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## CORPUS CHRISTI THE DIOCESAN SHRINE OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

MARCH – MONTH DEDICATED TO  
ST JOSEPH

### ✠ HOLY MASS FOR THE WEEK – 22<sup>ND</sup> MARCH 2026 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT – PASSION SUNDAY

#### SUNDAY 22<sup>ND</sup>

#### ✠ 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*

#### MONDAY 23<sup>RD</sup>

#### LENT FERIA (ST TURIBIUS OF MOGROVEJO, BISHOP)

12 noon Exposition  
1.05 pm Mass  
5.00 pm Holy Hour  
6.30 pm Mass (1962 Missal) – Monday in Passion Week

*Deceased Family & Friends RIP*

#### TUESDAY 24<sup>TH</sup>

#### LENT FERIA

No public Mass today. Private Mass offered for

*Joan Burke*

#### WEDNESDAY 25<sup>TH</sup>

#### THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

12 noon Exposition  
1.05 pm Mass  
5.00 pm Holy Hour

*Engelbert Mendoza RIP*

#### THURSDAY 26<sup>TH</sup>

#### LENT FERIA

12 noon Exposition  
1.05 pm Mass  
5.00 pm Holy Hour

*Christiane Brown RIP*

#### FRIDAY 27<sup>TH</sup>

#### LENT FERIA

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

*Cecil Brammer RIP – Anniversary*

#### SATURDAY 28<sup>TH</sup>

#### LENT FERIA

5.00 pm Exposition  
6.00 pm Vigil Mass

*Mary & Michael O'Beirne RIP*

#### SUNDAY 29<sup>TH</sup>

#### ✠ PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

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

*Ps Wk 2  
Pro Populo  
Gaetanina Pietrocarlo 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](mailto:ccpguk@gmail.com)

## I BELIEVE

There are only two weeks to go until Easter and the Bible Readings of this Sunday all speak about resurrection. It is not yet that of Jesus, which bursts in as an absolute innovation, but our own resurrection, to which we aspire and which Christ himself gave to us, in rising from the dead. Indeed, death represents a wall as it were, which prevents us from seeing beyond it; yet our hearts reach out beyond this wall and even though we cannot understand what it conceals, we nevertheless think about it and imagine it, expressing with symbols our desire for eternity.

The Prophet Ezekiel proclaimed to the Jewish people, exiled far from the land of Israel, that God would open the graves of the dead and bring them home to rest in peace. This ancestral aspiration of man to be buried together with his forefathers is the longing for a "homeland" which welcomes us at the end of our earthly toil. This concept does not yet contain the idea of a personal resurrection from death, which only appears towards the end of the Old Testament, and even in Jesus' time was not accepted by all Judeans. Among Christians too, faith in the resurrection and in life is often accompanied by many doubts and much confusion because it also always concerns a reality which goes beyond the limits of our reason and requires an act of faith.

In today's Gospel – the raising of Lazarus – we listen to the voice of faith from the lips of Martha, Lazarus' sister. Jesus said to her: "Your brother will rise again," and she replies: "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day". But Jesus repeats: "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live". This is the true newness which abounds and exceeds every border! Christ pulls down the wall of death and in him dwells all the fullness of God, who is life, eternal life. Therefore death did not have power over him and the raising of Lazarus is a sign of his full dominion over physical death which, before God, resembles sleep.

However there is another death, which cost Christ the hardest struggle, even the price of the Cross: it is spiritual death and sin which threaten to ruin the existence of every human being. To overcome this death, Christ died and his Resurrection is not a return to past life, but an opening to a new reality, a "new land" united at last with God's Heaven. Therefore St Paul writes: "If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit who dwells in you". Dear brothers and sisters, let us turn to the Virgin Mary, who previously shared in this Resurrection, so that she may help us to say faithfully: "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God", to truly discover that he is our salvation.

## 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.

## CHURCH CLEANING

Thank you to all who came yesterday to help with the cleaning of the church. It made a big difference!

## 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:

- **3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

## EASTER MASS TIMES

All the Easter Mass times are on the website at [maidenlane.org.uk/easter](http://maidenlane.org.uk/easter)

**Maundy Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April:** 7pm, with watching until Midnight

**Good Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April:** 3pm, with Stations & Veneration of the Relic of the True Cross from 6pm

**Holy Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April:** 8pm – Solemn Easter Vigil.

NB This will be the only Mass that day.

**Easter Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April:** 9:30am (said, English); 11:30am (sung, Latin)

**Easter Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April:** 10am (said, English); 6:30pm (1962 Missa Cantata)

## SODALITY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The next Sodality of the Blessed Sacrament Mass will be on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://sodality.co.uk)

## CORPUS CHRISTI & EUCHARISTIC OCTAVE

Once again, we will be hosting the London Eucharistic Octave from 30<sup>th</sup> May, leading up to the great Solemnity of Corpus Christi on **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June**. All the details of the week can be found at [catholiclondon.org](http://catholiclondon.org) but make sure that 7<sup>th</sup> June is in your diary for the Mass at **11am**, followed by the Corpus Christi Procession through central London.

## SEVEN DAY LAMPS

Are available at the back of the church for £6, or online at [maidenlane.org.uk/lamps](http://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.

## MASS INTENTIONS

The earliest dates available are now in **December 2026**. Book intentions online at [maidenlane.org.uk/intentions](http://maidenlane.org.uk/intentions) There are not many dates left for this year.

## 70<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF CONSECRATION

Please put the **11:30am** Mass on **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October** in your diary. **His Grace, the Archbishop** will be celebrating the Mass, marking the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Shrine's Consecration in 1956 by Bishop George Craven.

**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,