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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 – 5<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2023 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### SUNDAY $5^{TH}$

**★** 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ps. Week 1

9.30 am Said Mass in English Michael Ryan RIP – Anniversary
11.30 am Sung Mass in Latin Anne-Marie Stevenson RIP
Apologies – No Holy Hour today

### $Monday \, 6^{\text{th}}$

### ST PAUL MIKI AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

12 noon Exposition

1.05 pm Mass Bryan Barrett RIP

6.30 pm Mass – 1962 Missal

### Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>

#### **FERIA**

No public Mass today. Private Mass offered for Feliciano Calvo RIP

## WEDNESDAY 8TH

## ST JOSEPHINE BAKHITA

12 noon Exposition

1.05 pm Mass TD's Purgatorial List RIP

## THURSDAY 9TH

## **FERIA**

12 noon Exposition

1.05 pm Mass Benefactors of Corpus Christi

FRIDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> (Friday abstinence)

# ST SCHOLASTICA, VIRGIN

12 noon Exposition

1.05 pmMassBridget Gannon RIP6.30 pmMass - 1962 MissalGood Counsel Network

# SATURDAY 11<sup>TH</sup>

# **OUR LADY OF LOURDES**

5.00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

6.00 pm Vigil Mass Pro Populo

# $SUNDAY\ 12^{\mathrm{TH}}$

### **★** 6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ps. Week 2

9.30 am Said Mass in English Teresa Gannon RIP
11.30 am Sung Mass in Latin Remo Dipre RIP

Apologies – No Holy Hour today

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

#### SALT OF THE EARTH

In this Sunday's Gospel the Lord Jesus tells his disciples: "You are the salt of the earth.... You are the light of the world". With these richly evocative images he wishes to pass on to them the meaning of their mission and their witness.

Salt, in the cultures of the Middle East, calls to mind several values such as the Covenant, solidarity, life and wisdom. Light is the first work of God the Creator and is a source of life; the word of God is compared to light, as the Psalmist proclaims: "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path".

And, again in today's Liturgy, the Prophet Isaiah says: "If you pour yourself out for the hungry and satisfy the desire of the afflicted, then shall your light rise in the darkness and your gloom be as the noonday".

Wisdom sums up in itself the beneficial effects of salt and light: in fact, disciples of the Lord are called to give a new "taste" to the world and to keep it from corruption with the wisdom of God, which shines out in its full splendour on the Face of the Son because he is "the true light that enlightens every man". United to him, in the darkness of indifference and selfishness, Christians can diffuse the light of God's love, true wisdom that gives meaning to human life and action.

Next 11 February, the Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes, we shall celebrate the World Day of the Sick. It is a favourable opportunity on which to reflect, to pray and to increase the sensitivity that the ecclesial communities and civil society show to our sick brothers and sisters.

In the Message for this Day, inspired by a sentence from the story of the Good Samaritan, "Take care of him", Pope Francis invites everyone to contemplate Jesus, the Son of God, who suffered and died but is Risen.

God radically opposes the overbearingness of evil. The Lord takes care of human beings in every situation, he shares in their suffering and opens their hearts to hope. The Church therefore urges all health-care workers to recognize in the sick person not only a body marked by frailty but first and foremost a person, to whom they should give full solidarity and offer appropriated and qualified help.

In this context we also recall that around the world at this time of year, many countries celebrate the "Day for Life". We pray that everyone will make an effort to increase the culture of life and to make the human being the centre in all circumstances. According to both faith and reason, the dignity of the person cannot be reduced to his or her faculties or visible capacity; thus human dignity is never lacking even when the person is weak, sick or in need of help.

Dear brothers and sisters, let us invoke the motherly intercession of the Virgin Mary so that parents, grandparents, teachers, priests and all who are involved in education may inculcate in the young generations wisdom of heart, to enable them to attain fullness of life.

#### ASH WEDNESDAY – 22<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY

Ash Wednesday this year falls on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February. There will be three Masses – 8am (1962 Missal), 1:05pm (said, English) and 6:30pm (sung, Latin). Ashes will be distributed at all Masses. Bach's St John Passion

#### SODALITY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The next Sodality of the Blessed Sacrament Mass is on this coming Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

#### **DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES**

The Westminster Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from **21st to 28th July 2023**.

Every year, hundreds of pilgrims from the many parishes in the Diocese of Westminster journey together to Lourdes to visit the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes. With the kindness of volunteers, the group is able to support over 100 pilgrims who are sick, disabled, frail or elderly and need help to make the journey. For more details, visit rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/lourdes or contact Elizabeth Uwalaka on 0207 798 9173.

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

#### **DONATIONS**

I would like to say a very big **thank you** to everyone who has supported the work of the Shrine during the last year, both financially and spiritually. Donations can be made at Mass by cash, via our card machines, via our website at **maidenlane.org.uk/support** or by scanning the QR Code on the front of this newsletter. And remember, if you are able to Gift Aid your donations, please do so. This allows us to claim an extra 25p for every £1 you donate from the Government. A simple £10 donation very quickly becomes a £12.50 donation, with no extra cost to you. Thank you!

#### **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

A reminder that Confessions are heard for half an hour before all Masses, or by appointment.

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: 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 Irwin, Sir David Amess,