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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 – 26TH FEBRUARY 2023 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

SUNDAY 26TH

✠ 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

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

Ps. Week 1
Ugo Odognu – Intentions
Remo, Bruna & Sandro Dipre RIP

MONDAY 27TH

LENT FERIA (ST GREGORY OF NAREK, ABBOT & DOCTOR)

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

Evelyn & Family – Intentions

TUESDAY 28TH

LENT FERIA

No public Mass today. Private Mass offered for *Natercia & Fulvius Fernandes*

WEDNESDAY 1ST MARCH

ST DAVID, BISHOP, PATRON OF WALES

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour

Wanda Milemska RIP

THURSDAY 2ND

LENT FERIA

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
6.30 pm

Claire Marie Largent-Fiorentino – Intentions
Sodality Mass with Adoration & Benediction *Sodality Members*

(Friday abstinence)

FRIDAY 3RD

LENT FERIA

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

Sue Boswell McEntee – Intentions

SATURDAY 4TH

LENT FERIA (ST CASIMIR)

5.00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
6.00 pm Vigil Mass

Henry Gryko RIP – Anniversary

SUNDAY 5TH

✠ 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

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

Ps. Week 2
Pro Populo
Ben Fuentes Sr RIP

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, which includes Vespers, Rosary and Benediction

Eucharistic Prayer Group: Young Adults Prayer Group each Wednesday 7pm in Church with Eucharistic Adoration and Rosary. Contact Annette: ccpguk@gmail.com

WHY THE CROSS?

This is the First Sunday of Lent, the liturgical Season of 40 days which constitutes a spiritual journey in the Church of preparation for Easter. Essentially it is a matter of following Jesus who is walking with determination towards the Cross, the culmination of his mission of salvation. If we ask ourselves: “Why Lent? Why the Cross?”, the answer in radical terms is this: because evil exists, indeed sin, which according to the Scriptures is the profound cause of all evil. However this affirmation is far from being taken for granted and the very word “sin” is not accepted by many because it implies a religious vision of the world and of the human being.

In fact it is true: if God is eliminated from the world’s horizon, one cannot speak of sin. As when the sun is hidden, shadows disappear. Shadows only appear if the sun is out; hence the eclipse of God necessarily entails the eclipse of sin. Therefore the sense of sin — which is something different from the “sense of guilt” as psychology understands it — is acquired by rediscovering the sense of God. This is expressed by the Miserere Psalm, attributed to King David on the occasion of his double sin of adultery and homicide: “Against you”, David says, addressing God, “against you only have I sinned”.

In the face of moral evil God’s attitude is to oppose sin and to save the sinner. God does not tolerate evil because he is Love, Justice and Fidelity; and for this very reason he does not desire the death of the sinner but wants the sinner to convert and to live. To save humanity God intervenes: we see him throughout the history of the Jewish people, beginning with the liberation from Egypt. God is determined to deliver his children from slavery in order to lead them to freedom. And the most serious and profound slavery is precisely that of sin.

For this reason God sent his Son into the world: to set men and women free from the domination of Satan, “the origin and cause of every sin”. God sent him in our mortal flesh so that he might become a victim of expiation, dying for us on the Cross. The Devil opposed this definitive and universal plan of salvation with all his might, as is shown in particular in the Gospel of the temptation of Jesus in the wilderness which is proclaimed every year on the First Sunday of Lent. In fact, entering this liturgical season means continuously taking Christ’s side against sin, facing — both as individuals and as Church — the spiritual fight against the spirit of evil each time. Let us therefore invoke the maternal help of Mary Most Holy for the Lenten journey that has just begun, so that it may be rich in fruits of conversion.

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 now in May 2023. If there are any particular dates you would like next year, please get them in as early as possible.

LENT IS HERE!

Lent has begun – that time of prayer, fasting and abstinence ahead of Our Lord’s Passion and Resurrection. How are you spending those forty days? I’m sure many of you have thought of things to give up: but what about taking something up as well? 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. Where does Confession fit into your Lent plan? Why not pick up the Rosary if it has fallen from your grasp. 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? This year’s recommendation is Cardinal Robert Sarah’s new book – **Catechism of the Spiritual Life**. 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 of the Blessed Sacrament Mass is on **this coming Thursday 2nd March at 6:30pm**. This month’s guest preacher is **Fr Jonathan Goodall**, Parish Priest of St William of York, Stanmore. Candles will be blessed and there will be the traditional procession through the church at the start of Mass. Mass concludes with a period of Adoration and Benediction. To find out more about the Sodality and to become a member, visit sodality.co.uk

BACH’S ST JOHN PASSION

As part of its Lenten devotions, Westminster Cathedral Choir, directed by Simon Johnson, will perform Johann Sebastian Bach’s the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St John on Thursday 16th March at 7.30pm. Tickets (£45/35/25/15) for this seasonal performance in aid of Westminster Cathedral are available from Ticketmaster.

ANNUAL MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR MARRIAGE

Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 13th May 2023 at 2:30pm. The Cardinal is inviting to this Mass 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 2023. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please email the following details to family@rcdow.org.uk: husband and wife’s names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email).

SEVEN DAY LAMPS

Are available at the back of the church for £6, or online at maidenlane.org.uk/lamps. You can also have the lamps that hang in the Sanctuary burn for a particular intention of yours.

CONFESSION

Confessions are heard half an hour before Masses. Do make use of this life giving Sacrament this Lent. We’ll be thinking about this wonderful sacrament during Sunday Masses in Lent.

Our sick parishioners and friends: Norma Stanes, Phil Bawden, Almudena Dagn, 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, 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: George Cardinal Pell, Pope Benedict XVI, Veronica Davies, Vivien May Adams, Irene Walters, Gerard Joseph Waddingham KGCHS, Fr Sir Charles Dilke, Bt, Fr Jeremy Davies, Crispin Harrison CR, HM Queen Elizabeth II, Edie Moran, Sr Marie Louise OCarm, Louise Gusmaroli, Berenice Roetheli, Sheila Szymczak, Fr Tony Brunning, Muriel Jane Humphries, Sr Jolanta, OCarm., Heather Bashford, Fr David