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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 – 30TH MARCH 2025 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT – LÆTARE SUNDAY

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*

MONDAY 31ST

LENT FERIA

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

Nikki Smith – sick

TUESDAY 1ST APRIL

LENT FERIA

No Public Mass today. Private Mass offered for

Private Intentions

WEDNESDAY 2ND

LENT FERIA (ST FRANCIS OF PAOLA, HERMIT)

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour

Deceased Members of the de Burgh Family RIP

THURSDAY 3RD

LENT FERIA

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

*Vanja DJ – sick
Sodality Members*

FRIDAY 4TH

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

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour
6.00 pm Stations of the Cross
6.30 pm **St Mark's Passion** sung to the traditional chant

*(Friday Abstinence)
Liam Bell RIP – Anniversary*

SATURDAY 5TH

LENT FERIA (ST VINCENT FERRER, PRIEST)

10.00 am Exposition
11.00 am **Sung Jubilee Mass in Latin**
5.00 pm Exposition
6.00 pm Vigil Mass

Holy Father's Intentions

Aida Valenzuela RIP

SUNDAY 6TH

✠ 5TH 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
Pro Populo
Konrad Joseph E. Migraso – Intentions*

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

FULL OF MERCY

On this Fourth Sunday of Lent, the Gospel of the father and the two sons better known as the Parable of the “Prodigal Son” is proclaimed. This passage of St Luke constitutes one of the peaks of spirituality and literature of all time. Indeed, what would our culture, art and more generally our civilization be without this revelation of a God the Father so full of mercy? It never fails to move us and every time we hear or read it, it can suggest to us ever new meanings. Above all, this Gospel text has the power of speaking to us of God, of enabling us to know his Face and, better still, his Heart. After Jesus has told us of the merciful Father, things are no longer as they were before. We now know God; he is our Father who out of love created us to be free and endowed us with a conscience, who suffers when we get lost and rejoices when we return. For this reason, our relationship with him is built up through events, just as it happens for every child with his parents: at first he depends on them, then he asserts his autonomy; and, in the end if he develops well he reaches a mature relationship based on gratitude and authentic love.

In these stages we can also identify moments along man’s journey in his relationship with God. There can be a phase that resembles childhood: religion prompted by need, by dependence. As man grows up and becomes emancipated, he wants to liberate himself from this submission and become free and adult, able to organize himself and make his own decisions, even thinking he can do without God. Precisely this stage is delicate and can lead to atheism, yet even this frequently conceals the need to discover God’s true Face. Fortunately for us, God never fails in his faithfulness and even if we distance ourselves and get lost he continues to follow us with his love, forgiving our errors and speaking to our conscience from within in order to call us back to him. In this parable the sons behave in opposite ways: the younger son leaves home and sinks ever lower whereas the elder son stays at home, but he too has an immature relationship with the Father. In fact, when his brother comes back, the elder brother does not rejoice like the Father; on the contrary he becomes angry and refuses to enter the house. The two sons represent two immature ways of relating to God: rebellion and childish obedience. Both these forms are surmounted through the experience of mercy. Only by experiencing forgiveness, by recognizing one is loved with a freely given love a love greater than our wretchedness but also than our own merit do we at last enter into a truly filial and free relationship with God.

Dear friends, let us meditate on this parable. Let us compare ourselves to the two sons and, especially, contemplate the Heart of the Father. Let us throw ourselves into his arms and be regenerated by his merciful love. May the Virgin Mary, *Mater Misericordiae*, help us to do this.

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.

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:

- **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

The Veneration of the relic of the True Cross on Good Friday forms the launch of the Latin Mass Society’s Holy Cross Pilgrimage, which is being held to pray for the good estate of the Church and for the conversion of England and Wales. This relic will travel the length of the country during this year. There will be a Procession of the relic around the church, and music provided by the Southwell Consort. Full details at holycross2025.org

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 The nearest Sunday Masses available, however are now in October.

CONFESSION

Confessions are heard for half an hour before all Masses, or upon request. Lent is the perfect time to reconcile yourself with the Lord, and in this Holy Year of Jubilee, there is also the opportunity to obtain a Plenary Indulgence if you fulfil all the other criteria. Do make use of this life-giving Sacrament!

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:** Sr Patricia of the Presentation, 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,