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Private Intention

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Private Intention

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CORPUS CHRISTI

THE DIOCESAN SHRINE OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

MARCH – MONTH DEDICATED TO
ST JOSEPH



✠ HOLY MASS FOR THE WEEK – 23RD MARCH 2025 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

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*

MONDAY 24TH

LENT FERIA

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

Manuel de Almeida Cabral RIP

TUESDAY 25TH

THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass

Patricia Ann Murphy – sick

WEDNESDAY 26TH

LENT FERIA

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour

Christiane Brown RIP

THURSDAY 27TH

LENT FERIA

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour

M Young – sick

FRIDAY 28TH

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

Imelda Chinwada – sick

(Friday Abstinence)

SATURDAY 29TH

LENT FERIA

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

Private Intentions – UO

SUNDAY 30TH

✠ 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT – LÆTARE SUNDAY

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

*Ps Wk 4
Pro Populo
Private Intentions – EO*

Confessions: Confessions are heard for half an hour before all Masses, or by making an appointment with the Rector.

I AM WHO I AM

The Liturgy of this Third Sunday of Lent presents to us the topic of conversion. In the First Reading from the Book of Exodus, Moses, while tending his flock, sees a burning bush that is not consumed by the flames. He goes closer to look at this miracle when a voice calls him by name and, reminding him of his unworthiness, orders him to take off his sandals because that place is holy. The voice says to him, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob". And he adds, "I am who am". God likewise shows himself in various ways in each of our lives. To be able to recognise his presence, however, we must approach him with an awareness of our wretchedness and with deep respect. Otherwise we would make ourselves incapable of encountering him and entering into communion with him. As the Apostle Paul writes, this event is also recounted as a warning to us: it reminds us that God does not reveal himself to those in whom are entrenched self-sufficiency and frivolity but rather to those who are poor and humble before him.

In today's Gospel passage, Jesus is questioned on certain distressing events: the killing of several Galileans in the temple, on the orders of Pontius Pilate, and the collapse of a tower on some passers-by. In the face of the easy conclusion of considering evil as an effect of divine punishment, Jesus restores the true image of God who is good and cannot desire evil. And guarding us against believing that misfortunes are the immediate effect of the personal sins of those whom they afflict, says: "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered thus? I tell you, No; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish". Jesus asks us interpret these events differently, putting them in the perspective of conversion: misfortunes, sorrowful events must not awaken curiosity in us or the quest for presumed sins; instead they must be opportunities for reflection, in order to overcome the illusion of being able to live without God and to reinforce, with the Lord's help, the commitment to change our way of life. With regard to sin, God shows himself to be full of mercy and never fails to remind sinners to avoid evil, to grow in love for him and to offer practical help to our neighbour in need, to live the joy of grace and not to go towards eternal death. However, the possibility of conversion demands that we learn to read the events of life in the perspective of faith, animated, that is, by holy fear of God. In the presence of suffering and bereavement, the true wisdom is to let ourselves be called into question by the precarious state of existence and to see human history with the eyes of God who, desiring always and only the good of his children, through an inscrutable design of his love sometimes permits us to be tried by suffering in order to lead us to a greater good.

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.

ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD – TUESDAY 25TH MARCH

Tuesday is the Solemnity of the Annunciation. There will be a Mass here that day following the usual lunchtime programme.

CHURCH CLEANING

On **Saturday 12th April from 9am** we will be cleaning the church and getting it ready for Holy Week. Please do come and lend a hand. The more, the merrier – and the quicker it goes!

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:

- **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

On the **first Saturday of the month at 11am**, there will be a particular sung Jubilee Mass here, the next being **Saturday 5th April**. These are a fantastic opportunity to obtain the Plenary Indulgence on offer during this year. For more information about the Jubilee and what's on here, visit maidenlanejubilee.co.uk

EASTER MASS TIMES

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

Good Friday 18th April: 3pm, with Stations & Veneration of the Relic 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 **July 2025**. Book intentions online at maidenlane.org.uk/intentions

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,