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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 – 25TH FEBRUARY 2024

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

SUNDAY 25TH

✠ 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

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

*Ps Wk 2
Private Intentions
Carmel Howell RIP*

MONDAY 26TH

LENT FERIA

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

Ailish Duffy – sick

TUESDAY 27TH

LENT FERIA (ST GREGORY OF NAREK, ABBOT & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH)

No public Mass today. Private Mass offered for

Desmond Connors – sick

WEDNESDAY 28TH

LENT FERIA

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour

Benefactors of Corpus Christi

THURSDAY 29TH

LENT FERIA

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour

Liam Kent – sick

FRIDAY 1ST MARCH

ST DAVID, BISHOP, PATRON OF WALES

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

(Friday Abstinence)

Alan Murphy – sick

SATURDAY 2ND

LENT FERIA

5.00 pm Exposition
6.00 pm Vigil Mass

Kevin & Ruth Fox RIP

SUNDAY 3RD

✠ 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

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

*Ps Wk 3
Pro Populo
Private Intentions*

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

DIVINE GLORY

This Sunday, the Second Sunday of Lent, is known as the Transfiguration of Christ. Indeed in the Lenten itinerary, having invited us to follow Jesus into the wilderness to face and overcome the temptations with him, the Liturgy now proposes that we climb the “mountain” of prayer with him to contemplate God’s glorious radiance on his human face. The episode of the Transfiguration of Christ is unanimously attested by the Evangelists Matthew, Mark and Luke. There are two essential elements: first of all, Jesus leads the disciples Peter, James and John up a high mountain and there “he was transfigured before them” and his face and his garments shone with dazzling light while Moses and Elijah appeared beside him; the second, a cloud overshadowed the mountain peak and from it came a voice saying: “This is my beloved Son; listen to him”. Thus, light and the voice: the divine radiance on Jesus’ face, and the voice of the heavenly Father that witnesses to him and commands that he be listened to.

The mystery of the Transfiguration must not be separated from the context of the path Jesus is following. He is now decisively oriented to fulfilling his mission, knowing all too well that to arrive at the Resurrection he must pass through the Passion and death on the Cross. He had spoken openly of this to his disciples; but they did not understand, on the contrary they rejected this prospect because they were not reasoning in accordance with God, but in accordance with men.

It is for this reason that Jesus takes three of them with him up the mountain and reveals his divine glory, the splendour of Truth and of Love. Jesus wants this light to illuminate their hearts when they pass through the thick darkness of his Passion and death, when the folly of the Cross becomes unbearable to them. God is light, and Jesus wishes to give his closest friends the experience of this light which dwells within him.

After this event, therefore, he will be an inner light within them that can protect them from any assault of darkness. Even on the darkest of nights, Jesus is the lamp that never goes out. St Augustine sums up this mystery in beautiful words, he says: “what this sun is to the eyes of the flesh, that is [Christ] to the eyes of the heart”.

Dear brothers and sisters, we all need inner light to overcome the trials of life. This light comes from God and it is Christ who gives it to us, the One in whom the fullness of deity dwells. Let us climb with Jesus the mountain of prayer and, contemplating his face full of love and truth, let us allow ourselves to be filled with his light. Let us ask the Virgin Mary, our guide on the journey of faith, to help us to live out this experience in the season of Lent, finding every day a few moments for silent prayer and for listening to the Word of God.

CONFESSION

Confessions are heard for half an hour before all Masses, or upon request. Do make use of this wonderful Sacrament which restores our relationship with the Lord.

SODALITY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The next Sodality of the Blessed Sacrament Mass is on **Thursday 7th March at 6:30pm**. This month’s guest preacher will be **Fr Philip-Thomas Edwards**, Priest in Charge of St Patrick’s, Soho Square. Mass will conclude as usual with a period of Adoration and Benediction. To find out more about the Sodality, and to become a member, visit **sodality.co.uk**

LENT IS HERE

Lent has begun – that time of prayer, fasting and abstinence ahead of Our Lord’s Passion and Resurrection. How are you spending those forty days? I’m sure many of you have thought of things to give up; but what about taking something up as well? 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? (Check the front of this newsletter.) Perhaps bring some spiritual reading with you as well? This year’s recommendation is *We Dare To Say* – more info below. 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.

WE DARE TO SAY

Copies of a Lent Course: **We Dare To Say** are available at the back of the church for **£5**. The book features five chapters, each based on a line from the Lord’s Prayer. Each chapter includes scripture, prayers and a reflection with questions. This five-week course takes us on a journey through the Lord’s Prayer, and has been specially prepared for the Year of Prayer, the penultimate year of preparation for the Jubilee Year 2025, Pilgrims of Hope.

SECOND COLLECTION FOR THE BUILDING FUND

As many of you will remember, last year we had to have some urgent repairs done to the roof. There was a large hole, and a substantial amount of water was coming in, damaging the wood frame of the roof. This work cost around £10k, with a substantial amount going towards scaffolding and the pavement licence to Westminster Council. Through your generosity, we have raised £6,000 towards these costs. We are now trying to collect some money to pay for the remaining **£4,000**. There will be a second collection after Mass, and donations can also be made through our website at **maidenlane.org.uk/donate** Thank you!

SEVEN DAY LAMPS

Are available at the back of the church for £6, or online at **maidenlane.org.uk/lamps**. This is the same link if you would like the Sanctuary lamps lit for your intentions.

MASS INTENTIONS

The earliest dates available are now in **May**. To book a Mass, you can use the envelopes at the back of the church or online at **maidenlane.org.uk/intentions**

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:** Ann Christine Leece, 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,