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## THE LAMPS ARE BURNING FOR:

### SANCTUARY LAMPS

Helena Murray & Michael

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Cecilia Fernandez RIP

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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 – 12<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2023 6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### SUNDAY 12<sup>TH</sup>

#### ✠ 6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9.30 am Said Mass in English  
11.30 am Sung Mass in Latin  
Apologies – No Holy Hour today

*Ps. Week 2  
Teresa Gannon RIP  
Remo Dipre RIP*

### MONDAY 13<sup>TH</sup>

#### FERIA

12 noon Exposition  
1.05 pm Mass  
6.30 pm Mass – 1962 Missal

*Della Murphy RIP*

### TUESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup>

#### Ss CYRIL, MONK, & METHODIUS, BISHOP, PATRONS OF EUROPE

No public Mass today. Private Mass offered for *Austin Lloyd RIP – Anniversary*

### WEDNESDAY 15<sup>TH</sup>

#### FERIA

12 noon Exposition  
1.05 pm Mass

*Jessie Stewart RIP*

### THURSDAY 16<sup>TH</sup>

#### FERIA

12 noon Exposition  
1.05 pm Mass

*Marian Bodian – Intentions*

### FRIDAY 17<sup>TH</sup>

*(Friday abstinence)*

#### THE SEVEN HOLY FOUNDERS OF THE SERVITE ORDER

12 noon Exposition  
1.05 pm Mass

*Azuka Henry Odogwu – Intentions*

### SATURDAY 18<sup>TH</sup>

#### FERIA

5.00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
6.00 pm Vigil Mass

*Kai-Yiu Wong RIP*

### SUNDAY 19<sup>TH</sup>

#### ✠ 7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9.30 am Said Mass in English  
11.30 am Sung Mass in Latin  
Apologies – No Holy Hour today

*Ps. Week 3  
Pro Populo  
Tom Glennon 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](mailto:ccpguk@gmail.com)

## I SAY TO YOU

In this Sunday's Liturgy we continue to read Jesus' so-called "Sermon on the Mount". It is contained in chapters 5, 6 and 7 of Matthew's Gospel. After the Beatitudes, which are the programme of his life, Jesus proclaims the new Law, his Torah, as our Jewish brothers and sisters call it. In fact, on his coming, the Messiah was also to bring the definitive revelation of the Law and this is precisely what Jesus declares: "Think not that I have come to abolish the Law and the Prophets; I have come not to abolish them but to fulfil them".

And addressing his disciples, he adds: "unless your righteousness exceeds that of the Scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the Kingdom of Heaven". But what do this "fullness" of Christ's Law and this "superior" justice that he demands consist in?

Jesus explains it with a series of antitheses between the old commandments and his new way of propounding them. He begins each time: "You have heard that it was said to the men of old...", and then he asserts: "but I say to you".... For example, "You have heard that it was said to the men of old, 'you shall not kill; and whoever kills shall be liable to judgement'. But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother shall be liable to judgement".

And he does this six times. This manner of speaking made a great impression on the people, who were shocked, because those words: "I say to you" were equivalent to claiming the actual authority of God, the source of the Law. The newness of Jesus consists essentially in the fact that he himself "fulfils" the commandments with the love of God, with the power of the Holy Spirit who dwells within him. And we, through faith in Christ, can open ourselves to the action of the Holy Spirit who makes us capable of living divine love.

So it is that every precept becomes true as a requirement of love, and all join in a single commandment: love God with all your heart and love your neighbour as yourself. "Love is the fulfilling of the Law", St Paul writes.

Dear friends, perhaps it is not by chance that Jesus' first great preaching is called the "Sermon on the Mount"! Moses went up Mount Sinai to receive the Law of God and bring it to the Chosen People. Jesus is the Son of God himself who came down from Heaven to lead us to Heaven, to God's height, on the way of love. Indeed, he himself is this way; all we have to do in order to put into practice God's will and to enter his Kingdom, eternal life, is to follow him.

Only one creature has already scaled the mountain peak: the Virgin Mary. Through her union with Jesus, her righteousness was perfect: for this reason we invoke her as *Speculum iustitiae*. Let us entrust ourselves to her so that she may guide our steps in fidelity to Christ's Law.

## SEVEN DAY LAMPS

Are available at the back of the church for £6, or online at [maidenlane.org.uk/lamps](http://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.

## 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.

## LENT APPROACHES!

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. 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? 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 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](http://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. For more details, visit [rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/lourdes](http://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](http://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.

**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