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John Conti RIP

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CORPUS CHRISTI

THE DIOCESAN SHRINE OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

MARCH – MONTH DEDICATED TO
ST JOSEPH

✠ HOLY MASS FOR THE WEEK – 1ST MARCH 2026 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

SUNDAY 1ST MARCH

✠ SECOND 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
Pro Populo
Margaret Hegarty – Intentions*

MONDAY 2ND

LENT FERIA

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

John Conti RIP

TUESDAY 3RD

LENT FERIA (ST KATHARINE DREXEL)

No public Mass today. Private Mass offered for *Giuseppe Tumminello – Intentions*

WEDNESDAY 4TH

LENT FERIA (ST CASIMIR)

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

Travis Romero – Intentions

THURSDAY 5TH

LENT FERIA

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

*Fr William Ryan – Intentions
Sodality Members*

(Friday Abstinence)

FRIDAY 6TH

LENT FERIA

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour
6.00 pm Stations of the Cross

Welfare of S, D & M Woodman-Stanes Family

SATURDAY 7TH

LENT FERIA (SS PERPETUA & FELICITY, MARTYRS)

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

Pro Populo

SUNDAY 8TH

✠ THIRD 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
Chris Downes RIP
Welfare of A&N Stanes*

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

TAKE CHRIST'S SIDE AGAINST SIN

This Sunday, the Second Sunday of Lent, is called "of the Transfiguration" because the Gospel recounts this mystery of Jesus' life. After Jesus had foretold his Passion to the disciples, "he took with him Peter, James and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain apart. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his garments became white as light". According to the senses the light of the sun is the brightest light known in nature but, according to the spirit, the disciples briefly glimpsed an even more intense splendour, that of the divine glory of Jesus which illumines the whole history of salvation. St Maximus Confessor says that "[the Lord's] garments appear white, that is to say, the words of the Gospel will then be clear and distinct, with nothing concealed".

The Gospel tells that beside the transfigured Jesus "there appeared... Moses and Elijah, talking with him"; Moses and Elijah, figure of the Law and of the Prophets. It was then that Peter, ecstatic, exclaimed "Lord, it is well that we are here; if you wish, I will make three booths here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah". However St Augustine commented, saying that we have only one dwelling place, Christ: "he is the Word of God, the Word of God in the Law, the Word of God in the Prophets".

In fact, the Father himself proclaims: "this is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him". The Transfiguration is not a change in Jesus but the revelation of his divinity: "the profound interpenetration of his being with God, which then becomes pure light. In his oneness with the Father, Jesus is himself 'light from light'".

Peter, James and John, contemplating the divinity of the Lord, are ready to face the scandal of the Cross, as it is sung in an ancient hymn: "You were transfigured on the mountain and your disciples, insofar as they were able, contemplated your glory, in order that, on seeing you crucified, they would understand that your Passion was voluntary and proclaim to the world that you are truly the splendour of the Father".

Dear friends, let us too share in this vision and in this supernatural gift, making room for prayer, and for listening to the Word of God. Further, especially in this Season of Lent, I urge you, as Pope St Paul VI wrote, "to respond to the divine precept of penitence by some voluntary act, apart from the renunciation imposed by the burdens of everyday life".

Let us invoke the Virgin Mary so that she may help us always to listen to and follow the Lord Jesus, even to the Passion and the Cross, in order to also participate in his glory.

HEARING AID T-LOOP

Sincere apologies if you need to use the T-Loop to hear what's happening at Mass. For some reason our loop cable has given up the ghost and is not working. We're trying to have it repaired as soon as possible.

MUSICAL ORATORIES AT THE LONDON ORATORY

Spiritual discourses, music and prayer in the tradition of St Philip Neri will take place in the Oratory Church at 6.30pm on Wednesdays during Lent. Wednesday 4th March will feature members of the Oratory Choir.

FRIDAYS IN LENT

On Fridays in Lent there are the traditional devotions:

5pm: Holy Hour with Vespers, Rosary & Benediction

6pm: Stations of the Cross

6:30pm on certain Fridays in Lent:

- **13th March:** Low Mass (1962 Missal)

- **3rd April:** Veneration of the relic of the True Cross

The Rosary & Stations are, of course, Indulged acts, so those of you missing the Jubilee already can still come and do your bit for the Holy Souls by obtaining the Indulgences and fulfilling the required conditions.

SODALITY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The next Sodality of the Blessed Sacrament Mass, concluding with Adoration and Benediction will be on **Thursday 5th March at 6:30pm**. To find out more about the Sodality, and to become a member, visit sodality.co.uk

DIVINE LITURGY IN THE BYZANTINE-SLAVIC RITE

Fr Diaz will be celebrating the Divine Liturgy according to the Byzantine-Slavic Rite on **Saturday 7th March**, beginning at **10am**. The Liturgy will be sung by the Ss Cyril & Methodius Choir and is a great opportunity to experience the Eastern Catholic Rites for those who never have been before.

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 Narthex lamps are available until 2027.

CONFESSION

Confessions are heard for half an hour before all Masses, or upon request. Please make use of this most important and life-giving Sacrament as often as you may need it – and even if you're not sure if you do!

MASS INTENTIONS

The earliest dates available are now in **October 2026**. Book intentions online at maidenlane.org.uk/intentions There are not many dates left for this year.

70TH ANNIVERSARY OF CONSECRATION

Please put the **11:30am** Mass on **Sunday 18th October** in your diary. 2026 marks the Platinum Jubilee of the Consecration of Corpus Christi by Bishop George Craven on 18th October. We are delighted to announce that **His Grace, the Archbishop** will be celebrating the Mass. It will be lovely to be able to welcome our new Archbishop to the Shrine in his first year of ministry.

EASTER MASS TIMES

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

Maundy Thursday 2nd April: 7pm, with watching until Midnight

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

Holy Saturday 4th April: 8pm – Solemn Easter Vigil.

NB This will be the only Mass that day.

Easter Sunday 5th April: 9:30am (said, English); 11:30am (sung, Latin)

Easter Monday 6th April: 10am (said, English); 6:30pm (1962 Missa Cantata)

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:** Robert Adams, Fr Hubert Bonnet-Eymard SM, 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,