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# CORPUS CHRISTI

## THE DIOCESAN SHRINE OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

MARCH – MONTH DEDICATED TO  
ST JOSEPH

## ✠ HOLY MASS FOR THE WEEK – 13<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2022 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

### SUNDAY 13<sup>TH</sup>

#### ✠ 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

*Ps. Week 2*

#### ANNIVERSARY OF THE ELECTION OF POPE FRANCIS (2013)

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

*Pro Populo  
Gabriel Burke RIP*

### MONDAY 14<sup>TH</sup>

#### LENT FERIA

12 noon Exposition  
1.05 pm Mass  
5.00 pm Holy Hour  
6.30 pm Mass – 1962 Missal

*Miriam Boullia Lewis RIP*

### TUESDAY 15<sup>TH</sup>

#### LENT FERIA

No public Mass today. Church open for prayer.

*Alicia Paguyo RIP*

### WEDNESDAY 16<sup>TH</sup>

#### LENT FERIA

12 noon Exposition  
1.05 pm Mass  
5.00 pm Holy Hour  
7.00 pm Prayer Group

*Richard D. de Burgh RIP*

### THURSDAY 17<sup>TH</sup>

#### ST PATRICK, BISHOP, PATRON OF IRELAND

12 noon Exposition  
1.05 pm Mass  
5.00 pm Holy Hour

*Natercia & Fulvius Fernandes*

### FRIDAY 18<sup>TH</sup>

*(Friday Abstinence)*

#### LENT FERIA (ST CYRIL OF JERUSALEM, BISHOP & DOCTOR)

12 noon Exposition  
1.05 pm Mass  
5.00 pm Holy Hour  
6.00 pm Stations of the Cross

*Claus Tenzler RIP*

### SATURDAY 19<sup>TH</sup>

#### ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, PATRON OF THE DIOCESE

3.30 pm Akathist to the Holy Mother of God  
5.00 pm Exposition  
6.00 pm Vigil Mass

*Martha Tenzler RIP*

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

#### ✠ 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

*Ps. Week 3*

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

*Harold Leigh RIP – Anniversary  
Pro Populo*

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

## LIGHTS DURING OUR EARTHLY PILGRIMAGE

On this Second Sunday of Lent the Liturgy is dominated by the episode of the Transfiguration which in Luke's Gospel immediately follows the Teacher's invitation: "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me". This extraordinary event is an encouragement in the following of Christ.

Luke does not speak of the Transfiguration but describes what happens through two elements: the Face of Jesus which changes and his clothes that become a dazzling white in the presence of Moses and Elijah, a symbol of the Law and of the Prophets. The three disciples who witness the scene are heavy with sleep: this is the attitude of those who, although they have seen divine miracles, fail to understand. It is only the struggle against drowsiness that enables Peter, James and John to "see" Jesus in his glory. Then the rhythm quickens: while Moses and Elijah take their leave of the Master, Peter speaks and as he speaks a cloud envelops him and the other disciples in its shadow. This cloud, while it covers them, reveals the glory of God, just as happened for the pilgrim people in the desert. Their eyes can no longer see but their ears can hear the voice that comes out of the cloud: "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!".

The disciples no longer have before them a transfigured face or dazzling garments or a cloud that reveals the divine presence. They have before them "Jesus... alone". Jesus is alone with his Father while he prays but at the same time, "Jesus... alone" is all that the disciples and the Church of every epoch have been granted; and this must suffice on the journey. The only voice to listen to, the only voice to follow is his, the voice of the One going up to Jerusalem who was one day to give his life to "change our lowly body to be like his glorious body".

"Master, it is well that we are here" are Peter's ecstatic words, that often resemble our own desire before the Lord's consolations. However the Transfiguration reminds us that the joys sown by God in life are not finishing lines; rather they are lights he gives us during our earthly pilgrimage in order that "Jesus alone" may be our Law and his word the criterion that directs our existence.

In this Lenten period I invite everyone to meditate assiduously on the Gospel. May the Virgin Mary help us to live intensely our moments of encounter with the Lord so that we may follow him joyfully every day.

## AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED

This weekend we are pleased to welcome Aid to the Church in Need, who help persecuted Christians around the world. They do excellent work, and their visit coincides with their appeal to help those in Ukraine. Aid to the Church in Need is committing **€1 million (more than £830,000)** towards emergency aid to support the work of the Church in Ukraine. This will help 6,229 priests and members of religious congregations to continue their mission of love as well as providing further emergency aid to four Greek-Catholic exarchates and the two Latin dioceses in eastern Ukraine. Please be generous, or visit [bit.ly/3sXbhWL](http://bit.ly/3sXbhWL)

## AKATHIST TO THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

On **next Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> and 60<sup>th</sup> (and every year over 60) Wedding Anniversary of Catholic Marriage in 2022 to a Mass at Westminster Cathedral on **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> 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).

## LENT IS 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 Holy Hour 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.

## JOB OPPORTUNITY

**The Society of Friends of Westminster Cathedral** is seeking to recruit a part time Organising Secretary to help administer the charity, assist in recruiting new members and in organising events. The appointment based in Westminster Cathedral Clergy House is for 20 hours per week at a salary in the region of £14,500 per annum. The appointment is for 12 months. Closing date 27 March 2022. For further details please visit [bit.ly/3Kzw3Sd](http://bit.ly/3Kzw3Sd)

## SEVEN DAY LAMPS

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## MASS INTENTIONS

To have a Mass offered for your intentions, use the envelopes at the back of the church or visit the website at [maidenlane.org.uk/intentions](http://maidenlane.org.uk/intentions)

**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