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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 – 19TH JANUARY 2025 SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 19TH

✠ SECOND 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
Ellen McCarthy & Kathleen Everett
Margaret Hegarty – Intentions*

MONDAY 20TH

ST SEBASTIAN, MARTYR

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

Mechtild Nastainczyk RIP – Anniversary

TUESDAY 21ST

ST AGNES, VIRGIN & MARTYR

No public Mass today. Private Mass offered for

Cherd Tasikham RIP

WEDNESDAY 22ND

ST VINCENT, DEACON & MARTYR

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour

Maria-Teresa Sacon-Diaz RIP

THURSDAY 23RD

FERIA

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour

Jaroon & Buppa Tipwangphan RIP

FRIDAY 24TH

(Friday Abstinence)

ST FRANCIS DE SALES, BISHOP & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour

Samwan Tipwangphan RIP

SATURDAY 25TH

THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL THE APOSTLE

5.00 pm Exposition
6.00 pm Vigil Mass

Pro Populo

SUNDAY 26TH

✠ THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – OF THE WORD OF GOD *Ps Wk 3*

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

*Refika & Hamdi RIP
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

SO SHALL YOUR GOD REJOICE OVER YOU

Today the liturgy proposes the Gospel episode of the wedding at Cana, recounted by John, an eyewitness of the event. This episode has been allocated to this Sunday which immediately follows the Christmas season because, together with the visit of the Magi from the East and the Baptism of Jesus, it forms the trilogy of the Epiphany, in other words the manifestation of Christ. The miracle of the wedding at Cana is in fact “the first of his signs”, that is, the first miracle that Jesus worked with which he showed his glory in public, inspiring faith in his disciples.

Let us briefly recall the events that occurred during that wedding feast in Cana of Galilee. It happened that there was not enough wine and Mary, the Mother of Jesus, pointed this out to her Son. He answered her that his hour had not yet come; but then acquiesced to Mary’s request and, having had the six large jars filled with water, he transformed the water into wine, an excellent wine, better than the previous one. With this “sign” Jesus revealed himself as the messianic Bridegroom come to establish with his people the new and eternal covenant, in accordance with the prophets’ words: “as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you”. Moreover, wine is a symbol of this joy of love; but it also alludes to the blood that Jesus was to pour out at the end to seal his nuptial pact with humanity.

The Church is the Bride of Christ who makes her holy and beautiful with his grace. Nevertheless, this bride formed of human beings is in constant need of purification. And one of the gravest sins that disfigure the Church’s face is that against her visible unity, the historical divisions that separated Christians and that have not yet been resolved. The annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is taking place in these very days, from 18 to 25 January, an event much appreciated by believers and communities, which reawakens in all the desire for, and spiritual commitment to, full communion.

Dear friends, once again I would like to add to the prayer for Christian unity the prayer for peace. Praying that in the various wars that are, unfortunately, still raging, the despicable massacre of defenceless civilians may cease, an end be put to every form of violence and the courage be found for dialogue and negotiation. For these intentions, let us invoke the intercession of Mary Most Holy, Mediatrix of grace.

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. If you’d like to have the Sanctuary Lamps lit for a particular intention, you can get all seven for £30.

CONFESSION

Confessions are heard for half an hour before all Masses, or upon request. This Holy Year of Jubilee is the perfect opportunity to go to Confession and obtain the Plenary Indulgences for both yourself and the Holy Souls.

SPUC WHITE FLOWER APPEAL

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) exists to radically transform culture so that abortion is not only abolished but becomes truly unthinkable. To accomplish this mission, the Society is positioning initiatives in politics, education, legislation, and culture. Through these efforts we will restore a respect for the sanctity of human life to our society. This year’s appeal postcards call on the Government to adhere to the United Nations’ Convention on the Rights of the Child. Please be as generous as you can to help SPUC defend unborn babies and their mothers.

2025 – HOLY YEAR OF JUBILEE

2025 is a Holy Year of Jubilee, which is a time of special graces and opportunities to grow closer to Our Lord. Corpus Christi is a Jubilee Church here in the Diocese of Westminster, and so it is 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

SODALITY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The next Sodality of the Blessed Sacrament Mass with Adoration and Benediction will be on **Thursday 6th February at 6:30pm**. To find out more about the Sodality, and to become a member, visit sodality.co.uk

LONDON ORATORY SCRIPTURE GROUP

The Oratory Scripture Group, which was run for many years by the late Fr Charles Dilke, will be relaunched under the guidance of Fr Michael Lang. The group will meet weekly on Tuesdays from 8pm to 9pm in the Oratory House. The first meeting will be on 4th February. Following the recommendation of Pope Francis to take St Paul’s Letter to the Romans as our guide for the Jubilee Year 2025, we are going to study this important but difficult text. The preferred translation is the English Standard Version, which is now used for the Mass Lectionary in England and Wales, but other translations are welcome, as they provide an opportunity to compare versions with the original Greek. It will also be useful to bring an annotated edition or commentary. The Church Father St Jerome said: “Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ”. So come and join the relaunched Scripture Group!

MARIAN APOSTLES GROUP PILGRIMAGE TO FRANCE

The Marian Apostles group is organising a pilgrimage to France from Friday 9th to Saturday 24th May 2025 with Tangney Tours. The pilgrimage will be led by Fr Thomas Crean, OP with the Marian Franciscans Sisters. The theme of the pilgrimage is: “Persevering to the end: the need for private and public prayer”. Visits include Marian shrines, Paray-le-Monial, Tours, Mont Saint-Michel, and more. Further information and booking forms from Tangney Tours. You can also contact Annabelle at 07733 223 903.

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,