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CORPUS CHRISTI THE DIOCESAN SHRINE OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

NOVEMBER – MONTH DEDICATED TO
THE HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY



✠ HOLY MASS FOR THE WEEK – 23RD NOVEMBER 2025 OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

SUNDAY 23RD

✠ OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Ps Wk 2

9.30 am Said Mass in English *Maureen Goodey & Kathleen Tappin RIP*
11.30 am Sung Mass in Latin *Holy Souls in Purgatory*
5.00 pm Holy Hour

MONDAY 24TH

Ss ANDREW DŨNG-LẠC, PRIEST & COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass *Graciana Rodrigues RIP*
5.00 pm Holy Hour
6.30 pm Mass (1962 Missal) – St Hugh of Lincoln

TUESDAY 25TH

ST CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGIN & MARTYR

No Public Mass today. Private Mass for *Holy Souls in Purgatory*

WEDNESDAY 26TH

FERIA

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass *Holy Souls in Purgatory*
5.00 pm Holy Hour

THURSDAY 27TH

FERIA

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass *Margaret Wells RIP*
5.00 pm Holy Hour

FRIDAY 28TH

FERIA

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass *Maria Leigh RIP – Anniversary*
5.00 pm Holy Hour

SATURDAY 29TH

FERIA

5.00 pm Exposition
6.00 pm Vigil Mass *Bernard Doberty RIP – Anniversary*
after Mass Free Concert of Sacred Music by the Byron Consort

SUNDAY 30TH

✠ FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Ps Wk 1

9.30 am Said Mass in English *Maureen Goodey RIP*
11.30 am Sung Mass in Latin *Pro Populo*
5.00 pm Holy Hour

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

Eucharistic Prayer Group: Prayer Group each Wednesday 7pm in Church with Eucharistic Adoration and Rosary. Contact Annette: ccpguk@gmail.com

CHRISTUS VINCIT!

The Solemnity of Christ the King was established by Pius XI in 1925 and, later, after the Second Vatican Council, it was placed at the close of the liturgical year. The Gospel according to St Luke presents, as in a great painting, the kingship of Jesus at the moment of his Crucifixion. The leaders of the people and the soldiers taunt “the first-born of all creation” and put him to the test to see whether he has the power to save himself from death.

Yet precisely: “on the Cross, Jesus is exalted to the very ‘height’ of the God who is Love. It is there that he can be ‘known’... Jesus gives us ‘life’ because he gives us God. He can give God because he himself is one with God”.

In fact, while the Lord seems to be mistaken because he is between two wrong-doers, one of them, aware of his sins, opens himself to truth, arrives at faith and prays “the King of the Jews”: “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom”.

From the One who “is before all things, and in him all things hold together” the so-called “Good Thief” straight away receives forgiveness and the joy of entering the Kingdom of Heaven. “Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise”. With these words, Jesus, from the throne of the Cross welcomes every human being with infinite mercy.

St Ambrose comments that this “is a beautiful example of conversion to which one should aspire: forgiveness is very quickly offered to the thief and grace is more abundant than the request; the Lord in fact”, St Ambrose says, “always gives more than is asked for... Life is being with Christ because where Christ is there is the Kingdom”.

Dear Friends, we can also contemplate in Christian art the way of love that the Lord reveals to us and invites us to take. In fact, in the past “in the arrangement of Christian sacred buildings... it became customary to depict the Lord returning as a king — the symbol of hope — at the east end; while the west wall normally portrayed the Last Judgement as a symbol of our responsibility for our lives”: hope in the infinite love of God and commitment to ordering our life in accordance with the love of God.

When we contemplate depictions of Jesus inspired by the New Testament — as the ancient Council in Trullo teaches — we are led to “understand... the sublimity and the humiliation of the Word of God and... to remember his life in the flesh, his Passion and his salvific death, and the redemption that the world derived from it”.

“Yes, we need it, precisely to... become capable of recognising in the pierced heart of the Crucified One the mystery of God”.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

can be found on the flyers at the back of church or on our website at maidenlane.org.uk/Christmas

CONFESSION

Confessions are heard for half an hour before all Masses, or upon request.

MASS INTENTIONS

The earliest dates available are now in **May/June 2026**. Book intentions online at maidenlane.org.uk/intentions

CHURCH CLEANING

We will be cleaning the church ready for Christmas on **Saturday 13th December from 9am**. Please come along and help. The more there are, the quicker it goes!

NOVEMBER HOLY SOULS

Throughout November, we will be offering at least three Masses a week for the Holy Souls in Purgatory. You can have your departed relatives and friends remembered at the Altar at these Masses by adding their names to the list by simply filling out the form on our website, or one of the forms at the back of the church. Visit maidenlane.org.uk/holysouls to make your offering today!

BYRON CONSORT OF HARROW SCHOOL & NATIVITY SCENE

We are pleased to be welcoming back the Byron Consort of Harrow School to sing for the Vigil Mass of the First Sunday of Advent on **Saturday 29th November at 6pm**. Following the Mass, they will give a free concert of Sacred Music. This will also be the first outing of our Nativity Scene for this year!

SODALITY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The next Sodality of the Blessed Sacrament Mass, concluding with Adoration and Benediction will be on **Thursday 4th December at 6:30pm**. 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 6th December**. 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

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Although the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception on **Monday 8th December** is not a Holy Day of Obligation in this country, it is across much of Europe, as well as further afield. There will be a said Mass in English at **1.05pm** and a Missa Cantata according to the Missal of 1962 at **6.30pm**.

CAROL SERVICE

The Maiden Lane Carol Service will take place on **Wednesday 10th December at 6:30pm**, concluding with Benediction. As in previous years, there will be a mix of congregational carols as well as some beautiful polyphony from the choir. This will be a marvellous way to use Advent as a time of prayerful preparation for the Nativity. There will be a retiring collection for the work of the Holy Family Hospital in Bethlehem, run by the Order of Malta.

MOSAIC CHOIR: EASTERN CAROLS

We are delighted to be welcoming back the Mosaic Choir of The Orthodox Fellowship of St John the Baptist, who have been here in previous years to sing carols from various the Eastern / Orthodox traditions. They will be giving a concert on **Thursday 11th December at 7pm**. Entry is free, though there will be a collection for charity, so please come prepared.

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.

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, Nicholas Pollock, Traute Pollock **Of your charity – please pray for those who have died recently:** Joan Rodrigues, Molly Steele, Sarah Burke, Fr Patrick Hayward CRL, John O’Riordan, William Taor, Roy Truman, John Ushe, Jan Skubisz, Pope Francis, Ann Luff, 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