name prophets often reported abuse and sometimes did so with symbolic gestures. The problem, if there was one, concerned their authority. For this reason the Jews asked Jesus: "What sign have you to show us for doing this?", show us that you are truly acting in God's name.

The expulsion of the dealers from the Temple has also been interpreted in a political and revolutionary sense, placing Jesus on a par with the zealots' movement. The zealots were, precisely, "zealous" for God's law and prepared to use violence to enforce respect for it. In Jesus' day they were awaiting a Messiah who would free Israel from Roman domination. But Jesus did not fulfil this expectation, so much so that some disciples abandoned him and Judas Iscariot even betrayed him.

In fact it is impossible to interpret Jesus as violent: violence is contrary to the Kingdom of God, it is a tool of the antichrist. Violence is never useful to humanity but dehumanizes it.

Let us, therefore, listen to the words that Jesus spoke while he was carrying out this action. "Take these things away; you shall not make my Father's house a house of trade". And the disciples then remembered that in a Psalm is written: "zeal for your house has consumed me".

This Psalm is a call for help in a situation of extreme danger, because of the hatred of enemies: the plight that Jesus was to live through in his Passion. Zeal for the Father and for his house was to bring him to the cross: his was the zeal of love that pays in person, not the zeal that would like to serve God through violence. In fact the "sign" that Jesus was to give as proof of his authority would be his very death and Resurrection. "Destroy this temple", he said, "and in three days I will raise it up". And St John recorded: "he spoke of the temple of his body". With the Pasch of Jesus a new form of worship begins, the cult of love, and a new temple which is he himself, the Risen Christ, through whom every believer can worship God "in spirit and truth".

Dear friends, the Holy Spirit began to build this new temple in the womb of the Virgin Mary. Let us pray through his intercession that every Christian may become a living stone of this spiritual building.

## PORCH MOSAICS

The porch mosaics are well underway and the artists have almost completed the border. They are looking really great, and this work will totally transform the entrance to the church when the work is completed. Please continue to pray for the most generous, donor who is unwell.

## 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.

## 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](http://maidenlane.org.uk/intentions)

## 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.

## A YEAR WITH THE CATECHISM

We were given some copies of this book – presently we have a few copies remaining. It's ideal for growing in knowledge and faith during Lent and beyond. There are a few copies remaining. Please email me if you would like one or ask after Mass. [a.i.p.robinson@btinternet.com](mailto: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