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Private Intentions

LADY CHAPEL

Holy Souls in Purgatory

SACRED HEART CHAPEL

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 – 10TH MARCH 2024 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT – LAETARE SUNDAY

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

*Ps Wk 4
Pro Populo
Holy Souls in Purgatory*

MONDAY 11TH

LENT FERIA

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

Claudia – Intentions

TUESDAY 12TH

LENT FERIA

No public Mass today. Private Mass offered for *Margaret Fong Giew Kim RIP*

WEDNESDAY 13TH

LENT FERIA

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour

Peter & Michael Cremins RIP

THURSDAY 14TH

LENT FERIA

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour

Benefactors of Corpus Christi

FRIDAY 15TH

LENT FERIA

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

(Friday Abstinence)

Deceased Members of Miranda Family

SATURDAY 16TH

LENT FERIA

5.00 pm Exposition
6.00 pm Vigil Mass

Pro Populo

SUNDAY 17TH

✠ 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT – PASSION SUNDAY

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

*Ps Wk 1
Maurice Osborne RIP
Patrick Kevin Hegarty RIP – Anniv.*

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

UNITED TO GOD

On our way towards Easter we have reached the Fourth Sunday of Lent. It is a journey with Jesus through the “wilderness”, that is, a time in which to listen more attentively to God’s voice and also to unmask the temptations that speak within us. The Cross is silhouetted against the horizon of this wilderness. Jesus knows that it is the culmination of his mission: in fact the Cross of Christ is the apex of love which gives us salvation. Christ himself says so in today’s Gospel: just “as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life”.

The reference is to the episode in which, during the Exodus from Egypt, the Jews were attacked by poisonous serpents and many of them died. God then commanded Moses to make a bronze serpent and to set it on a pole; anyone bitten by serpents was cured by looking at the bronze serpent. Jesus was to be raised likewise on the Cross, so that anyone in danger of death because of sin, may be saved by turning with faith to him who died for our sake: “for God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him”.

St Augustine comments: “So far, then, as it lies with the physician, he has come to heal the sick. He that will not observe the orders of the physician destroys himself. He has come a Saviour to the world... You will not be saved by him; you shall be judged of yourself”. Therefore, if the merciful love of God — who went so far as to give his only Son to redeem our life — is infinite, we have a great responsibility: each one of us, in fact, must recognize that he is sick in order to be healed. Each one must confess his sin so that God’s forgiveness, already granted on the Cross, may have an effect in his heart and in his life.

St Augustine writes further: “God accuses your sins: and if you also accuse them, you are united to God.... When your own deeds will begin to displease you, from that time your good works begin, as you find fault with your evil works. The confession of evil works is the beginning of good works”.

Sometimes men and women prefer the darkness to the light because they are attached to their sins. Nevertheless it is only by opening oneself to the light and only by sincerely confessing one’s sins to God that one finds true peace and true joy. It is therefore important to receive the Sacrament of Penance regularly, especially during Lent, in order to receive the Lord’s forgiveness and to intensify our process of conversion.

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.

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

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...

QUARANT’ORE AT THE BROMPTON ORATORY, SW7 2RP

Tuesday 12th March: 6.30pm Solemn Mass of Exposition (Latin). Procession of the Blessed Sacrament. Adoration until 12 midnight. **Wednesday 13th March:** 7.00am Blessed Sacrament exposed. 6.30pm Holy Hour and Benediction. Adoration until 12 midnight. **Thursday 14th March:** 7am Blessed Sacrament exposed. 7pm Mendelssohn’s *Lauda Sion*, followed by Solemn Benediction.

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 £6,500 towards these costs. We are now trying to collect some money to pay for the remaining **£3,500**. 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

SEVEN DAY LAMPS

Are available at the back of the church for £6, or online at maidenlane.org.uk/lamps.

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,