Corpus Christi
The Diocesan Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament

March – Month Dedicated to St Joseph

✠ Holy Mass for the Week – 8th March 2026
Third Sunday of Lent

Sunday 8th

✠ Third Sunday of Lent — *Ps Wk 3*

9.30 am	Said Mass in English	*Chris Downes RIP*
11.30 am	Sung Mass in Latin	*Welfare of A&N Stanes*
5.00 pm	Holy Hour	

Monday 9th

Lent Feria (St Frances of Rome)

12 noon	Exposition	
1.05 pm	Mass	*Deceased Family & Friends of Stanes & Perkins Families*
5.00 pm	Holy Hour	
6.30 pm	Mass (1962 Missal) – St Frances of Rome	

Tuesday 10th

Lent Feria

No public Mass today. Private Mass offered for *Welfare of Peter Noakes*

Wednesday 11th

Lent Feria

12 noon	Exposition	
1.05 pm	Mass	*Private Intention (Stanes)*

Thursday 12th

Lent Feria

12 noon	Exposition	
1.05 pm	Mass	*Benefactors of Corpus Christi*

Friday 13th — *(Friday Abstinence)*

Lent Feria

12 noon	Exposition	
1.05 pm	Mass	*Fr Ryan's Intentions*
5.00 pm	Holy Hour	
6.00 pm	Stations of the Cross	
6.30 pm	Mass (1962 Missal)	

Saturday 14th

Lent Feria

5.00 pm	Exposition	
6.00 pm	Vigil Mass	*Mary O'Beirne RIP – Anniversary*

Sunday 15th

✠ Fourth Sunday of Lent — *Ps Wk 4*

9.30 am	Said Mass in English	*Maurice Osborne RIP*
11.30 am	Sung Mass in Latin	*Pro Populo*

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

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Thirsting for Faith

This third Sunday of Lent is characterized by the Jesus' famous conversation with the Samaritan woman, recounted by the Evangelist John. The woman went every day to draw water from an ancient well that dated back to the Patriarch Jacob and on that day she found Jesus sitting beside the well, "wearied from his journey". St Augustine comments: "Not for nothing was Jesus tried…. The strength of Christ created you, the weakness of Christ recreated you…. With his strength he created us, with his weakness he came to seek us out".

Jesus' weariness, a sign of his true humanity, can be seen as a prelude to the Passion with which he brought to fulfilment the work of our redemption. In the encounter with the Samaritan woman at the well, the topic of Christ's "thirst" stands out in particular. It culminated in his cry on the Cross "I thirst". This thirst, like his weariness, had a physical basis. Yet Jesus, as St Augustine says further, "thirsted for the faith of that woman", as he thirsted for the faith of us all.

God the Father sent him to quench our thirst for eternal life, giving us his love, but to give us this gift Jesus asks for our faith. The omnipotence of Love always respects human freedom; it knocks at the door of man's heart and waits patiently for his answer.

In the encounter with the Samaritan woman the symbol of water stands out in the foreground, alluding clearly to the sacrament of Baptism, the source of new life for faith in God's Grace. This Gospel, in fact, is part of the ancient journey of the catechumen's preparation for Christian Initiation, which took place at the great Easter Vigil. "Whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him", Jesus said, "will never thirst; the water that I shall give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life".

This water represents the Holy Spirit, the "gift" par excellence that Jesus came to bring on the part of God the Father. Whoever is reborn by water and by the Holy Spirit, that is, in Baptism, enters into a real relationship with God, a filial relationship, and can worship him "in spirit and in truth", as Jesus went on to reveal to the Samaritan woman. Thanks to the meeting with Jesus Christ and to the gift of the Holy Spirit, the human being's faith attains fulfilment, as a response to the fullness of God's revelation.

Each one of us can identify himself with the Samaritan woman: Jesus is waiting for us, especially in this Season of Lent, to speak to our hearts, to my heart. Let us pause a moment in silence, in our room or in a church or in a separate place. Let us listen to his voice which tells us "If you knew the gift of God…". May the Virgin Mary help us not to miss this appointment, on which our true happiness depends.

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.

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, Indulgenced 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.

Church Cleaning

On **Sunday 22nd March from 9am** we will be cleaning the church to give it a bit of a lift before Easter. If you're able to come and spend an hour or two sweeping, dusting and polishing, please come along. Many hands make light work!

Sodality of the Blessed Sacrament

The next Sodality of the Blessed Sacrament Mass will be on **Thursday 2nd April.** This will be the Mass of Maundy Thursday, and so will begin at **7.00pm** and will be followed by watching until Midnight. 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 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,