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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 – 27TH FEBRUARY 2022 8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 27TH

✠ 8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9.30 am Mass
11.30 am Sung Mass in Latin *Lawrence Debono & Bong Foong Fab RIP*
5.00 pm Holy Hour

Ps. Week 4

Pro Populo

MONDAY 28TH

FERIA

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass *Maria McEvoy – sick*
5.00 pm Holy Hour
6.30 pm Mass – 1962 Missal

TUESDAY 1ST MARCH

ST DAVID, BISHOP, PATRON OF WALES

No public Mass today. Church open for prayer. *Natercia & Fulvius Fernandes*

WEDNESDAY 2ND

ASH WEDNESDAY

8.00 am Mass – 1962 Missal
12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass *(Fast & Abstinence)*
5.00 pm Holy Hour *Fr Peter Preston SDS RIP*
6.30 pm Sung Mass in Latin *Natercia & Fulvius Fernandes*
For Peace

THURSDAY 3RD

LENT FERIA

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass *Kai-Yiu Wong RIP*
6.30 pm **Sodality of the Blessed Sacrament Mass** *Sodality Members*

FRIDAY 4TH

LENT FERIA

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass *(Friday Abstinence)*
5.00 pm Holy Hour *Sarah Everard RIP – Anniversary*
6.00 pm Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY 5TH

LENT FERIA

5.00 pm Exposition
6.00 pm Vigil Mass *Henry Gryko RIP – Anniversary*

SUNDAY 6TH

✠ 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

9.30 am Mass *Ps. Week 1*
11.30 am Sung Mass in Latin *Andrew Gob RIP*
5.00 pm Holy Hour *Pro Populo*

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.

HOLY FATHER'S APPEAL

My heart aches greatly at the worsening situation in Ukraine. Despite the diplomatic efforts of the last few weeks, increasingly alarming scenarios are opening up. Like me, many people all over the world are feeling anguish and concern. Once again the peace of all is threatened by partisan interests. I would like to appeal to those with political responsibility to examine their consciences seriously before God, who is the God of peace and not of war; who is the Father of all, not just of some, who wants us to be brothers and not enemies. I pray that all the parties involved refrain from any action that would cause even more suffering to the people, destabilising coexistence between nations and bringing international law into disrepute.

And now I would like to appeal to everyone, believers and nonbelievers alike. Jesus taught us that the diabolical senselessness of violence is answered with God's weapons, with prayer and fasting. I invite everyone to make next 2nd March, Ash Wednesday, a Day of Fasting for Peace. I encourage believers in a special way to dedicate themselves intensely to prayer and fasting on that day. May the Queen of Peace preserve the world from the madness of war.

Francis

AKATHIST TO THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

On **Saturday 19th March at 3:30pm** we will be welcoming the Byzantine choir of the C.I.E.L. (Centre international d'Etudes Liturgiques), who will be singing Greek office of the Akathist Hymn to the Mother of God. The Akathist Hymn is a much loved Lenten Devotion in the Eastern Catholic and Orthodox traditions, in which the praises of Our Lady are solemnly sung in this most ancient hymn. **All are most welcome!**

This profound, devotional liturgical poem, which sings the praises of the Holy Mother of God (the "Theotokos") and Ever-Virgin Mary is not only the most famous work of Byzantine hymnography – the famous Byzantinist Louis Bréhier said: "By its elegant form, by the depth of the mystical feeling and the musical beauty of the words, the Akathist is unique in Byzantine literature" – but for some it is also "the most beautiful, most profound, the most ancient Marian Hymn in all Christian literature". Pope Benedict XVI said: "The venerable Akathist hymn to the Mother of God represents one of the highest expressions of the Marian piety of the Byzantine tradition. Praying with these words opens wide the heart and disposes it to the peace that is from above, from God, to that peace which is Christ himself, born of Mary for our salvation."

ANNUAL MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR MATRIMONY

The Cardinal is inviting to all couples in the Diocese, who are celebrating their 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60) Wedding Anniversary of Catholic Marriage in 2022 to a Mass at Westminster Cathedral on **Saturday 14th May at 3pm**. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please email Alex the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email).

ASH WEDNESDAY

This Wednesday 2nd 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.

FASTING & ABSTINENCE: THE RULES

Fasting is to be observed by all those between the ages of 18 – 60. The Church defines this as one meal a day, and two smaller meals which if added together would not exceed the main meal in quantity.

The law of Abstinence means refraining from eating meat and is to be observed by all those from the age of 14. Meat is considered to be the flesh and organs of mammals and fowl. Also forbidden are soups or gravies made from them. Salt and freshwater species of fish, amphibians, reptiles and shellfish are permitted, as are animal derived products such as margarine and gelatine which do not have any meat taste.

Those who are excused from fast or abstinence: Besides those outside the age limits, those of unsound mind, the sick, the frail, pregnant or nursing women according to need for meat or nourishment, manual labourers according to need, guests at a meal who cannot excuse themselves without giving great offence or causing enmity and other situations of moral or physical impossibility to observe the penitential discipline.

SODALITY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The next Sodality Mass, followed by Adoration and Benediction, will be on **Thursday 3rd 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

LENT BEGINS ON WEDNESDAY!

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. **At this particular time, you could offer the whole of your Lent for Peace in Ukraine.** 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.

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