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# CORPUS CHRISTI

## THE DIOCESAN SHRINE OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

NOVEMBER – MONTH DEDICATED TO  
THE HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY

## ✠ HOLY MASS FOR THE WEEK – 19<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2023 33<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

#### ✠ 33<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9.30 am Said Mass in English  
11.30 am Sung Mass in Latin

*Ps. Week 1*  
*Bridget Walsh RIP – Anniversary*  
*Pro Populo*

### MONDAY 20<sup>TH</sup>

#### FERIA

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

*Francis & Theresa Khoo RIP – Anniversary*

### TUESDAY 21<sup>ST</sup>

#### THE PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Private Mass offered for

*Holy Souls in Purgatory*

### WEDNESDAY 22<sup>ND</sup>

#### ST CECILIA, VIRGIN & MARTYR

12 noon Exposition  
1.05 pm Mass

*Persecuted Christians*

### THURSDAY 23<sup>RD</sup>

#### ST CLEMENT I, POPE & MARTYR

12 noon Exposition  
1.05 pm Mass  
5.00 pm Holy Hour

*Anna Milewska RIP*

### FRIDAY 24<sup>TH</sup>

*(Friday Abstinence)*

#### ST ANDREW DŨNG-LẠC, PRIEST, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

12 noon Exposition  
1.05 pm Mass  
5.00 pm Holy Hour

*Holy Souls in Purgatory*

### SATURDAY 25<sup>TH</sup>

#### ST CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGIN & MARTYR

5.00 pm Exposition  
6.00 pm Vigil Mass

*Pro Populo*

### SUNDAY 26<sup>TH</sup>

#### ✠ OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

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

*Ps. Week 2*  
*Kathleen Flint RIP*  
*Wanda Milewska 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)

## THE FRUITS OF LOVE

The word of God of this Sunday — the second to last Sunday of the liturgical year — warns us of the transience of our earthly existence and invites us to live it as a pilgrimage, keeping our gaze fixed on the destination for which God has created us. Moreover, since he made us for himself, he is our ultimate destination and the meaning of our existence.

Death, followed by the Last Judgement, is an obligatory stage to pass through in order to reach this definitive reality. The Apostle Paul says: “the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night”, that is, without warning. May knowledge of the glorious return of the Lord Jesus spur us to live in an attitude of watchfulness, waiting for his manifestation and in constant remembrance of his first Coming.

In the well-known Parable of the Talents — recounted by the Evangelist Matthew — Jesus tells the story of three servants to whom their master entrusted his property, before setting out on a long journey. Two of them behaved impeccably, doubling the value of what they had received. On the contrary, the third buried the money he had received in a hole. On his return, the master asked his servants to account for what he had entrusted to them and while he was pleased with the first two he was disappointed with the third.

Indeed, the servant who had hidden his talent and failed to make it increase in worth, had calculated badly. He behaved as if his master were never to return, as if there would never be a day on which he would be asked to account for his actions. With this parable Jesus wanted to teach his disciples to make good use of his gifts: God calls every person and offers talents to all, at the same time entrusting each one with a mission to carry out. It would be foolish to presume that these gifts are an entitlement, just as failing to use them would mean failing to achieve our purpose in life.

In commenting on this Gospel passage St Gregory the Great noted that the Lord does not let anyone lack the gift of his charity, of his love. He wrote: “brothers, it is necessary that you pay the utmost attention to preserving love in everything you must do”. After explaining that true charity consists in loving enemies as well as friends, he added: “if someone lacks this virtue, he loses every good he possesses, he is deprived of the talent he received and is cast out into the darkness”.

Dear brothers and sisters, let us accept the invitation to be watchful, of which the Scriptures frequently remind us! This is the attitude of those who know that the Lord will return and that he will wish to see the fruits of his love in us. Charity is the fundamental good that no one can fail to bring to fruition and without which every other good is worthless. If Jesus loved us to the point of giving his life for us, how can we not love God with the whole of ourselves and love one another with real warmth? It is only by practising charity that we too will be able to share in the joy of Our Lord. May the Virgin Mary teach us active and joyful watchfulness on our journey towards the encounter with God.

## NOVEMBER HOLY SOULS

November is the Month of the Holy Souls. Throughout November, we will be offering at least three Masses each week for the **Holy Souls in Purgatory**. You can have your departed relatives and friends remembered at the Altar at these Masses by adding their names to the list by simply filling out the form on our website, or one of the forms at the back of the church. Visit [maidenlane.org.uk/holysouls](http://maidenlane.org.uk/holysouls) to make your offering today!

### MASS FOR PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS #REDWEDNESDAY

**#RedWednesday** is an annual initiative by Aid to the Church in Need to highlight the plight of those who are persecuted for their Christian faith around the world. On Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup>, we will be celebrating a Mass for Persecuted Christians. Please pray for all those who are unable to go to Mass at all for fear of execution, persecution and assault and the incredible work that Aid to the Church in Need does to support and help them.

Please support the work of Aid to the Church in Need. Visit [acnuk.org/redwednesday](http://acnuk.org/redwednesday) for more information and to make a donation.

### WEST END CAROL SERVICE

On **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30pm** there will be a traditional Service of Lessons and Carols, ending with Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament, here at Corpus Christi, the Catholic Actors Church. This is organised in collaboration with various artists from the West End, including the Royal Opera House, Wigmore Hall, and many others. It will be a wonderful evening, preparing for the coming of the Lord. More details will follow in due course, but please do put this date in your diaries now. Entry is free and all are most welcome to come and begin the spiritual preparations for the holy season of Christmas.

### SODALITY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The next Sodality of the Blessed Sacrament Mass will be on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 6:30pm**. Our guest preacher on that day will be **Fr Gary Dench**, Assistant Priest of Brentwood Cathedral. To find out more about the Sodality and to become a member, visit [sodality.co.uk](http://sodality.co.uk)

### 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). Why not have the lamps before Our Lord burn for someone you care about?

### CAN YOU PLEASE HELP US?

You may have noticed if you were around last week that part of the front of the church was under scaffold. We had to carry out some necessary running repairs to the roof. Nothing too serious, but sadly, expensive – around £10k. For example, we had to pay Westminster City Council £1,150 just for a licence to put the scaffolding up – even before any work could take place. Do you think you might be able to help us a little please? There will be a retiring collection after Mass today – but you can always make a donation on the parish website anytime at [maidenlane.org.uk/donate](http://maidenlane.org.uk/donate), or by contacting us directly. I'd be most grateful if you could help us. Thank you!

**Our sick parishioners and friends:** Natalie Williams, Douglas Adams, 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:** Johanna Sophia Pretorius, Pauline Lewis, Michael O'Toole, John Hughes, Fr Mark James Leenane, William Blake, Eve Schreiber, Soumaya Tabet, Eugene Owen Monahan, Thomas Hunt, 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