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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

DECEMBER – MONTH DEDICATED TO
THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION



✠ HOLY MASS FOR THE WEEK – 14TH DECEMBER 2025 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SUNDAY 14TH

✠ THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

*Ps Wk 3
Pro Populo
Stephen & Teresa Young RIP*

MONDAY 15TH

ADVENT FERIA

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
6.30 pm Mass (1962 Missal) – Advent Feria

Anna Löffler – Intentions

TUESDAY 16TH

ADVENT FERIA

No Public Mass today. Private Mass for

Joseph Bell RIP – Anniversary

WEDNESDAY 17TH

ADVENT FERIA

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour

Tim Vaughan-Hughes RIP

THURSDAY 18TH

ADVENT FERIA

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour

Benefactors of Corpus Christi

FRIDAY 19TH

ADVENT FERIA

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour

(Friday Abstinence)

Bill Jones RIP – Anniversary

SATURDAY 20TH

ADVENT FERIA

5.00 pm Exposition
6.00 pm Vigil Mass

Pro Populo

SUNDAY 21ST

✠ FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

*Ps Wk 4
Sheila Gaeton RIP
Margaret Kelly Seery 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

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

BE PATIENT

On this Third Sunday of Advent, the Liturgy presents to us a passage from the Letter of St James, which opens with this exhortation: “Be patient, therefore, brethren, until the coming of the Lord”. It seems to me especially important, in our day, to underline the value of constancy and persistence, virtues which belonged to the normal baggage of our ancestors but today are less popular, in a world which exalts, rather, the change and capacity to adapt oneself to ever new and diverse situations.

Taking nothing from these features, which are also human qualities, Advent calls us to develop inner tenacity, resistance of the spirit, which enables us not to despair while waiting for a good that is slow in coming, but on the contrary to prepare for its coming with active trust.

“Behold,” James writes, “the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient over it until it receives the early and the late rain. You also be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand”.

The comparison drawn with the farmer is very expressive, he has sown the field and has before him several months of patient and constant waiting, but he knows that in the meantime the seed completes its cycle, thanks to the autumn and spring rains. The farmer is not a fatalist but the model of a mentality which unites faith and reason in a balanced way. For on the one hand he knows the laws of nature and does his work well, and on the other, he trusts in Providence, because certain fundamental things are not in his hands but in the hands of God. Patience and constancy are truly a synthesis between human commitment and confidence in God.

“Establish your hearts”, Scripture says. How can we do this? How can we strengthen our hearts, already somewhat frail in themselves and rendered even more unstable by the culture in which we are immersed. Help is not lacking; it is the Word of God. In fact, while everything else passes and changes, the Word of the Lord is not transient. If the events of life make us feel bewildered and every certainty seems to crumble, we have a compass to guide us, we have an anchor to prevent us from drifting away.

Here the model offered to us is that of the prophets, namely those people whom God called so that they might speak in his name. The prophet finds his joy and strength in the word of God and while humans often search for happiness in ways that prove erroneous, he announces true hope, which does not disappoint because it is founded on the fidelity of God.

Every Christian, by virtue of Baptism, has received prophetic dignity. May each one rediscover and nourish it, by listening assiduously to the divine Word. May the Virgin Mary, whom the Gospel calls blessed because she believed in the fulfilment of the words of the Lord, obtain this for us.

SHRINE HISTORY BOOKS

The books we produced are still available for sale at the back of the church. Next year we will be celebrating our Platinum Jubilee of Consecration, which took place on 18th October 1956. Please put that Sunday in 2026 in your diaries now!

THANK YOU!

To everyone who came to help clean the church yesterday. I'm very grateful for your help. It makes such a difference.

2025 – HOLY YEAR OF JUBILEE

The Holy Year of Jubilee continues and there are still opportunities to obtain the Plenary Indulgences. The first Saturday morning Masses, however, have now come to an end. For more information about the Jubilee and what's on here, visit maidenlanejubilee.co.uk

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

can be found on the flyers at the back of church or on our website at maidenlane.org.uk/Christmas Mass on Christmas Eve is at 9pm, and Christmas Day at 9:30am (said, English) and 11:30am (sung, Latin). Mass in the weekdays following Christmas Day will be at 10am.

CRIB APPEAL

This year's crib appeal is for the Holy Family Hospital of Bethlehem Foundation. The hospital is run by the Order of Malta and is the only hospital in the region that can care for neonatal babies. Please be as generous as you are able. Thank you!

REPAIRS TO THE ROOF

Those of you who have been in the church during the week will have heard considerable banging going on as repairs to the lead on the roof have taken place. There is still some work to be done. If you are able to donate towards these repairs, please visit maidenlane.org.uk/donate Thank you to those who already have! It's made such a difference.

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Mass on New Year's Day – The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God – will be at **12noon** and will be a said Mass in Latin.

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

The Epiphany of the Lord is a Holy Day of Obligation and falls on **Tuesday 6th January**. Masses on that day will be at 8am (1962, Low), 1.05pm (said, English) and 6.30pm (sung, Latin). Blessed chalk will be available for you to take home to bless your homes.

SODALITY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The next Sodality of the Blessed Sacrament Mass, concluding with Adoration and Benediction will be on **Thursday 8th January at 6:30pm**. To find out more about the Sodality, and to become a member, visit sodality.co.uk

SEVEN DAY LAMPS

Are available at the back of the church for £6, or online at maidenlane.org.uk/lamps. The seven Sanctuary lamps have now been booked for the entirety of 2026, so only the Lady Chapel & Sacred Heart lamps are available until 2027.

CONFESSION

Confessions are heard for half an hour before all Masses, or upon request. Please do make use of this life-giving Sacrament during what remains of this Holy Year of Jubilee.

MASS INTENTIONS

The earliest dates available are now in **June 2026**. Book intentions online at maidenlane.org.uk/intentions The book is getting very full for the remainder of the year, so if you have particular dates that you would like, please don't leave it until the last minute to request them.

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:** Rose Reid, 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