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CORPUS CHRISTI

THE DIOCESAN SHRINE OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

MARCH – MONTH DEDICATED TO
ST JOSEPH

✠ HOLY MASS FOR THE WEEK – 5TH MARCH 2023 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

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*

MONDAY 6TH

LENT FERIA

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

Dr Harold Leigh RIP

TUESDAY 7TH

LENT FERIA (SS PERPETUA & FELICITY, MARTYRS)

No public Mass today. Private Mass offered for

Nicefra & Simon Nowak

WEDNESDAY 8TH

LENT FERIA (ST JOHN OF GOD, RELIGIOUS)

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour

Carol Morton RIP

THURSDAY 9TH

LENT FERIA (ST FRANCES OF ROME, RELIGIOUS)

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour

Benefactors of Corpus Christi

FRIDAY 10TH

LENT FERIA

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour
6.00 pm Stations of the Cross
6.30 pm Mass (1962 Missal)

(Friday abstinence)

Fr Joseph Gulliford – sick

Good Counsel Network

SATURDAY 11TH

LENT FERIA

5.00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
6.00 pm Vigil Mass

Norrie Hogan RIP

SUNDAY 12TH

✠ 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

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

*Ps. Week 3
Pro Populo
Gerard Cabill 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

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Kathleen O'Dea

LADY CHAPEL

Marie Taylor RIP

SACRED HEART CHAPEL

Private Intention

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LIGHT FROM LIGHT

This Sunday, the Second Sunday of Lent, is called “of the Transfiguration” because the Gospel recounts this mystery of Jesus’ life. After Jesus had foretold his Passion to the disciples, “he took with him Peter, James and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain apart. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his garments became white as light”. According to the senses the light of the sun is the brightest light known in nature but, according to the spirit, the disciples briefly glimpsed an even more intense splendour, that of the divine glory of Jesus which illumines the whole history of salvation. St Maximus Confessor says that “[the Lord’s] garments appear white, that is to say, the words of the Gospel will then be clear and distinct, with nothing concealed”.

The Gospel tells that beside the transfigured Jesus “there appeared... Moses and Elijah, talking with him”; Moses and Elijah, figure of the Law and of the Prophets. It was then that Peter, ecstatic, exclaimed “Lord, it is well that we are here; if you wish, I will make three booths here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah”. However St Augustine commented, saying that we have only one dwelling place, Christ: “he is the Word of God, the Word of God in the Law, the Word of God in the Prophets”.

In fact, the Father himself proclaims: “this is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him”. The Transfiguration is not a change in Jesus but the revelation of his divinity: “the profound interpenetration of his being with God, which then becomes pure light. In his oneness with the Father, Jesus is himself ‘light from light’”.

Peter, James and John, contemplating the divinity of the Lord, are ready to face the scandal of the Cross, as it is sung in an ancient hymn: “You were transfigured on the mountain and your disciples, insofar as they were able, contemplated your glory, in order that, on seeing you crucified, they would understand that your Passion was voluntary and proclaim to the world that you are truly the splendour of the Father”.

Dear friends, let us too share in this vision and in this supernatural gift, making room for prayer, and for listening to the Word of God. Further, especially in this Season of Lent, I urge you, as Pope St Paul VI wrote, “to respond to the divine precept of penitence by some voluntary act, apart from the renunciation imposed by the burdens of everyday life”.

Let us invoke the Virgin Mary so that she may help us always to listen to and follow the Lord Jesus, even to the Passion and the Cross, in order to also participate in his glory.

DIARY DATE – CHURCH CLEANING

From 9.00am on Saturday 25th March, we will be cleaning the church and veiling the statues in preparation for Passion Sunday, through to Easter. Please do come along and help.

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.

LENT IS NOT A SPRINT!

I hope that you’re all firmly on track with your Lenten devotions. To help you on your way, have you thought about coming to Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament – or just calling into your church and spending a few minutes each day before the Tabernacle? **Here at Corpus Christi on Fridays in Lent, there is Holy Hour from 5pm, followed by Stations of the Cross at 6pm.** And all of us need to ask ourselves whether we need to go to Confession more often. Use these Forty Days wisely as a time to grow closer to our Crucified Lord. If you’re looking for something to read to help you this Lent, then I recommend 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.

LENTEN MUSICAL ORATORIES – BROMPTON ORATORY

Spiritual discourses, music and prayer in the tradition of St Philip Neri will take place in the Oratory Church on Brompton Road, SW7 2RP at 6.30pm on Wednesdays during Lent. The next evening on Wednesday 8th March will feature the Schola Cantorum of the London Oratory School and will include music by Byrd, Tallis and Handel.

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 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.

CONFESSION

Confessions are heard half an hour before Masses. Do make use of this life giving Sacrament this Lent. We all need it.

CARDINAL’S LENTEN APPEAL

Funds raised this year will be shared between the four pillars of the Cardinal’s Lenten Appeal: Marriage & Family Life, Youth & Evangelisation, the Education Service, and Caritas Westminster. The effects of the pandemic, followed by the cost-of-living crisis, are still making daily life harder for all. The Church continues to respond, 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. Please take a donation envelope today, for more information. You can use the QR code to make your donation online. Thank you for your generosity.

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: Joy Fleischmann, 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