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## CORPUS CHRISTI THE DIOCESAN SHRINE OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

MARCH – MONTH DEDICATED TO  
ST JOSEPH



### ✠ HOLY MASS FOR THE WEEK – 9<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2025 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

#### SUNDAY 9<sup>TH</sup>

##### ✠ 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

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

*Ps Wk 1  
Chris Donnes RIP  
Amor – Birthday Intentions*

#### MONDAY 10<sup>TH</sup>

##### LENT FERIA

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

*Michael O'Beirne RIP*

#### TUESDAY 11<sup>TH</sup>

##### LENT FERIA

No public Mass today. Private Mass for

*Simon Davies – Intentions*

#### WEDNESDAY 12<sup>TH</sup>

##### LENT FERIA

12 noon Exposition  
1.05 pm Said Mass in English  
5.00 pm Holy Hour

*Mary O'Bierne RIP*

#### THURSDAY 13<sup>TH</sup>

##### LENT FERIA

12 noon Exposition  
1.05 pm Mass  
5.00 pm Holy Hour

*Benefactors of Corpus Christi*

#### FRIDAY 14<sup>TH</sup>

##### LENT FERIA

12 noon Exposition  
1.05 pm Mass  
5.00 pm Holy Hour  
6.00 pm Stations of the Cross  
6.30 pm Mass (1962 Missal)

*(Friday Abstinence)*

*Mr R.E. Trevett RIP*

*Good Counsel Network*

#### SATURDAY 15<sup>TH</sup>

##### LENT FERIA

10.00 am Mass in the Byzantine-Slavic Rite  
5.00 pm Exposition  
6.00 pm Vigil Mass

*Margaret Ferrari RIP*

#### SUNDAY 16<sup>TH</sup>

##### ✠ 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

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

*Ps Wk 2  
Maurice Osborne RIP  
Patrick Kevin Hegarty 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

## FACE THE BATTLE

With the traditional Rite of Ashes last Wednesday we entered Lent, a season of conversion and penance in preparation for Easter. The Church who is mother and teacher calls all her members to renew themselves in spirit and to turn once again with determination to God, renouncing pride and selfishness, to live in love. This Holy Year Lent is a favourable time for rediscovering faith in God as the basic criterion for our life and for the life of the Church. This always means a struggle, a spiritual combat, because the spirit of evil is naturally opposed to our sanctification and seeks to make us stray from God's path. For this reason the Gospel of Jesus' temptations in the wilderness is proclaimed every year on the First Sunday of Lent.

Indeed, after receiving the "investiture" as Messiah — "Anointed" with the Holy Spirit at the baptism in the Jordan — Jesus was led into the wilderness by the Spirit himself to be tempted by the devil. At the beginning of his public ministry, Jesus had to unmask himself and reject the false images of the Messiah which the tempter was suggesting to him. Yet these temptations are also false images of man that threaten to ensnare our conscience, in the guise of suitable, effective and even good proposals. The Evangelists Matthew and Luke present three temptations of Jesus that differ slightly, but only in their order. Their essential core is always the exploitation of God for our own interests, giving preference to success or to material possessions. The tempter is cunning. He does not directly impel us towards evil but rather towards a false good, making us believe that the true realities are power and everything that satisfies our primary needs. In this way God becomes secondary, he is reduced to a means; in short, he becomes unreal, he no longer counts, he disappears. Ultimately, in temptation faith is at stake because God is at stake. At the crucial moments in life but also, as can be seen at every moment, we stand at a crossroads: do we want to follow our own ego or God? Our individual interests or the true Good, to follow what is really good?

As the Fathers of the Church teach us, the temptations are part of Jesus' "descent" into our human condition, into the abyss of sin and its consequences; a "descent" that Jesus made to the end, even to death on the Cross and to the hell of extreme remoteness from God. In this way he is the hand that God stretches out to man, to the lost sheep, to bring him back to safety. As St Augustine teaches, Jesus took the temptations from us to give us his victory.

Therefore let us not be afraid either of facing the battle against the spirit of evil: the important thing is to fight it with him, with Christ, the Conqueror. And to be with him let us turn to his Mother, Mary; let us call on her with filial trust in the hour of trial and she will make us feel the powerful presence of her divine Son, so that we can reject temptations with Christ's word and thus put God back at the centre of our life.

## MASS INTENTIONS

The earliest dates available are now in **June 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)

## CARDINAL'S APPEAL

This Holy Year invites us to be 'Pilgrims of Hope'. We invite you to consider supporting work being done in the Diocese of Westminster to bring hope into many lives. Your contributions will help fund vital projects across our Diocese, including Youth & Evangelisation, Social Action, Marriage & Family Life, and Catholic Education Initiatives. His Eminence, Cardinal Nichols, extends his heartfelt thanks to all who give what they can to this meaningful cause. Thank you for your kindness and support.

## FRIDAYS IN LENT

On Fridays in Lent, we will be running an extensive programme to help you prepare for Easter, as well as obtain Jubilee Plenary Indulgences:

**5pm:** Holy Hour with Vespers, Rosary & Benediction

**6pm:** Stations of the Cross

**6:30pm:** Various devotions as advertised:

- **14<sup>th</sup> March & 11<sup>th</sup> April:** Low Mass

- **21<sup>st</sup> March & 28<sup>th</sup> March:** Akathist to the Mother of God

- **4<sup>th</sup> April:** The Passion of Our Lord sung to the traditional chants of Holy Week

- **18<sup>th</sup> April:** Veneration of the relic of the True Cross

Of particular note is the **Akathist to the Mother of God**, a moving Lenten Devotion from the Eastern Churches, which the Holy Father has specifically designated as an act by which one can obtain the Plenary Indulgence under the usual conditions. We are grateful to Fr Gabriel Diaz-Patri for offering this here.

## DIVINE LITURGY IN THE BYZANTINE-SLAVIC RITE

There will be celebrations of the Divine Liturgy in the Byzantine-Slavic Rite on **Saturdays 15<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> March at 10am**. The celebration will be in Old Slavonic, the language traditionally used in the Slavic regions, both for the Byzantine and even for the Roman Rite (Glagolitic Mass), for over 1,000 years.

## SODALITY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The next Sodality of the Blessed Sacrament Mass with Adoration and Benediction will be on **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 6:30pm**. The preacher will be **Fr John Njorteah**, Assistant Priest of St James's, Spanish Place. To find out more about the Sodality, and to become a member, visit [sodality.co.uk](http://sodality.co.uk)

## 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**, the next being **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April**, as well as various other events during the course of the year. For more information about the Jubilee and what's on here, visit [maidenlanejubilee.co.uk](http://maidenlanejubilee.co.uk)

## 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.

**Our sick parishioners and friends:** Pope Francis, 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:** Alan Bettles, 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,