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CORPUS CHRISTI

THE DIOCESAN SHRINE OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

MARCH – MONTH DEDICATED TO
ST JOSEPH

✠ HOLY MASS FOR THE WEEK – 29TH MARCH 2026 PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

SUNDAY 29TH

✠ 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*

MONDAY 30TH

MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
6.30 pm Mass (1962 Missal) – Monday of Holy Week

Kathleen Carter RIP

TUESDAY 31ST

TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

No public Mass today. Chrism Mass at the Cathedral.

WEDNESDAY 1ST APRIL

WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK – SPY WEDNESDAY

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour

Deceased Members of Giles Family

THURSDAY 2ND

MAUNDY THURSDAY

12 noon – 1:30 pm Exposition and Confessions
7.00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
Watching until Midnight. Compline at 11.45 pm

Members of the Sodality

(Fasting & Abstinence)

FRIDAY 3RD

GOOD FRIDAY

3.00 pm The Celebration of the Passion of the Lord
6.00 pm Stations of the Cross
6.30 pm Veneration of the Relic of the True Cross

SATURDAY 4TH

HOLY SATURDAY

8.00 pm Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

Liam Bell RIP – Anniversary

SUNDAY 5TH

✠ EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION

9.30 am Said Mass in English
11.30 am Sung Mass in Latin
N.B. No Holy Hour today.

*Ps Wk 2
Pro Populo
Deceased Members of the Mulvoy Family*

MONDAY 6TH – BANK HOLIDAY

MONDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

10.00 am Mass
6.30 pm High Mass (1962 Missal) – Easter Monday

Holy Souls in Purgatory

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

HOSANNA!

It is a moving experience each year on Palm Sunday as we go up the mountain with Jesus, towards the Temple, accompanying him on his ascent. On this day, throughout the world and across the centuries, people of every age acclaim him, crying out: "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

But what are we really doing when we join this procession as part of the throng which went up with Jesus to Jerusalem and hailed him as King of Israel? Is this anything more than a ritual, a quaint custom? Does it have anything to do with the reality of our life and our world? To answer this, we must first be clear about what Jesus himself wished to do and actually did. After Peter's confession of faith in Caesarea Philippi, in the northernmost part of the Holy Land, Jesus set out as a pilgrim towards Jerusalem for the feast of Passover. He was journeying towards the Temple in the Holy City, towards that place which for Israel ensured in a particular way God's closeness to his people. He was making his way towards the common feast of Passover, the memorial of Israel's liberation from Egypt and the sign of its hope of definitive liberation. He knew that what awaited him was a new Passover and that he himself would take the place of the sacrificial lambs by offering himself on the cross. He knew that in the mysterious gifts of bread and wine he would give himself for ever to his own, and that he would open to them the door to a new path of liberation, to fellowship with the living God. He was making his way to the heights of the Cross, to the moment of self-giving love. The ultimate goal of his pilgrimage was the heights of God himself; to those heights he wanted to lift every human being.

Our procession today is meant, then, to be an image of something deeper, to reflect the fact that, together with Jesus, we are setting out on pilgrimage along the high road that leads to the living God. This is the ascent that matters. This is the journey which Jesus invites us to make. But how can we keep pace with this ascent? Isn't it beyond our ability? Certainly, it is beyond our own possibilities. From the beginning men and women have been filled – and this is as true today as ever – with a desire to "be like God", to attain the heights of God by their own powers.

The Fathers of the Church maintained that human beings stand at the point of intersection between two gravitational fields. First, there is the force of gravity which pulls us down – towards selfishness, falsehood and evil; the gravity which diminishes us and distances us from the heights of God. On the other hand there is the gravitational force of God's love: the fact that we are loved by God and respond in love attracts us upwards. Man finds himself betwixt this twofold gravitational force; everything depends on our escaping the gravitational field of evil and becoming free to be attracted completely by the gravitational force of God, which makes us authentic, elevates us and grants us true freedom.

We are on pilgrimage with the Lord to the heights. We are striving for pure hearts and clean hands, we are seeking truth, we are seeking the face of God. Let us show the Lord that we desire to be righteous, and let us ask him: Draw us upwards!

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

Every year on Good Friday, the Church around the world holds a collection for the Holy Places and the people who live in the Holy Land. These offerings are used for the maintenance and restoration of the Holy Places and to help support, educate and defend the Christians of the Holy Land. Please remember to bring your donation on Good Friday.

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

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord is a Holy Day of Obligation and this year falls on **Thursday 14th May**. There will be three Masses that day: 8am (1962), 1:05pm (said, English) and 6:30pm (sung, Latin). There are lots of opportunities to fulfil your obligation on that day!

DIVINE LITURGY IN THE BYZANTINE-SLAVIC RITE

Fr Diaz will be celebrating the Divine Liturgy according to the Byzantine-Slavic Rite on **Saturday 16th May**, 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.

CORPUS CHRISTI & EUCHARISTIC OCTAVE

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

70TH ANNIVERSARY OF CONSECRATION

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

MASS FOR MATRIMONY

Westminster Cathedral, **Saturday 23rd May, at 2.30pm**. Our Archbishop is inviting to this Mass all couples in the diocese who are celebrating their 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th (and any year over 60) anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2026. If you are celebrating such an anniversary and want to take part in this Mass, please contact Alex.

SEVEN DAY LAMPS

Are available at the back of the church for £6, or online at maidenlane.org.uk/lamps.

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 There are not many dates left for this year. If you have any dates you would really like for 2027, please get them in as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

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,