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Pauling Mary Maffrett RIP

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CORPUS CHRISTI THE DIOCESAN SHRINE OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

MARCH – MONTH DEDICATED TO
ST JOSEPH

✠ HOLY MASS FOR THE WEEK – 3RD MARCH 2024 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

SUNDAY 3RD

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

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Private Intentions*

MONDAY 4TH

LENT FERIA (ST CASIMIR)

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

Deceased Members of the Miranda Family RIP

TUESDAY 5TH

LENT FERIA

No public Mass today. Private Mass: *Edward & Emily Forster-Thomas – Anniv.*

WEDNESDAY 6TH

LENT FERIA

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour

Harold Leigh RIP

THURSDAY 7TH

LENT FERIA

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
6.30 pm Sodality of the Blessed Sacrament Mass

Deceased Members of the Furtado Family RIP

Sodality Members

(Friday Abstinence)

FRIDAY 8TH

LENT FERIA (ST JOHN OF GOD, RELIGIOUS)

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

Jonathan Tsang RIP

SATURDAY 9TH

LENT FERIA (ST FRANCES OF ROME, RELIGIOUS)

5.00 pm Exposition
6.00 pm Vigil Mass

Holy Souls in Purgatory

SUNDAY 10TH

✠ 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT – LAETARE SUNDAY

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

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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

WHAT SIGN HAVE YOU?

On this Third Sunday of Lent the Gospel — in St John's version — refers to the famous episode of Jesus who drives the animal dealers and the money-changers out of the Temple of Jerusalem. The event, recorded by all the Evangelists, happened in the Passover Feast and made a deep impression on both the crowd and the disciples. How should we interpret Jesus' action?

First of all it should be noted that it did not provoke any repression from the keepers of public order because it was seen as a typical prophetic action: indeed, in God's name prophets often reported abuse and sometimes did so with symbolic gestures. The problem, if there was one, concerned their authority. For this reason the Jews asked Jesus: "What sign have you to show us for doing this?", show us that you are truly acting in God's name.

The expulsion of the dealers from the Temple has also been interpreted in a political and revolutionary sense, placing Jesus on a par with the zealots' movement. The zealots were, precisely, "zealous" for God's law and prepared to use violence to enforce respect for it. In Jesus' day they were awaiting a Messiah who would free Israel from Roman domination. But Jesus did not fulfil this expectation, so much so that some disciples abandoned him and Judas Iscariot even betrayed him. In fact it is impossible to interpret Jesus as violent: violence is contrary to the Kingdom of God, it is a tool of the antichrist. Violence is never useful to humanity but dehumanizes it.

Let us, therefore, listen to the words that Jesus spoke while he was carrying out this action. "Take these things away; you shall not make my Father's house a house of trade". And the disciples then remembered that in a Psalm is written: "zeal for your house has consumed me".

This Psalm is a call for help in a situation of extreme danger, because of the hatred of enemies: the plight that Jesus was to live through in his Passion. Zeal for the Father and for his house was to bring him to the cross: his was the zeal of love that pays in person, not the zeal that would like to serve God through violence.

In fact the "sign" that Jesus was to give as proof of his authority would be his very death and Resurrection. "Destroy this temple", he said, "and in three days I will raise it up". And St John recorded: "he spoke of the temple of his body". With the Pasch of Jesus a new form of worship begins, the cult of love, and a new temple which is he himself, the Risen Christ, through whom every believer can worship God "in spirit and truth".

Dear friends, the Holy Spirit began to build this new temple in the womb of the Virgin Mary. Let us pray through his intercession that every Christian may become a living stone of this spiritual building.

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

CHURCH CLEANING

If you are free on **Saturday 16th March from 9am** onwards, please come and give us a help with cleaning the church and veiling the statues for Holy Week. Many hands make light work...

ANNUAL MASS FOR MARRIAGE

Westminster Cathedral, **Saturday 25th May**, at 2.30pm. Our Cardinal Archbishop 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) anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2024. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please contact Alex at maidenlane@rcdow.org.uk by Friday 5th April, and give him the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or phone number, if no email).

BENEDICT XVI THE THEOLOGIAN – SYMPOSIUM

You are warmly invited to the symposium and book launch to celebrate the publication of *The Cambridge Companion to Joseph Ratzinger*, co-edited by Fr Michael Lang, at St. Mary's University, Waldegrave Rd, Twickenham TW1 4SX, on **Monday 11th March**. The conference on Benedict XVI's theological legacy from 10am to 4.45pm will include papers by Prof. Jacob Phillips, Dr Jeremy Pilch, Dr Mary McCaughey, Dr Andrew Meszaros, and Fr Michael Lang. The book launch will be from 5.30pm to 7pm. For more information and to reserved free tickets, see stmarys.ac.uk/events/2024/03/benedict-theologian

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!

BACH ST JOHN PASSION

The Schola Cantorum of the London Oratory School, directed by Charles Cole, will give a performance of J. S. Bach's St John Passion on Thursday 21st March at 7.00pm in the Oratory Church. The Schola will be joined by the St Cecilia Players, Michael Craddock (Christ) and Peter Davoren (Evangelist). Tickets (£25, £12 concessions) are available at the door or from tinyurl.com/OratoryPassion

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,