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kindness and generosity.*

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Private Intentions x3  
Gregory & Walli Taylor  
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Private Intention

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Mr Venditti 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 – 4<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2024 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### SUNDAY 4<sup>TH</sup>

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

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

*Ps Wk 1  
Michael Ryan RIP  
Mary Lee Kheng Tan RIP*

### MONDAY 5<sup>TH</sup>

#### ST AGATHA, VIRGIN & MARTYR

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

*Nancy Yu RIP – Anniversary*

### TUESDAY 6<sup>TH</sup>

#### ST PAUL MIKKI & COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

No public Mass today. Private Mass offered for

*Lynn Ray – Intentions*

### WEDNESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup>

#### FERIA

12 noon Exposition  
1.05 pm Mass  
5.00 pm Holy Hour

*Indi Gregory RIP*

### THURSDAY 8<sup>TH</sup>

#### ST JOSEPHINE BAKHITA, VIRGIN

12 noon Exposition  
1.05 pm Mass  
5.00 pm Holy Hour

*Benefactors of Corpus Christi*

### FRIDAY 9<sup>TH</sup>

#### FERIA

12 noon Exposition  
1.05 pm Mass  
5.00 pm Holy Hour

*(Friday Abstinence)*

*Teresa Gannon RIP*

### SATURDAY 10<sup>TH</sup>

#### ST SCHOLASTICA, VIRGIN

5.00 pm Exposition  
6.00 pm Vigil Mass

*Bridget Gannon RIP*

### SUNDAY 11<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  
5.00 pm Holy Hour

*Ps Wk 2  
Pro Populo  
Maureen Doherty 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)

## KEEP IMMERSSED IN GOD'S LOVE

This Sunday's Gospel presents to us Jesus who heals the sick: first Simon Peter's mother-in-law who was in bed with a fever and Jesus, taking her by the hand, healed her and helped her to her feet; then all the sick in Capernaum, tried in body, mind and spirit, and he "healed many... and cast out many demons". The four Evangelists agree in testifying that this liberation from illness and infirmity of every kind was — together with preaching — Jesus' main activity in his public ministry.

Illness is in fact a sign of the action of Evil in the world and in people, whereas healing shows that the Kingdom of God, God himself, is at hand. Jesus Christ came to defeat Evil at the root and instances of healing are an anticipation of his triumph, obtained with his death and Resurrection.

Jesus said one day: "those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick". On that occasion he was referring to sinners, whom he came to call and to save. It is nonetheless true that illness is a typically human condition in which we feel strongly that we are not self-sufficient but need others. In this regard we might say paradoxically that illness can be a salutary moment in which to experience the attention of others and to pay attention to others!

However, illness is also always a trial that can even become long and difficult. When healing does not happen and suffering is prolonged, we can be as it were overwhelmed, isolated, and then our life is depressed and dehumanized. How should we react to this attack of Evil? With the appropriate treatment, certainly — medicine in these decades has taken giant strides and we are grateful for it — but the Word of God teaches us that there is a crucial basic attitude with which to face illness and it is that of faith in God, in his goodness. Jesus always repeats this to the people he heals: your faith has made you well.

Even in the face of death, faith can make possible what is humanly impossible. But faith in what? In the love of God. This is the real answer which radically defeats Evil. Just as Jesus confronted the Evil One with the power of the love that came to him from the Father, so we too can confront and live through the trial of illness, keeping our heart immersed in God's love.

We all know people who were able to bear terrible suffering because God gave them profound serenity. I am thinking of the recent example of Bl. Chiara Badano, cut off in the flower of her youth by a disease from which there was no escape: all those who went to visit her received light and confidence from her! Nonetheless, in sickness we all need human warmth: to comfort a sick person what counts more than words is serene and sincere closeness.

Next Sunday, 11 February, which would be the Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes, is the World Day of the Sick. Let us too do as people did in Jesus' day: let us present to him spiritually all the sick, confident that he wants to and can heal them. And let us invoke the intercession of Our Lady, especially for the situations of greater suffering and neglect.

## ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday this year falls on **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February**, which you will have noticed would normally be the feast of St Valentine... **If you're planning a romantic meal that evening, it will have to be small and vegetarian!** There will be three Masses – 8am (1962 Missal), 1:05pm (said, English) and 6:30pm (sung, Latin). Ashes will be distributed at all Masses.

### 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 £3,500 towards these costs. We are now trying to collect some money to pay for the remaining **£6,500**. There will be a second collection after Mass, and donations can also be made through our website at [maidenlane.org.uk/donate](http://maidenlane.org.uk/donate) Thank you!

### THE CRIB APPEAL – THANK YOU!

We have been so pleased by the response to the crib appeal. We have received almost all the figures, apart from the odd shepherd still looking for a sponsor. We will soon be placing an order for the figures from Germany, and during the course of the year, the nativity scene they will go into will be built.

If you might be able to help us complete the final few pieces of the set, the figures can be donated via our website at [maidenlane.org.uk/crib](http://maidenlane.org.uk/crib)

A list of the names of donors will be worked into the base of the stable, and a Mass is offered each month in perpetuity for all the Shrine's benefactors. Thank you so much to everyone who has so generously contributed.

### SODALITY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The next Sodality of the Blessed Sacrament Mass is on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 6:30pm**. 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](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). 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 **April**. If there are any dates you would particularly like, please book them soon to avoid disappointment! There are very few Sundays left. You can use the envelopes at the back of the church or online at [maidenlane.org.uk/intentions](http://maidenlane.org.uk/intentions)

### COELIAC DISEASE / GLUTEN INTOLERANCE

If you require a low-gluten host at Holy Communion, please inform the priest **before** Mass begins.

### 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.

**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,