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CORPUS CHRISTI THE DIOCESAN SHRINE OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

FEBRUARY – MONTH DEDICATED TO
THE HOLY FAMILY

✠ HOLY MASS FOR THE WEEK – 15TH FEBRUARY 2026 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 15TH

✠ 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

*Ps Wk 2
Pro Populo
Remo Dipre RIP – Anniversary*

MONDAY 16TH

FERIA

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

Lily Wong RIP

TUESDAY 17TH

THE SEVEN HOLY FOUNDERS OF THE SERVITE ORDER

No public Mass today. Private Mass offered for

Fr William Ryan – sick

WEDNESDAY 18TH

ASH WEDNESDAY

8.00 am Mass (1962 Missal)
12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Said Mass in English
5.00 pm Holy Hour
6.30 pm Sung Mass in Latin

*Private Intentions - UO
Kai-Yiu Wong RIP – Anniversary
Archbishop Richard Moth – Intentions*

THURSDAY 19TH

LENT FERIA

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour

Jessie Stewart RIP

FRIDAY 20TH

LENT FERIA

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

(Friday Abstinence)

Nancy Yu RIP

SATURDAY 21ST

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

5.00 pm Exposition
6.00 pm Vigil Mass

Pro Populo

SUNDAY 22ND

✠ FIRST 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
Private Intentions
Edivaldo Barros – Intentions*

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

I SAY TO YOU

In this Sunday's Liturgy we continue to read Jesus' so-called "Sermon on the Mount". It is contained in chapters 5, 6 and 7 of Matthew's Gospel. After the Beatitudes, which are the programme of his life, Jesus proclaims the new Law, his Torah, as our Jewish brothers and sisters call it. In fact, on his coming, the Messiah was also to bring the definitive revelation of the Law and this is precisely what Jesus declares: "Think not that I have come to abolish the Law and the Prophets; I have come not to abolish them but to fulfil them".

And addressing his disciples, he adds: "unless your righteousness exceeds that of the Scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the Kingdom of Heaven". But what do this "fullness" of Christ's Law and this "superior" justice that he demands consist in?

Jesus explains it with a series of antitheses between the old commandments and his new way of propounding them. He begins each time: "You have heard that it was said to the men of old...", and then he asserts: "but I say to you"...

And he does this six times. This manner of speaking made a great impression on the people, who were shocked, because those words: "I say to you" were equivalent to claiming the actual authority of God, the source of the Law. The newness of Jesus consists essentially in the fact that he himself "fulfils" the commandments with the love of God, with the power of the Holy Spirit who dwells within him.

So it is that every precept becomes true as a requirement of love, and all join in a single commandment: love God with all your heart and love your neighbour as yourself. "Love is the fulfilling of the Law", St Paul writes.

Moses went up Mount Sinai to receive the Law of God and bring it to the Chosen People. Jesus is the Son of God himself who came down from Heaven to lead us to Heaven, to God's height, on the way of love. Indeed, he himself is this way; all we have to do in order to put into practice God's will and to enter his Kingdom, eternal life, is to follow him.

FASTING & ABSTINENCE: THE RULES

Fasting is to be observed by all those between the ages of 18 – 60. The Church defines this as one meal a day, and two smaller meals which if added together would not exceed the main meal in quantity.

The law of Abstinence means refraining from eating meat and is to be observed by all those from the age of 14. Meat is considered to be the flesh and organs of mammals and fowl. Also forbidden are soups or gravies made from them. Salt and freshwater species of fish, amphibians, reptiles and shellfish are permitted, as are animal derived products such as margarine and gelatine which do not have any meat taste.

Those who are excused from fast or abstinence: Besides those outside the age limits, those of unsound mind, the sick, the frail, pregnant or nursing women according to need for meat or nourishment, manual labourers according to need, guests at a meal who cannot excuse themselves without giving great offence or causing enmity and other situations of moral or physical impossibility to observe the penitential discipline.

OUR NEW ARCHBISHOP

Please keep our new Archbishop, His Grace, Richard Moth, in your prayers. His installation Mass yesterday was beautiful, and I'm sure he is grateful for all the prayers offered for his intentions.

ASH WEDNESDAY & LENT

Ash Wednesday is **this week Wednesday 18th February**. There will be three Masses here that day: 8am (1962), 1:05pm (said, English) and 6:30pm (sung, Latin). Throughout Lent, as ever, there will be **Friday evening devotions:** 5pm Holy Hour with Vespers, Rosary & Benediction, followed by 6pm Stations of the Cross. These 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.

AKATHIST HYMN TO THE MOTHER OF GOD

On **Friday 27th February at 6:30pm**, Fr Gabriel Diaz-Patri will be singing the Greek office of the Akathist Hymn to the Mother of God. The Akathist Hymn is a much loved Lenten Devotion in the Eastern Catholic and Orthodox traditions, in which the praises of Our Lady are solemnly sung in this most ancient hymn. All are most welcome! The Akathist will follow the Stations of the Cross at 6pm.

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 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 **August 2026**. Book intentions online at maidenlane.org.uk/intentions There are not many dates left for this year, so please don't leave it until the last minute!

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. Although the church was built in 1874, a church cannot be consecrated until all the debt has been paid off, which in our case only happened in 1956. There was also a further complication: the rite of consecration required the bishop to be able to walk

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,