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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 – 19TH FEBRUARY 2023 7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 19TH

✠ 7TH 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*

MONDAY 20TH

FERIA

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

Zina Odogwu – Intentions

TUESDAY 21ST

ST PETER DAMIAN, BISHOP & DOCTOR

No public Mass today. Private Mass offered for

Margaret Sturges RIP

WEDNESDAY 22ND

ASH WEDNESDAY

8.00 am Mass (1962 Missal)
12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Said Mass in English
5.00 pm Holy Hour
6.30 pm Sung Mass in Latin

(Fast & Abstinence)

Gerald Redpath RIP

Mary Frances Simon RIP

Odogwu & Onukwu Household

THURSDAY 23RD

LENT FERIA (ST POLYCARP, BISHOP & MARTYR)

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour

Chidi Odogwu - Intentions

FRIDAY 24TH

LENT FERIA

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

(Friday abstinence)

Edward Fitzpatrick & Edward Sharp – Intentions

SATURDAY 25TH

LENT FERIA

5.00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
6.00 pm Vigil Mass

Pro Populo

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 Odogwu – Intentions
Remo, Bruna & Sandro Dipre 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

YOU SHALL BE HOLY

On this Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time the biblical readings speak to us of God's desire to make all human beings share in his life: "You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy", we read in the Book of Leviticus. With these words and with the consequent precepts the Lord invited the People whom he had chosen to be faithful to the Covenant with him, to walk on his path; and he founded social legislation on the commandment "you shall love your neighbour as yourself".

Then if we listen to Jesus in whom God took a mortal body to make himself close to every human being and reveal his infinite love for us, we find that same call, that same audacious objective. Indeed, the Lord says: "You, therefore, must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect".

But who could become perfect? Our perfection is living humbly as children of God, doing his will in practice. St Cyprian wrote: "that the godly discipline might respond to God, the Father, that in the honour and praise of living, God may be glorified in man.

How can we imitate Jesus? He said: "Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in Heaven". Anyone who welcomes the Lord into his life and loves him with all his heart is capable of a new beginning. He succeeds in doing God's will: to bring about a new form of existence enlivened by love and destined for eternity.

The Apostle Paul added: "Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?". If we are truly aware of this reality and our life is profoundly shaped by it, then our witness becomes clear, eloquent and effective. A medieval author wrote: "When the whole of man's being is, so to speak, mingled with God's love, the splendour of his soul is also reflected in his external aspect", in the totality of life.

"Love is an excellent thing", we read in the book the Imitation of Christ. "It makes every difficulty easy, and bears all wrongs with equanimity.... Love tends upward; it will not be held down by anything low... love is born of God and cannot rest except in God". Let us invoke the Virgin Mary, Mother of God and of the Church, so that she may teach us to love each other and accept each other as brothers and sisters, children of the same heavenly Father.

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.

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.

ASH WEDNESDAY – 22ND FEBRUARY

Ash Wednesday this year falls on Wednesday 22nd 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 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.

FASTING & ABSTINENCE: THE RULES

Fasting is to be observed by all those between the ages of 18 – 60. The Church defines this as one meal a day, and two smaller meals which if added together would not exceed the main meal in quantity.

The law of Abstinence means refraining from eating meat and is to be observed by all those from the age of 14. Meat is considered to be the flesh and organs of mammals and fowl. Also forbidden are soups or gravies made from them. Salt and freshwater species of fish, amphibians, reptiles and shellfish are permitted, as are animal derived products such as margarine and gelatine which do not have any meat taste.

Those who are excused from fast or abstinence: Besides those outside the age limits, those of unsound mind, the sick, the frail, pregnant or nursing women according to need for meat or nourishment, manual labourers according to need, guests at a meal who cannot excuse themselves without giving great offence or causing enmity and other situations of moral or physical impossibility to observe the penitential discipline.

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

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