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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 – 26<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2025 THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### SUNDAY 26<sup>TH</sup>

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

9.30 am Said Mass in English *Refika & Hamdi RIP*  
11.30 am Sung Mass in Latin *Private Intentions*  
5.00 pm Holy Hour

#### MONDAY 27<sup>TH</sup>

#### ST ANGELA MERICI, VIRGIN

12 noon Exposition  
1.05 pm Mass *Lily Wong's Intentions*  
5.00 pm Holy Hour  
6.30 pm Mass (1962 Missal)

#### TUESDAY 28<sup>TH</sup>

#### ST THOMAS AQUINAS, PRIEST & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

No public Mass today. Private Mass offered for *Jo – sick*

#### WEDNESDAY 29<sup>TH</sup>

#### FERIA

12 noon Exposition  
1.05 pm Mass *Barbara Jurenczyk RIP*  
5.00 pm Holy Hour

#### THURSDAY 30<sup>TH</sup>

#### FERIA

12 noon Exposition  
1.05 pm Mass *Ruby Larman RIP*  
5.00 pm Holy Hour

#### FRIDAY 31<sup>ST</sup>

#### ST JOHN BOSCO, PRIEST

12 noon Exposition  
1.05 pm Mass *(Friday Abstinence)*  
5.00 pm Holy Hour *Margaret & Jim Alford RIP*

#### SATURDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY

#### FERIA

10.00 am Exposition & Confessions  
11.00 am **Sung Jubilee Mass in Latin** *Holy Father's Intentions*  
5.00 pm Exposition  
6.00 pm Vigil Mass *Christiane Pfandt – sick*

#### SUNDAY 2<sup>ND</sup>

#### ✠ THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

9.30 am Said Mass in English *Ps Wk 4*  
11.30 am Sung Mass in Latin *Pro Populo*  
5.00 pm Holy Hour *John & Annmarie Moreira – 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

## FRIEND OF GOD

Today's Liturgy brings together two separate passages of Luke's Gospel and presents them to us. The first is the Prologue, addressed to a certain "Theophilus". Since this name in Greek means "friend of God" we can see in him every believer who opens himself to God and wants to know the Gospel. Instead the second passage presents Jesus who, "in the power of the Spirit", goes to the Synagogue in Nazareth on the Sabbath. As a strict observer, the Lord does not disregard the pattern of the weekly liturgy and joins the assembly of his fellow citizens in prayer and in listening to the Scriptures. The ritual provides for the reading of a text from the Torah or the Prophets, followed by a commentary. That day Jesus stood up to read and found a passage from the Prophet Isaiah that begins this way: "The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good tidings to the afflicted". Origen's comment was: "It is no coincidence that he opened the scroll and found the chapter of the reading that prophesies about him, this, too, was the work of God's providence". In fact when the reading was over in a silence charged with attention, Jesus said, "Today this scripture has [now] been fulfilled in your hearing". St Cyril of Alexandria says that "today", placed between the first and the final coming of Christ, is related to the believer's ability to listen and to repent. But in an even more radical sense, Jesus himself is "the today" of salvation in history, because he brings to completion the work of redemption. The word "today", very dear to St Luke, brings us back to the Christological title preferred by the Evangelist himself, namely: "Saviour" (sōtēr). Already in the infancy narratives, it is present in the words of the Angel to the shepherds: "For to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord".

Dear friends, this Gospel passage also challenges us "today". First of all, it makes us think about how we live Sunday, a day of rest and a day for the family. Above all, it is the day to devote to the Lord, by participating in the Eucharist, in which we are nourished by the Body and Blood of Christ and by his life-giving Word. Second, in our diversified and distracted time, this Gospel passage invites us to ask ourselves whether we are able to listen. Before we can speak of God and with God we must listen to him, and the liturgy of the Church is the "school" of this listening to the Lord who speaks to us. Finally, he tells us that every moment can be the propitious "day" for our conversion. Every day (kathēmeran) can become the today of our salvation, because salvation is a story that is ongoing for the Church and for every disciple of Christ. This is the Christian meaning of "carpe diem": seize the day in which God is calling you to give you salvation!

May the Virgin Mary always be our model and our guide in knowing how to recognize and welcome the presence of God our Saviour and of all humanity every day of our lives.

## 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](http://maidenlane.org.uk/intentions)

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> February**. There will also be an additional Mass in February on **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://maidenlanejubilee.co.uk)

## SODALITY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The next Sodality of the Blessed Sacrament Mass with Adoration and Benediction will be on **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February at 6:30pm**. To find out more about the Sodality, and to become a member, visit [sodality.co.uk](http://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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> 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 via Tangney Tours. You can contact Annabelle at 07733 223 903.

## SEVEN DAY LAMPS

Are available at the back of the church for £6, or online at [maidenlane.org.uk/lamps](http://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.

## 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,