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CORPUS CHRISTI

THE DIOCESAN SHRINE OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

MARCH – MONTH DEDICATED TO
ST JOSEPH

✠ HOLY MASS FOR THE WEEK – 27TH MARCH 2022 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT – LÆTARE SUNDAY

SUNDAY 27TH

✠ 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT – LÆTARE SUNDAY

9.30 am Mass *Ps. Week 4
Pro Populo*
11.30 am Sung Mass in Latin *Pablo Alvarado Jr. RIP – Anniversary*
5.00 pm Holy Hour

MONDAY 28TH

LENT FERIA

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass *Jean Barnes RIP*
5.00 pm Holy Hour
6.30 pm Mass – 1962 Missal

TUESDAY 29TH

LENT FERIA

No public Mass today. Church open for prayer. *Thanksgiving – NF*

WEDNESDAY 30TH

LENT FERIA

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass *Agnes Christine Pantlin – Anniversary*
5.00 pm Holy Hour
7.00 pm Prayer Group

THURSDAY 31ST

LENT FERIA

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass *Thanksgiving – NF*
5.00 pm Holy Hour

FRIDAY 1ST APRIL

LENT FERIA

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour *(Friday Abstinence)*
6.00 pm Stations of the Cross *Nicefra & Simon Nowak*

SATURDAY 2ND

LENT FERIA (ST FRANCIS OF PAOLA, HERMIT)

9.00 am Church Cleaning
5.00 pm Exposition
6.00 pm Vigil Mass *Natercia & Fulvius Fernandes*

SUNDAY 3RD

✠ 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

9.30 am Mass *Ps. Week 1
Pro Populo*
11.30 am Sung Mass in Latin *Patrick Kevin Hegarty 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.

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Ludmila Tukova – sick

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Private Intention

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INSCRUTABLE DESIGN OF HIS LOVE

On this Fourth Sunday of Lent, the Gospel of the father and the two sons better known as the Parable of the "Prodigal Son" is proclaimed. This passage of St Luke constitutes one of the peaks of spirituality and literature of all time. Indeed, what would our culture, art and more generally our civilization be without this revelation of a God the Father so full of mercy? It never fails to move us and every time we hear or read it, it can suggest to us ever new meanings. Above all, this Gospel text has the power of speaking to us of God, of enabling us to know his Face and, better still, his Heart. After Jesus has told us of the merciful Father, things are no longer as they were before. We now know God; he is our Father who out of love created us to be free and endowed us with a conscience, who suffers when we get lost and rejoices when we return. For this reason, our relationship with him is built up through events, just as it happens for every child with his parents: at first he depends on them, then he asserts his autonomy; and, in the end if he develops well he reaches a mature relationship based on gratitude and authentic love.

In these stages we can also identify moments along man's journey in his relationship with God. There can be a phase that resembles childhood: religion prompted by need, by dependence. As man grows up and becomes emancipated, he wants to liberate himself from this submission and become free and adult, able to organize himself and make his own decisions, even thinking he can do without God. Precisely this stage is delicate and can lead to atheism, yet even this frequently conceals the need to discover God's true Face. Fortunately for us, God never fails in his faithfulness and even if we distance ourselves and get lost he continues to follow us with his love, forgiving our errors and speaking to our conscience from within in order to call us back to him. In this parable the sons behave in opposite ways: the younger son leaves home and sinks ever lower whereas the elder son stays at home, but he too has an immature relationship with the Father. In fact, when his brother comes back, the elder brother does not rejoice like the Father; on the contrary he becomes angry and refuses to enter the house. The two sons represent two immature ways of relating to God: rebellion and childish obedience. Both these forms are surmounted through the experience of mercy. Only by experiencing forgiveness, by recognizing one is loved with a freely given love a love greater than our wretchedness but also than our own merit do we at last enter into a truly filial and free relationship with God.

Dear friends, let us meditate on this parable. Let us compare ourselves to the two sons and, especially, contemplate the Heart of the Father. Let us throw ourselves into his arms and be regenerated by his merciful love. May the Virgin Mary, *Mater Misericordiae*, help us to do this.

CONFESSION

Confessions are heard for half an hour before all Masses, or upon request. Please make use of this penitential season of Lent to be reconciled with Our Blessed Lord. This is the Easter Sacrament given by God to His Church.

CHURCH CLEANING FOR EASTER

We will be cleaning the church on **next Saturday 2nd April from 9am** in preparation for the Sacred Triduum and Easter. We would be most grateful for any volunteers who can come and lend a hand with sweeping, mopping and dusting. We had a fantastic turnout just before Christmas and I'd be very grateful for as many hands as possible again, as it really makes the whole morning go much more quickly. Thank you!

EASTER MASS TIMES

Holy Week is fast approaching and our Mass times for all these services is on our website.

Maundy Thursday: 7pm with watching until Midnight

Good Friday: 3pm, with Stations of the Cross at 6pm

Holy Saturday: 8pm

Easter Sunday: 9:30am (said, English) and 11:30am (sung, Latin)

Easter Monday: 10am

These Masses will be live streamed as usual on our website.

SODALITY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The next Sodality of the Blessed Sacrament Mass, with Adoration and Benediction is on **Thursday 7th April at 6:30pm**. To find out more about the Sodality, and to become a member, visit sodality.co.uk

LENTEN ALMS – CARDINAL'S APPEAL

This year, we celebrate 10 years of Caritas Westminster, the social action agency of the Diocese, working with parishes to restore hope, and enable people to lead a life of dignity. Funds raised in this year's Cardinal's Lenten Appeal will be shared between parishes and Caritas Westminster. The effects of the pandemic are making daily life harder for all. Price rises mean many families face an impossible choice: HEAT or EAT? The Church is responding, with thousands of people putting their faith into action by serving those in need. Cardinal Nichols has expressed his gratitude to everyone who supports the Appeal, with whatever they can afford. Just as a mosaic is made up of many different coloured pieces, each one unique, each person's contribution to this mosaic of hope will bring light into the lives of people across our Diocese. Please take a donation envelope. You can use the QR code to make your donation online. Thank you for your generosity.

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 The earliest dates available are in May.

SEVEN DAY LAMPS

Are available at the back of the church for £5, or online at maidenlane.org.uk/lamps Through this link you can also have the lamps that hang in the Sanctuary burn for a particular intention of yours.

LONDON CHARTERHOUSE CATENIANS

London Charterhouse Catenians is a Fellowship of Catholic Men. Meetings 2nd Monday at 7pm in 24 Golden Square, Soho, London W1F 9JR (ie the basement of Warwick Street) More info at: catenians.org.uk or email: join@catenians.org.uk

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