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# CORPUS CHRISTI

## THE DIOCESAN SHRINE OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

JANUARY – MONTH DEDICATED TO  
THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS

## ✠ HOLY MASS FOR THE WEEK – 30<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2022 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### SUNDAY 30<sup>TH</sup>

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

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

*Ps. Week 4  
Pro Populo  
Lalage Hall – Intentions*

### MONDAY 31<sup>ST</sup>

#### ST JOHN BOSCO, PRIEST

12 noon Exposition  
1.05 pm Mass  
No Holy Hour today  
6.30 pm Mass – 1962 Missal

*Fr Bernard Barrett – Intentions*

### TUESDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY

#### FERIA

No public Mass today. Church open for prayer.

*Holy Souls in Purgatory*

### WEDNESDAY 2<sup>ND</sup>

#### THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

12 noon Exposition  
1.05 pm Mass

*Josephine T. Magbanua*

### THURSDAY 3<sup>RD</sup>

#### SS LAURENCE, DUNSTAN AND THEODORE, ARCHBISHOPS OF CANTERBURY

12 noon Exposition  
1.05 pm Mass

*Philip Johnson – Intentions*

6.30 pm **Sodality of the Blessed Sacrament Mass** *Sodality Members*

*(Friday Abstinence)*

### FRIDAY 4<sup>TH</sup>

#### FERIA

12 noon Exposition  
1.05 pm Mass

*Roslyn McMabon – Intentions*

### SATURDAY 5<sup>TH</sup>

#### ST AGATHA, VIRGIN & MARTYR

5.00 pm Exposition  
6.00 pm Vigil Mass

*Pro Populo*

### SUNDAY 6<sup>TH</sup>

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

9.30 am Mass  
11.30 am Sung Mass in Latin

*Ps. Week 1  
Michael Ryan RIP – Anniversary  
Holy Souls in Purgatory*

**Confessions:** Confessions are heard for half an hour before all Masses, or by making an appointment with the Rector.

**Exposition & Benediction:** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place each weekday, except Tuesdays from 12noon – 1pm, and every day, except Tuesdays, from 5pm – 6pm.

## BEAR WITNESS TO THE TRUTH

Today's Gospel — taken from chapter four of St Luke — is the continuation of last Sunday's Gospel. Once again we find ourselves in the Synagogue of Nazareth, the village where Jesus grew up, where everyone knew him and his family. Then, after a period of absence, he returned there in a new way: during the Sabbath liturgy he read a prophecy on the Messiah by Isaiah and announced its fulfilment, making it clear that this word referred to him, that Isaiah had spoken about him. The event puzzled the Nazarenes: on the one hand they "all spoke well of him and wondered at the gracious words which proceeded out of his mouth".

St Mark reported what many were saying: "Where did this man get all this? What is the wisdom given to him?". On the other hand, however, his fellow villagers knew him too well: "He is one like us", they say, "His claim can only be a presumption. "Is not this Joseph's son?", as if to say "what can a carpenter from Nazareth aspire to?".

Well-acquainted with this imperviousness which confirms the proverb: "no prophet is acceptable in his own country", to the people in the synagogue Jesus addressed words that resonate like a provocation. He cited two miracles wrought by the great prophets Elijah and Elisha for men who were not Israelites in order to demonstrate that faith is sometimes stronger outside Israel. At this point there was a unanimous reaction. All the people got to their feet and drove him away; and they even tried to push him off a precipice. However, passing through the midst of the angry mob with supreme calmness he went away. At this point it comes naturally to wonder: why ever did Jesus want to stir up this antagonism? At the outset the people admired him and he might perhaps have been able to obtain a certain consensus.... But this is exactly the point: Jesus did not come to seek the agreement of men and women but rather — as he was to say to Pilate in the end — "to bear witness to the truth". The true prophet does not obey others as he does God, and puts himself at the service of the truth, ready to pay in person. It is true that Jesus was a prophet of love, but love has a truth of its own. Indeed, love and truth are two names of the same reality, two names of God.

In today's liturgy these words of St Paul also ring out: "Love is not... boastful; it is not arrogant or rude. Love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrong, but rejoices in the right". Believing in God means giving up our own prejudices and accepting the actual face in which he revealed himself: Jesus of Nazareth the man. And this process also leads to recognizing him and to serving him in others.

On this path Mary's attitude is enlightening. Who could be more closely acquainted than her with the humanity of Jesus? Yet she was never shocked by him as were his fellow Nazarenes. She cherished this mystery in her heart and was always and ever better able to accept it on the journey of faith, even to the night of the Cross and the full brilliance of the Resurrection. May Mary also always help us to continue faithfully and joyfully on this journey.

## SODALITY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The next Sodality Mass, followed by Adoration and Benediction, will be on **this coming Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> February at 6:30pm**, and this month's guest preacher will be **Mgr Gordon Read**, who is the Chancellor of the Diocese of Brentwood. Sodality Masses are offered for the intentions of members each month, and there is a monthly newsletter sent out to members. To find out more about the Sodality and to become a member, visit [sodality.co.uk](http://sodality.co.uk)

### NO HOLY HOUR UNTIL 14<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY

Please note that there is no Holy Hour now until 14<sup>th</sup> February.

### NATURE IS HEALING...

Following the Government's change in rules last week, we are absolutely delighted — after two years — to be able to have Holy Water available by the main door! It is good to see things returning to normal, and we hope that Covent Garden will start to look a little busier during the week as well. Whilst masks are no longer mandatory in church, please do feel free to continue wearing them if you wish — but please remember, to receive Holy Communion, you need to take the mask off before you can receive the Sacred Host. Whether you receive on the tongue or in the hand, you can't consume the Host with a covered mouth...

### A SHRINE TO BL CARLO ACUTIS

Thank you to everyone who has so kindly donated towards the Shrine of Bl Carlo Acutis. Thanks to your generosity, we have now reached our target of **£7000** to cover the costs of making, shipping and installing the shrine, as well as import duty. Ferdinand Stuflesser 1870, who will carve the Shrine, have now begun the design stage of the work. Donors' names will be included in an inscription on the reverse of the shrine and there will be a Mass offered for their intentions every month — usually on the second Thursday. I'm delighted that Bishop Nicholas Hudson has very kindly agreed to come and bless and Shrine, once it is installed. There can be no doubt that Bl Carlo has a great work to perform in encouraging the young and old alike in a renewed love for Our Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

To find out more about Blessed Carlo Acutis and his remarkable life, have a look at the noticeboard at the back of the church, or you can buy a book on his life for **£6** after Mass.

### CATHOLIC HISTORY WALKS

The next Catholic History Walk will be on **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February at 6pm**. This will depart from Corpus Christi and will explore Covent Garden, The Strand, the Savoy Chapel, and the story of St Clement Danes. For more info, visit [catholichistorywalks.com](http://catholichistorywalks.com)

### SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

If you'd like to talk about your spiritual life, as a one-off or more regularly, please be in touch with me. If I can, I'd be delighted to help you.

### MASS INTENTIONS

The Mass book is full now until **April 2022**. If you have any dates that you would particularly like Masses for, please get them in ASAP. [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) If you would like to donate towards the Sanctuary lamps, you can do so online too.

**Our sick parishioners and friends:** Brona Lynch, Sheena Colman, Christos Hana, Philip Barney, Donna Webb, Christopher Bronne, Sandra Jones, Velrich Fernandes, Kee Ow Peng, Maria Jessiman, 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, John Lynch, Ann Gorman, Janet Seeley

**Of your charity — please pray for those who have died recently:** Muriel Jane Humphries, Sr Jolanta, OCarm., Heather Bashford, Fr David Irwin, Jose Antonio & Bertha, Sir David Amess, Richard Canon Hearn, Amarilde Pellegrini, Concetta Wager, Nellie Goodwin, Marlis Okeke, Paul Colman, Nancy McWilliams, Virginia Maria Vaz, Fr Kidane Lebasi, Mgr Mark Langham, Mary Quinlan, Larinka Wright, Claus Tenzler, Mgr Frederick Canon Miles, Christiane Brown