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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 – 22nd November 2026
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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*

Monday 23rd

St Clement I, Pope & Martyr

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

Tuesday 24th

St Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

12 noon	Pontifical Sung Mass	*Papal Knights*

Wednesday 25th

St Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr

12 noon	Exposition	
1.05 pm	Mass	*Bernard Doherty RIP*
5.00 pm	Holy Hour	

Thursday 26th

Feria

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

Friday 27th — *(Friday Abstinence)*

Feria

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

Saturday 28th

Feria

5.00 pm	Exposition	
6.00 pm	Vigil Mass	*Maria Leigh RIP – Anniversary*

Sunday 29th

✠ First Sunday of Advent — *Ps Wk 1*

9.30 am	Said Mass in English	*Pro Populo*
11.30 am	Sung Mass in Latin	*Wanda Milewska RIP – Anniversary*
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

My Kingship is not of this world

Today, the last Sunday of the liturgical year, we are celebrating the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. We know from the Gospels that Jesus refused the title of king when it was meant in the political sense, by the standards of the "rulers of the Gentiles". On the other hand, during his Passion, he claimed a unique kingship before Pilate, who explicitly asked him "So you are a king?", and Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king"; however just previously he had declared, "My kingship is not of this world". Christ's kingship is in fact a revelation and actuation of that of God the Father, who governs all things with love and justice. The Father entrusted to the Son the mission of giving mankind eternal life by loving it to the point of supreme sacrifice and, at the same time, conferred upon him the power of judging humanity, since he made himself Son of man, like us in all things.

Today's Gospel insists precisely on the universal kingship of Christ the Judge, with the stupendous parable of the Last Judgment, which St Matthew placed immediately before the Passion narrative. The images are simple, the language is popular, but the message is extremely important: it is the truth about our ultimate destiny and about the criterion by which we will be evaluated. "I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me" and so forth. Who does not know this passage? It is part of our civilization. It has marked the history of the peoples of Christian culture: the hierarchy of values, the institutions, the multiple charitable and social organizations. In fact, the Kingdom of Christ is not of this world, but it brings to fulfilment all the good that, thank God, exists in man and in history. If we put love for our neighbour into practice in accordance with the Gospel message, we make room for God's dominion and his Kingdom is actualized among us. If, instead, each one thinks only of his or her own interests, the world can only go to ruin.

Dear friends, the Kingdom of God is not a matter of honours and appearances but, as St Paul writes, it is "righteousness and peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit". The Lord has our good at heart, that is, that every person should have life, and that especially the "least" of his children may have access to the banquet he has prepared for all. Thus he has no use for the forms of hypocrisy of those who say: "Lord, Lord" and then neglect his commandments. In his eternal Kingdom, God welcomes those who strive day after day to put his Word into practice. For this reason the Virgin Mary, the humblest of all creatures, is the greatest in his eyes and sits as Queen at the right of Christ the King. Let us once again entrust ourselves to her heavenly intercession with filial trust, to be able to carry out our Christian mission in the world.

The Nativity Scene

Will be unveiled next weekend – the First of Advent.

Seven Day Lamps

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

The chapel lamps are full booked, but any candles bought online will be lit on your behalf and placed on a candlestand.

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.

The Immaculate Conception of Our Lady

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, surprisingly, is not a Holy Day of Obligation in this country, although it is in many countries across the world. The feast falls on **Tuesday 8th December** and there will be Mass here that day at **1:05pm (said, English) and 6:30pm (sung, Latin).**

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.

The Newman Schola

On **Saturday 12th December, after the Vigil Mass**, the Catholic Choir *The Newman Schola* will perform a concert of Sacred Choral music for Advent and Christmas. Admission is free with a retiring collection. Details at **newmanschola.co.uk**

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.

Building Fund

Work has finally begun on repairing the cellar. We have also been given permission to begin the repair works to the outside of the building. It will be obvious when these begin, as the front of the building will be covered with scaffolding. If you are able to help towards the costs, please donate at **maidenlane.org.uk/donate**

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,