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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 – 15th November 2026
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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	

Monday 16th

St Edmund of Abingdon, Bishop

12 noon	Exposition	
1.05 pm	Mass	*Holy Souls in Purgatory*
6.30 pm	Mass (1962 Missal) – St Edmund of Canterbury	

Tuesday 17th

St Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious

No public Mass today. Private Mass offered for *Heather Bashford RIP – Anniversary*

Wednesday 18th – #RedWednesday

The Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss Peter & Paul, Apostles

12 noon	Exposition	
1.05 pm	Mass	*Persecuted Christians*

Thursday 19th

Feria

12 noon	Exposition	
1.05 pm	Mass	*Kathleen Flint RIP – Anniversary*

Friday 20th — *(Friday Abstinence)*

Feria

12 noon	Exposition	
1.05 pm	Mass	*Francis & Theresa Khoo RIP – Anniversary*

Saturday 21st

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

5.00 pm	Exposition	
6.00 pm	Vigil Mass	*Pro Populo*

Sunday 22nd

✠ Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe — *Ps Wk 2*

9.30 am	Said Mass in English	*Bridget Walsh RIP*
11.30 am	Sung Mass in Latin	*Anna Milewska 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

Preserving Love

The word of God of this Sunday – the second to last Sunday of the liturgical year – warns us of the transience of our earthly existence and invites us to live it as a pilgrimage, keeping our gaze fixed on the destination for which God has created us. Moreover, since he made us for himself, he is our ultimate destination and the meaning of our existence.

Death, followed by the Last Judgement, is an obligatory stage to pass through in order to reach this definitive reality. The Apostle Paul says: "the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night", that is, without warning. May knowledge of the glorious return of the Lord Jesus spur us to live in an attitude of watchfulness, waiting for his manifestation and in constant remembrance of his first Coming.

In the well-known Parable of the Talents – recounted by the Evangelist Matthew – Jesus tells the story of three servants to whom their master entrusted his property, before setting out on a long journey. Two of them behaved impeccably, doubling the value of what they had received. On the contrary, the third buried the money he had received in a hole. On his return, the master asked his servants to account for what he had entrusted to them and while he was pleased with the first two he was disappointed with the third.

Indeed, the servant who had hidden his talent and failed to make it increase in worth, had calculated badly. He behaved as if his master were never to return, as if there would never be a day on which he would be asked to account for his actions. With this parable Jesus wanted to teach his disciples to make good use of his gifts: God calls every person and offers talents to all, at the same time entrusting each one with a mission to carry out. It would be foolish to presume that these gifts are an entitlement, just as failing to use them would mean failing to achieve our purpose in life.

In commenting on this Gospel passage St Gregory the Great noted that the Lord does not let anyone lack the gift of his charity, of his love. He wrote: "brothers, it is necessary that you pay the utmost attention to preserving love in everything you must do". After explaining that true charity consists in loving enemies as well as friends, he added: "if someone lacks this virtue, he loses every good he possesses, he is deprived of the talent he received and is cast out into the darkness".

Dear brothers and sisters, let us accept the invitation to be watchful, of which the Scriptures frequently remind us! This is the attitude of those who know that the Lord will return and that he will wish to see the fruits of his love in us. Charity is the fundamental good that no one can fail to bring to fruition and without which every other good is worthless. If Jesus loved us to the point of giving his life for us, how can we not love God with the whole of ourselves and love one another with real warmth? It is only by practising charity that we too will be able to share in the joy of Our Lord. May the Virgin Mary teach us active and joyful watchfulness on our journey towards the encounter with God.

Seven Day Lamps

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

Sick & Retired Priest Fund

Today's second collection is for the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund. Please give generously and help ensure our sick and older priests are financially supported, having given us a lifetime of dedicated service. They have baptised us, welcomed us into the church, and offered comfort and prayer at times of sorrow. Now we have a chance to give back and ensure they have peace of mind during their senior years, when they may be facing failing health and declining mobility. Please give generously, or set up a standing order, using the envelopes in the church. You can also donate online at **rcdow.org.uk/SRP** – the envelopes and posters feature a QR Code that you can scan to give online.

November Holy Souls

November, the Month of the Holy Souls, is here. You can have your departed relatives and friends remembered at the Altar at the Masses for the Holy Souls 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!

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.

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,