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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 – 2ND FEBRUARY 2025 THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

SUNDAY 2ND

✠ THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

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

*Ps Wk 4
Pro Populo
John & Annmarie Moreira – Intentions*

MONDAY 3RD

Ss LAURENCE, DUNSTAN & THEODORE, ARCHBISHOPS OF CANTERBURY

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

Seamus Corcoran – sick

TUESDAY 4TH

FERIA

No public Mass today. Private Mass offered for

Fernand Gastrein RIP

WEDNESDAY 5TH

ST AGATHA, VIRGIN & MARTYR

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour

Nancy Yu RIP

THURSDAY 6TH

ST PAUL MIKI & COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

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

*Christine Ghose – Intentions
Sodality Members*

FRIDAY 7TH

FERIA

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour

Alfred Kilsby – sick

SATURDAY 8TH

ST JOSEPHINE BAKHITA, VIRGIN

5.00 pm Exposition
6.00 pm Vigil Mass

Pro Populo

SUNDAY 9TH

✠ 5TH 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
de Burgh Family Deceased 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: Prayer Group each Wednesday 7pm in Church with Eucharistic Adoration and Rosary. Contact Annette: ccpguk@gmail.com

HIGH PRIEST OF THE NEW COVENANT

In his account of the infancy of Jesus St Luke emphasizes how faithful Mary and Joseph were to the Law of the Lord. They fulfilled with profound devotion all the prescriptions prescribed following the birth of a firstborn male. Two of them were very ancient prescriptions: one concerns the mother and the other the newborn child. The woman was required to abstain from ritual practices for forty days, after which she was to offer a double sacrifice: a lamb as a burnt offering and a turtle-dove as a sin offering; but if she were poor, she could offer a pair of turtle doves or two young pigeons.

St Luke explained that Mary and Joseph offer the sacrifice of the poor in order to emphasize that Jesus was born into a family of simple people, lowly but of steadfast faith: a family that belonged to the poor of Israel who form the true People of God. For the first-born male who, according to Mosaic Law, was set apart for God, redemption was prescribed instead, established as an offering of five shekels to be paid to a priest in any place. This was in everlasting memory of the fact that in the time of Herod God saved the firstborn of the Jews. It is important to note that these two acts — the purification of the mother and the redemption of the son — did not require a visit to the Temple. However, Mary and Joseph wished to fulfil all the prescriptions in Jerusalem, and St Luke shows us how the entire scene converges on the Temple and thus focuses on Jesus who enters it. And it is here, precisely through the prescriptions of the Law, that the principal event is transformed, namely, it becomes the “presentation” of Jesus in the Temple of God, which means the act of offering the Son of the Most High to the Father who sent him.

The Evangelist’s account is confirmed by the words of the Prophet Malachi which we heard at the beginning of the First Reading: “Behold”, says the Lord, “I send my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming... he will purify the sons of Levi....”.

These words clearly make no mention of a child and yet they are fulfilled in Jesus because, thanks to the faith of his parents, he was taken to the Temple “immediately”; and in the act of his “presentation”, that is, the “offering” of him in person to God the Father, the themes of sacrifice and of the priesthood clearly transpire, as in the passage from the prophet. The Child Jesus, who is immediately presented in the Temple, is the same person who, as an adult, would purify the Temple. Above all he would make himself the sacrifice and the High Priest of the new Covenant.

This is also the perspective of the Letter to the Hebrews, a passage of which was proclaimed in the Second Reading, to strengthen the theme of the new priesthood: a priesthood — inaugurated by Jesus — which is existential: “For because he himself has suffered and been tempted, he is able to help those who are tempted.”

CONFESSION

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

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. There will be an additional Jubilee Mass on **Saturday 22nd February at 11am** 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**. This month’s guest preacher will be **Fr David Barrett**, Director of Human Formation, Allen Hall Seminary. 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!

MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR MATRIMONY

The Cardinal invites couples in the Diocese celebrating in 2025 their 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, and 60th (and any year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage to the Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for Matrimony at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 17th May at 2:30pm. Please email Alex the following details: husband and wife’s names, wedding date, number of years married, postal address, email (or phone number, if no email).

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.

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

LENT IS ON THE WAY

The next big milestone for all of us is Lent – just a month away. Perhaps you might like to think about spiritual direction. If so – please do get in touch with me.

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,