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Corpus Christi

The Diocesan Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament

November – Month Dedicated to The Holy Souls in Purgatory



✠ Holy Mass for the Week – 8th November 2026
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 8th – Remembrance Sunday

✠ **32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time** — *Ps Wk 4*

9.30 am	Said Mass in English	*Maureen Goodey RIP*
11.30 am	Sung Requiem Mass in Latin	*Faithful Fallen in Battle*
5.00 pm	Holy Hour	

Monday 9th
The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

12 noon	Exposition	
1.05 pm	Mass	*Maureen Goodey RIP – Anniversary*
6.30 pm	Requiem Mass (1962 Missal)	*Catholic Military Association*

Tuesday 10th
St Leo the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church

No public Mass today. Private Mass offered for *Holy Souls in Purgatory*

Wednesday 11th
St Martin of Tours, Bishop

12 noon	Exposition	
1.05 pm	Mass	*Holy Souls in Purgatory*
5.00 pm	Holy Hour	

Thursday 12th
St Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr

12 noon	Exposition	
1.05 pm	Mass	*Benefactors of Corpus Christi*
5.00 pm	Holy Hour	

Friday 13th — *(Friday Abstinence)*
Feria

12 noon	Exposition	
1.05 pm	Mass	*Holy Souls in Purgatory*
5.00 pm	Holy Hour	
6.30 pm	Mass (1962 Missal)	*Good Counsel Network*

Saturday 14th
Feria

5.00 pm	Exposition	
6.00 pm	Vigil Mass	*Pro Populo*

Sunday 15th

✠ **33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time** — *Ps Wk 1*

9.30 am	Said Mass in English	*Maureen Goodey & Kathleen Tappin RIP*
11.30 am	Sung Mass in Latin	*Irineu Senise RIP*
5.00 pm	Holy Hour	

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

Falling from Nothing to Nothing

The Biblical Readings of this Sunday's Liturgy invite us to extend the reflection on eternal life that we began on the occasion of the commemoration of the faithful departed. On this point there is a clear difference between those who believe and those who do not believe or, one might likewise say, between those who hope and those who do not hope.

Indeed St Paul wrote to the Thessalonians: "but we would not have you ignorant, brethren, concerning those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope". Faith in the death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ in this sphere too is a crucial divide. St Paul always reminded the Christians of Ephesus that before accepting the Good News they had been "separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world". Indeed the religion of the Greeks, the pagan cults and myths, were unable to shed light on the mystery of death; thus an ancient inscription said: *"In nihil ab nihilo quam cito recidmus"* which means: "how quickly we fall back from nothing to nothing". If we remove God, we remove Christ and the world falls back into emptiness and darkness. Moreover, this is also confirmed in the expressions of contemporary nihilism that is often unconscious and, unfortunately, infects a great many young people.

Today's Gospel is a famous parable that speaks of ten maidens invited to a wedding feast, a symbol of the Kingdom of Heaven and of eternal life. It is a happy image with which, however, Jesus teaches a truth that calls us into question. In fact five of those 10 maidens were admitted to the feast because when the bridegroom arrived they had brought the oil to light their lamps, whereas the other five were left outside because they had been foolish enough not to bring any. What is represented by this "oil", the indispensable prerequisite for being admitted to the nuptial banquet?

St Augustine, and other ancient authors interpreted it as a symbol of love that one cannot purchase but receives as a gift, preserves within one and uses in works. True wisdom is making the most of mortal life in order to do works of mercy, for after death this will no longer be possible. When we are reawoken for the Last Judgement, it will be made on the basis of the love we have shown in our earthly life. And this love is a gift of Christ, poured out in us by the Holy Spirit. Those who believe in God-Love bear within them invincible hope, like a lamp to light them on their way through the night beyond death to arrive at the great feast of life.

Let us ask Mary, *Sedes Sapientiae*, to teach us true wisdom, the wisdom that became flesh in Jesus. He is the Way that leads from this life to God, to the Eternal One. He enabled us to know the Father's face, and thus gave us hope full of love. This is why the Church addresses the Mother of the Lord with these words: *"Vita, dulcedo, et spes nostra"* [our life, our sweetness and our hope]. Let us learn from her to live and die in the hope that never disappoints.

Seven Day Lamps

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

November Holy Souls

November, the Month of the Holy Souls, is here. Throughout the month, we will be offering at least three Masses a week for the Holy Souls in Purgatory. You can have your departed relatives and friends remembered at the Altar at these Masses by adding their names to the list by simply filling out the form on our website, or one of the forms at the back of the church. Visit **maidenlane.org.uk/holysouls** to make your offering today!

Hearing Aid Loop

Our hearing aid loop has finally been repaired! Thank you for your patience with us as we worked to sort this. If you use hearing aids, please let us know what you think.

Remembrance Sunday

Today, Sunday 8th November is Remembrance Sunday. In line with an indult of the Holy See, the 11:30am Mass today will be a Sung Requiem Mass for all the Faithful fallen in battle. The Catholic Military Association's Requiem Mass will be on Monday 9th November at 6:30pm, concluding with the Last Post.

Sodality of the Blessed Sacrament

The next Sodality of the Blessed Sacrament Mass with Adoration and Benediction will be on **Thursday 3rd December at 6:30pm**. To join the Sodality, visit **sodality.co.uk**

The Byron Consort of Harrow School

will be singing at the **6pm** Vigil Mass on **Saturday 5th December** and there will be a free short concert of sacred music afterwards. All are most welcome to come and hear one of the finest school choirs in the country.

Corpus Christi Carol Service

Our Annual Carol Service, concluding with Exposition & Benediction will happen on **Wednesday 9th December at 6:30pm**. This is always a beautiful evening, which raises a lot of money for the Holy Family Hospital in Bethlehem.

Mosaic Choir of the Orthodox Fellowship of St John the Baptist

will be singing a selection of Eastern Carols again on **Friday 11th December at 7pm.** This is a free concert, with a retiring collection for good causes. Please do come along and experience the riches of Christmas through the lens of the Eastern Churches.

Church Cleaning

We will be cleaning the church and getting it ready for the Christmas celebrations from **9am on Saturday 12th December.** If you are able to come and give us a hand, we'd be exceedingly grateful. The turn out last month was amazing and made it all very easy.

University of Birmingham Catholic Choir

The University of Birmingham Catholic Choir will be giving a short **free concert of sacred music** after the Vigil Mass on **Saturday 12th December**. All most welcome to attend. There will be a retiring collection for charity afterwards.

Mass Intentions

The earliest dates available are now in **July/August 2027**. Book intentions online at **maidenlane.org.uk/intentions**

Confession

Confessions are heard for half an hour before all Masses, or upon request. Do take the opportunity to reconcile yourself with the Lord.

Our sick parishioners and friends: Dr Adel Isaak, Pam Molyneux, Peter Noakes, 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:** Regina, Dame Ann Widdecombe, Ibolya Keshely, Marygold Turner, Catherine Donner, Dan Brown, Diane Bettles, Philip Umunnakwe, 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,