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CORPUS CHRISTI THE DIOCESAN SHRINE OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

JANUARY – MONTH DEDICATED TO
THE MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS



✠ HOLY MASS FOR THE WEEK – 5TH JANUARY 2025 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

SUNDAY 5TH

✠ THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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

Ps Wk 2

Gerda Rauscher RIP

Johannes Tenzler RIP – Anniversary

MONDAY 6TH

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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

Babs & Matty Proctor RIP

TUESDAY 7TH

ST RAYMOND OF PENYAFORT, PRIEST

No public Mass today. Private Mass offered for

Clark Cossin – Intentions

WEDNESDAY 8TH

CHRISTMAS FERIA

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour

Madeline Flood RIP

THURSDAY 9TH

CHRISTMAS FERIA

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

Benefactors of Corpus Christi

Sodality Members

(Friday Abstinence)

FRIDAY 10TH

CHRISTMAS FERIA

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour

Holly Armstrong RIP

SATURDAY 11TH

CHRISTMAS FERIA

5.00 pm Exposition
6.00 pm Vigil Mass

Pro Populo

SUNDAY 12TH

✠ THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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

Ps Wk 1

Patricia Ann Murphy – Intentions

Margaret Hegarty – 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

LET THE NATIONS TAKE THEIR PLACE

Today we are celebrating above all the Epiphany of the Lord, his manifestation to the nations, while many Eastern Churches, according to the Julian Calendar, celebrate the Birth. This slight difference that makes these two events overlap highlights that that Child, born in the humility of a grotto in Bethlehem, is the light of the world, who orients the path of all peoples.

It is a juxtaposition which also makes us reflect also from the viewpoint of faith: moreover, at Christmas in front of Jesus, we see the faith of Mary, of Joseph and of the shepherds; and today on the Epiphany the faith of the three Magi, come from the East to worship the King of the Jews.

The Virgin Mary, together with her husband, represents the “stump” of Israel, the “remnant” foretold by the prophets, from which the Messiah was to spring. Instead the Magi represent the peoples, and we can say even civilizations, cultures, religions that are — so to speak — on their way to God, searching for his kingdom of peace, justice, truth and freedom. There was first a nucleus, embodied above all by Mary, the “daughter of Zion”: a nucleus of Israel, the people that know and have faith in that God who revealed himself to the Patriarchs and on the path of history. This faith is fulfilled in Mary, in the fullness of time; in her, “blessed because she believed”, the Word was made flesh, God “appeared” in the world. Mary’s faith becomes the first fruits and the model of the faith of the Church, the People of the New Covenant. But from the beginning this people is universal and we can see this today in the figures of the Magi who arrive in Bethlehem, following the light of a star and the instructions of Sacred Scripture.

St Leo the Great says: “A promise had been made to the holy Patriarch Abraham in regard to these nations. He was to have a countless progeny, born not from his body but from the seed of faith”. Mary’s faith can be compared to Abraham’s. It is a new beginning of the same promise, of the same immutable plan of God which now finds fulfilment in Jesus Christ. And the light of Christ is so clear and strong that it makes both the language of the cosmos and of the Scriptures intelligible, so that all those who, like the Magi, are open to the truth can recognize it and come to contemplate the Saviour of the world. St Leo continues: “Let the full number of the nations now take their place in the family of the patriarchs... let all people adore the Creator of the universe; let God be known, not only in Judaea, but in the whole world”. Let us pray that the light of Christ may shine throughout the world.

MASS INTENTIONS

The earliest dates available are now in **April 2025**. To book a Mass, you can use the envelopes at the back of the church or online at maidenlane.org.uk/intentions

SEVEN DAY LAMPS

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

CONFESSION

Confessions are heard for half an hour before all Masses, or upon request.

NEW NATIVITY SCENE

We are thrilled by the response to our **new Nativity Scene**, following our appeal last year for donations towards new figures. The appeal went exceedingly well and the new Nativity scene contains over 100 figures, which have all been donated by benefactors from around the world. There are still some figures that have not yet been donated. If you would like to add to our nativity scene, visit maidenlane.org.uk/crib

2025 – HOLY YEAR OF JUBILEE

2025 will be a Holy Year of Jubilee, and is to be a time of special graces and opportunities to grow closer to Our Lord. Corpus Christi is to be a Jubilee Church here in the Diocese of Westminster, and so it will be a place of Pilgrimage where you can obtain the special Plenary Indulgences available for the year. There will be a particular sung Jubilee Mass celebrated on **the first Saturday of the month at 11am** as well as various other events during the course of the year. The next one of these Masses will be on **Saturday 1st February**. There will also be an additional Mass in February on **Saturday 22nd February** on the Feast of the Chair of St Peter. For more information about the Jubilee and what’s on here, visit maidenlanejubilee.co.uk

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

The Obligation to go to Mass for the Epiphany has this year been transferred to Sunday 5th January, and so the usual Sunday Mass schedule will remain in place. Mass will also be offered on Monday 6th at 1:05pm (said, English) and 6:30pm (1962, sung).

SODALITY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The next Sodality of the Blessed Sacrament Mass with Adoration and Benediction will be on **Thursday 9th January at 6:30pm**. This month’s guest preacher will be **Fr Matteo Di Giuseppe**, Assistant Priest, Willesden Green and Kensal Rise. To find out more about the Sodality, and to become a member, visit sodality.co.uk

ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL

On Friday 29th November, MPs voted at Second Reading to support Kim Leadbeater’s dangerous assisted suicide Bill. While the Bill passed its first hurdle, the vote was far closer than many commentators expected, and this is just the start of a long journey through the Commons and Lords before it could become law.

An analysis published in The Independent shows that at least 36 MPs who supported the Bill made it clear they did so only to allow further debate or because they had concerns that mean they won’t commit to supporting the Bill at Third Reading.

With the vote passing by a margin of 55, just 28 MPs switching their stance to oppose the Bill would ensure it is defeated at Third Reading. Your MP needs to know there are a large number of people in their constituency who continue to be strongly engaged on this issue and that you want them to oppose the Leadbeater assisted suicide Bill at Third Reading.

That is why it is vital that your MP hears from you now asking them to vote NO at Third Reading. You can write to them through the Right to Life website at righttolife.org.uk/ASvote Pope Francis tells us: “Authentic palliative care is radically different from euthanasia, which is never a source of hope or genuine concern for the sick and dying.” Please stand up for life.

Our sick parishioners and friends: Alain de Jager, Mieko Madenokoji, Douglas Adams, Norma Stanes, Phil Bawden, Sheena Colman, Christos Hana, Christopher Bronne, Sandra Jones, Velrich Fernandes, Kee Ow Peng, Maria Jessiman, Marilyn Bruce-Mitford, Peter Noakes, Tony Pearce, David Jordan, Christopher Browne, Margaret Griffith, Pascal James, Brian Keenan, Sid Shepherd, Nicholas Pollock, Fr Patrick Hayward, Traute Pollock, **Of your charity – please pray for those who have died recently:** Fr David Barnes, Evelyn Watkin, Holly Armstrong, Fr Michael Gallagher O.Praem., Lola Pinagli, Sydney Byrne, Sr Carmel of Jesus, Fr Francis Wahle, Fr John Warnaby, Fr Michael Daley, Ann Slater, Ann Christine Leece, Johanna Sophia Pretorius, Pauline Lewis, Michael O’Toole, John Hughes, Fr Mark James Leenane, William Blake,