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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 – 20<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2022 7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### SUNDAY 20<sup>TH</sup>

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

9.30 am Mass *Ps. Week 3  
Pro Populo*  
11.30 am Sung Mass in Latin *Thea & Gabriel Woodman-Stanes RIP*  
5.00 pm Holy Hour

#### MONDAY 21<sup>ST</sup>

##### ST PETER DAMIAN, BISHOP & DOCTOR

12 noon Exposition  
1.05 pm Mass *De Burgh Family RIP*  
5.00 pm Holy Hour  
6.30 pm Mass – 1962 Missal

#### TUESDAY 22<sup>ND</sup>

##### THE CHAIR OF ST PETER THE APOSTLE

No public Mass today. Church open for prayer. *Philomena & Pat Lawlor – Ints.*

#### WEDNESDAY 23<sup>RD</sup>

##### ST POLYCARP, BISHOP & MARTYR

12 noon Exposition  
1.05 pm Mass *De Burgh Family – Intentions*  
5.00 pm Holy Hour  
7.00 pm Prayer Group

#### THURSDAY 24<sup>TH</sup>

##### FERIA

12 noon Exposition  
1.05 pm Mass *Elaine & John Slattery & Family*  
5.00 pm Holy Hour

#### FRIDAY 25<sup>TH</sup>

##### FERIA

12 noon Exposition  
1.05 pm Mass *(Friday Abstinence)*  
5.00 pm Holy Hour *Monica & John Gallagher & Family*

#### SATURDAY 26<sup>TH</sup>

##### FERIA

5.00 pm Exposition  
6.00 pm Vigil Mass *Paz Chua Poloso RIP*

#### SUNDAY 27<sup>TH</sup>

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

9.30 am Mass *Ps. Week 4  
Pro Populo*  
11.30 am Sung Mass in Latin *Lawrence Debono & Bong Foong Fab RIP*  
5.00 pm Holy Hour

**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.

## LOVE YOUR ENEMIES

This Sunday's Gospel contains some of the most typical and forceful words of Jesus' preaching: "Love your enemies". It is taken from Luke's Gospel but is also found in Matthew's, in the context of the programmatic discourse that opens with the famous "Beatitudes". Jesus delivered it in Galilee at the beginning of his public life: it is, as it were, a "manifesto" presented to all, in which he asks for his disciples' adherence, proposing his model of life to them in radical terms.

But what do his words mean? Why does Jesus ask us to love precisely our enemies, that is, a love which exceeds human capacities?

Actually, Christ's proposal is realistic because it takes into account that in the world there is *too much* violence, *too much* injustice, and therefore that this situation cannot be overcome except by countering it with *more* love, with *more* goodness. This "*more*" comes from God: it is his mercy which was made flesh in Jesus and which alone can "tip the balance" of the world from evil to good, starting with that small and decisive "world" which is the human heart.

This Gospel passage is rightly considered the *magna carta* of Christian non-violence. It does not consist in succumbing to evil, as a false interpretation of "turning the other cheek" claims, but in responding to evil with good and thereby breaking the chain of injustice.

One then understands that for Christians, non-violence is not merely tactical behaviour but a person's way of being, the attitude of one who *is so convinced of God's love and power* that he is not afraid to tackle evil with the weapons of love and truth alone.

Love of one's enemy constitutes the nucleus of the "Christian revolution", a revolution not based on strategies of economic, political or media power: the revolution of love, a love that does not rely ultimately on human resources but is a gift of God which is obtained by trusting solely and unreservedly in his merciful goodness. Here is the newness of the Gospel which silently changes the world! Here is the heroism of the "lowly" who believe in God's love and spread it, even at the cost of their lives.

Dear brothers and sisters, Lent, which will begin next Wednesday with the Rite of Ashes, is the favourable season in which all Christians are asked to convert ever more deeply to Christ's love.

Let us ask the Virgin Mary, docile disciple of the Redeemer who helps us to allow ourselves to be won over without reserve by that love, to learn to love as he loved us, to be merciful as Our Father in Heaven is merciful.

## 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.

## MASS INTENTIONS

The Mass book is full now until **May 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)

## A CHANGE TO LIVE STREAMING

Throughout the Pandemic, many people's faith has been sustained by the live streaming of Masses and Holy Hours. While church doors were shut, this was a lifeline. We have continued providing the live stream for the many housebound who join us around the world, as well as for those who are forced into self-isolation and thus aren't able to leave home.

However, after two years on Church Services TV, we have now moved to YouTube, which is free and will thus save us a bit of money each month. So whilst you will no longer be able to find us on CSTV, you can continue joining the live stream on our website at [maidenlane.org.uk/live](http://maidenlane.org.uk/live)

## ASH WEDNESDAY

Next Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March is Ash Wednesday. Mass will be at **8am (1962), 1:05pm (said, English) and 6:30pm (sung, Latin)**. Ashes will be blessed and distributed at all Masses.

## LENT APPROACHES VERY QUICKLY

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: but what about taking something up instead? Don't just deprive yourself in a dietary fashion, by giving up chocolate or alcohol, but really try to feed your Spiritual Life and your relationship with God.

You could say some of the Divine Office each day, perhaps Morning and Evening Prayer. And where does Confession fit into your Lent plan? Why not come to Mass during the week as well as Sunday? Here at Corpus Christi on Fridays in Lent, there will be a Holy Hour with Vespers, Rosary & Benediction 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! Whatever your plan, write it down on a piece of paper and pop it into your prayer book, writing at the top, **My Lent Rule**, and try to follow it as faithfully as possible. The Shrine is open all day every day – so come in if you're in the area. Please don't let this wonderful Lenten opportunity pass you by.

## SODALITY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The next Sodality Mass, followed by Adoration and Benediction, will be on **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 6:30pm**, and this month's guest preacher will be **Fr Mark Woodruff**, who is the Chairman of the Society of St John Chrysostom. 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)

## CANDLE PRICES

As with so many other things in life at the moment, the cost of candles has gone up significantly in recent weeks. We will keep the prices as they are for as long as we can, but I'm afraid the jump in prices this time has been quite dramatic compared to past increases. Therefore, when we next place an order for candles, we will need to increase the prices accordingly.

**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