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CORPUS CHRISTI THE DIOCESAN SHRINE OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

MARCH – MONTH DEDICATED TO
ST JOSEPH



✠ HOLY MASS FOR THE WEEK – 16TH MARCH 2025 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

SUNDAY 16TH

✠ 2ND 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*

MONDAY 17TH

ST PATRICK, BISHOP, PATRON OF IRELAND

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

Sandra Webb RIP

TUESDAY 18TH

LENT FERIA (ST CYRIL OF JERUSALEM, BISHOP & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH)

No public Mass today. Private Mass for

Tim & Maureen Keegan RIP

WEDNESDAY 19TH

ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, PATRON OF THE DIOCESE

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

Martha Tenzler RIP – Anniversary

THURSDAY 20TH

LENT FERIA

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour

Jessie Stewart RIP

FRIDAY 21ST

LENT FERIA

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour
6.00 pm Stations of the Cross
6.30 pm Akathist to the Mother of God

(Friday Abstinence)

Margaret Harries RIP

SATURDAY 22ND

LENT FERIA

5.00 pm Exposition
6.00 pm Vigil Mass

Pro Populo

SUNDAY 23RD

✠ 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

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

*Ps Wk 3
Winefride Marsden RIP
Desmond Joseph Pierce 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

THIS IS MY SON, MY CHOSEN

Today, the Second Sunday of Lent, we have a particularly beautiful Gospel, that of the Transfiguration of the Lord. Luke the Evangelist highlights in particular the fact that Jesus was transfigured while he was praying. Jesus experienced a profound relationship with the Father during a sort of spiritual retreat which he made on a high mountain in the company of Peter, James and John, the three disciples ever present at the moments of the Teacher's divine manifestation.

The Lord, who had just foretold his death and Resurrection, granted the disciples a foretaste of his glory. And the heavenly Father's voice rang out in the Transfiguration, as in the baptism: "this is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!". Moreover the presence of Moses and Elijah, who represent the Law and the Prophets of the Old Covenant, is particularly significant: the whole history of the Covenant is oriented to him, Christ, who makes a new "exodus", not toward the promised land, as in the time of Moses, but toward Heaven.

Peter's words "Master, it is well that we are here" represent the impossible attempt to put this mystical experience on hold. St Augustine commented: "[Peter]... on the mountain... had Christ as the food of his soul. Why should he have to go down to return to his hard work and sorrows while up there he was filled with sentiments of holy love for God and which thus inspired in him a holy conduct?"

In meditating on this passage of the Gospel, we can learn a very important lesson from it: first of all, the primacy of prayer, without which the entire commitment to the apostolate and to charity is reduced to activism. In Lent we learn to give the right time to prayer, both personal and of the community, which gives rest to our spiritual life. Moreover, prayer does not mean isolating oneself from the world and from its contradictions, as Peter wanted to do on Mount Tabor; rather, prayer leads back to the journey and to action. "The Christian life", I wrote in my Message for this Lent, "consists in continuously scaling the mountain to meet God and then coming back down, bearing the love and strength drawn from him, so as to serve our brothers and sisters with God's own love".

EASTER MASS TIMES

All the Easter Mass times are on the website at maidenlane.org.uk/easter

Maundy Thursday 17th April: 7pm, with watching until Midnight

Good Friday 18th April: 3pm, with Stations & Veneration of the Relic of the True Cross from 6pm

Holy Saturday 19th April: 8pm – Solemn Easter Vigil.

NB This will be the only Mass that day.

Easter Sunday 20th April: 9:30am (said, English); 11:30am (sung, Latin)

Easter Monday 21st April: 10am (said, English); 6:30pm (1962 High Mass)

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

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:

- **21st March & 28th March:** Akathist to the Mother of God

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

- **11th April:** Low Mass

- **18th 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 **Saturday 29th 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 3rd 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

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 5th 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

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.

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,