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Margaret Harries 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 – 15TH MARCH 2026 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

SUNDAY 15TH

✠ FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT – LÆTARE SUNDAY

9.30 am Said Mass in English
11.30 am Sung Mass in Latin

*Ps Wk 4
Maurice Osborne RIP
Pro Populo*

MONDAY 16TH

LENT FERIA

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

Sandra Webb RIP

TUESDAY 17TH

ST PATRICK, BISHOP, PATRON OF IRELAND

No public Mass today. Private Mass offered for

Blanche Keaveney – Intentions

WEDNESDAY 18TH

LENT FERIA (ST CYRIL OF JERUSALEM)

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour

Jessie Stewart RIP

THURSDAY 19TH

ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, PATRON OF THE DIOCESE

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour

Martha Tenzler RIP – Anniversary

(Friday Abstinence)

FRIDAY 20TH

LENT FERIA

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

Margaret Harries RIP – Anniversary

SATURDAY 21ST

LENT FERIA

9.00 am Church cleaning
5.00 pm Exposition
6.00 pm Vigil Mass

Niki Nicholas & Apostolos RIP

SUNDAY 22ND

✠ FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT – PASSION SUNDAY

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

*Ps Wk 1
Pro Populo
Kevin Hegarty 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

REJOICE

The Lenten journey that we are taking is a special time of grace during which we can experience the gift of the Lord's kindness to us. The Liturgy of this Sunday, called "*Lætare*", invites us to be glad and rejoice as the Entrance Antiphon of the Eucharistic celebration proclaims: "Rejoice, Jerusalem! Be glad for her, you who love her; rejoice with her, you who mourned for her, and you will find contentment at her consoling breasts".

What is the profound reason for this joy? Today's Gospel in which Jesus heals a man blind from birth tells us. The question which the Lord Jesus asks the blind man is the high point of the story: "Do you believe in the Son of Man?". The man recognizes the sign worked by Jesus and he passes from the light of his eyes to the light of faith: "Lord, I believe!".

It should be noted that as a simple and sincere person he gradually completes the journey of faith. In the beginning he thinks of Jesus as a "man" among others, then he considers him a "prophet" and finally his eyes are opened and he proclaims him "Lord". In opposition to the faith of the healed blind man is the hardening of the hearts of the Pharisees who do not want to accept the miracle because they refuse to receive Jesus as the Messiah. Instead the crowd pauses to discuss the event and continues to be distant and indifferent. Even the blind man's parents are overcome by the fear of what others might think.

And what attitude to Jesus should we adopt? Because of Adam's sin we too are born "blind" but in the baptismal font we are illumined by the grace of Christ. Sin wounded humanity and destined it to the darkness of death, but the newness of life shines out in Christ, as well as the destination to which we are called. In him, reinvigorated by the Holy Spirit, we receive the strength to defeat evil and to do good.

In fact the Christian life is a continuous conformation to Christ, image of the new man, in order to reach full communion with God. The Lord Jesus is the "light of the world", because in him shines "the knowledge of the glory of God" that continues in the complex plot of the story to reveal the meaning of human existence.

In the rite of Baptism, the presentation of the candle lit from the large Paschal candle, a symbol of the Risen Christ, is a sign that helps us to understand what happens in the Sacrament. When our lives are enlightened by the mystery of Christ, we experience the joy of being liberated from all that threatens the full realization.

In these days which prepare us for Easter let us rekindle within us the gift received in Baptism, that flame which sometimes risks being extinguished. Let us nourish it with prayer and love for others. Let us entrust our Lenten journey to the Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church so that all may encounter Christ, Saviour of the world.

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:

- **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.

CHURCH CLEANING

On **Saturday 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

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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,