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**CORPUS CHRISTI  
THE DIOCESAN SHRINE  
OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

MARCH – MONTH DEDICATED TO ST JOSEPH

**✠ HOLY MASS FOR THE WEEK – 15<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2020  
3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT**

**SUNDAY 15<sup>TH</sup>**

**✠ 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT**

9.30am Mass  
11.30am Solemn Latin Mass

*(Ps Week 3)  
John Moran RIP  
Pro Populo*

**MONDAY 16<sup>TH</sup>**

**LENT FERIA**

1.05pm Mass  
6.30pm Mass – Extraordinary Form

*Shirani Santia-Pillai*

**TUESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup>**

**ST PATRICK, BISHOP, PATRON OF IRELAND**

1.05pm Mass

*Foundation Mass*

**WEDNESDAY 18<sup>TH</sup>**

**LENT FERIA (ST CYRIL OF JERUSALEM, BISHOP & DOCTOR)**

1.05pm Mass

*Leslie Searle RIP*

**THURSDAY 19<sup>TH</sup>**

**ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, PATRON OF THE DIOCESE**

1.05pm Mass

*Martha Tenzler – Anniversary*

**FRIDAY 20<sup>TH</sup>**

**LENT FERIA**

1.05pm Mass  
5.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
6.00pm Stations of the Cross

*Harold Leigh – Anniv.*

*(Friday Abstinence)*

**SATURDAY 21<sup>ST</sup>**

**LENT FERIA**

5.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
6.00pm Vigil Mass

*Eric Pollock – Anniversary*

**SUNDAY 22<sup>ND</sup>**

**✠ 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT – LAETARE SUNDAY**

9.30am Mass  
11.30am Solemn Latin Mass

*(Ps Week 4)  
Leo O'Sullivan RIP  
Pro Populo*

**WEEKLY GIVING**

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Loose £538.15

Envelopes £80.00

Little Sisters of the Poor £434.15

*Thank you for your continued support.*

**THE LAMPS ARE BURNING FOR:**

**SANCTUARY LAMPS**

Nicholas, Peter & Giles Leigh

**LADY CHAPEL**

Emma, Euan & Ethan Woodworth

*To have the lamps burning for your intentions,  
use an envelope at the back of the church or  
visit the website.*

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED  
SACRAMENT\*:**

weekdays: 7:30am-8:30am  
& 12noon – 1pm

**SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION:**

30 mins before Mass\*

\* except Tuesdays

**AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION:**

My Jesus, I most firmly believe that You are really present in the Blessed Sacrament. I place my whole confidence in You, and I love You above all things. Oh that I had never offended You! I ardently desire to be united to You, my loving Saviour, and never to be separated from You. What have I in heaven, and besides you what do I desire upon earth! Veni, Domine Jesu!

**REGULAR PARISH GROUPS:**

**Sodality of the Blessed Sacrament:** First Thursday of the Month, 6:30pm, Mass, Adoration and Benediction with a different guest preacher each month. All welcome! More info and membership at [www.sodality.co.uk](http://www.sodality.co.uk)

**Mass in the Extraordinary Form (Missal of 1962):** Mondays & Bank Holidays 6.30pm; Second Friday of the month 6:30pm  
Contact Latin Mass Society Tel: 020 7404 7284 Web: [www.lms.org.uk](http://www.lms.org.uk)

**Eucharistic Prayer Group:** Young Adults Prayer Group each Wednesday 7pm in Church with Eucharistic Adoration and Rosary - Mass first Wednesday of the Month. Contact Annette: [ccpguk@gmail.com](mailto:ccpguk@gmail.com)

**CaAPA** (The Catholic Association for Performing Arts) [www.caapa.org.uk](http://www.caapa.org.uk) Email: [secretary@caapa.org.uk](mailto:secretary@caapa.org.uk)

**St. John Paul II Prayer Group (Fraternity of St. Genesius)** 7.00pm on 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month – Mass, Benediction and Blessing with First Class Relic of Pope St. John Paul II.

**Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour** Saturday evening after the Vigil Mass.

## WORKS TO THE PORCH

Thanks to the kind generosity of a benefactor, work will begin this week on the mosaics to the porch. These are preparatory works for the mosaics of the new 'candle house' that is being built at the Basilica in Walsingham, and it is an opportunity for the artists to test out some techniques and designs here, before the larger project begins at the Shrine there. We are very grateful to the donor, who is making our porch much more beautiful, which will hopefully encourage more people to step inside the church and thus closer to Our Lord. The designs are on the noticeboard near the Confessional if you want to see what it will look like.

**What does this mean for you?** Well – on a practical level, it means the main doors will be shut and access to the church will strictly be via the **glass doors** next to Polpo/the disabled lift. There will not be public access to the Presbytery so seven day lamps will need to be bought around Mass times and won't be available during other times of the day. The initial works should be done by Holy Week, with the main door open again for the Triduum, and the mosaic work will begin in Easter week to be finished by Corpus Christi. Let's hope they're able to stick to those timings...!

## REDEDICATION OF ENGLAND AS MARY'S DOWRY

You may be aware that on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March, England will be rededicated to Our Lady as her Dowry. This renews the dedication made by King Richard II in 1381. We are lucky enough to have a statue of Our Lady of Walsingham here in Corpus Christi, so we can truly be united with the prayers at the Basilica in Norfolk! You can be involved in this by **consecrating yourself** to Our Lady using the 33 Days to Morning Glory books available online. On the **Solemnity of the Annunciation at 6.30pm** we will be welcoming the Society of St John Chrysostom, who will be solemnly singing the **Akathist Hymn to the Mother of God**, a beautiful and ancient hymn from the Orthodox tradition, followed by Compline.

We are an official host of the Rededication, and will be praying the Act of Dedication after the **11.30am Mass on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March**. A Plenary Indulgence is available to all those who take part, under the usual conditions. Let us pray for England – especially in these times!

## BOOK NOW FOR THE EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

The **52nd International Eucharistic Congress** will be taking place from **14th – 21st September** in Budapest, Hungary. This wonderful week of catechesis, Mass, processions and cultural events will bring together people from around the world to deepen our devotion to the Blessed Sacrament. The Archbishop of Esztergom-Budapest, Cardinal Erdő, has invited all of us in the Diocese of Westminster to take part. All travel arrangements from England, accommodation and entry to the events is being organised by Tangney Tours, with 5 night and 7 night options available. To find out more and to book, visit **www.iec.tours** or see the poster at the back of the church.

## CORONAVIRUS / COVID-19

There are a lot of understandable concerns about Coronavirus and how this affects the liturgy, particularly the reception of Holy Communion. The most obvious thing is for everyone to be sensible and use their common sense: avoid physical contact with others, wash your hands regularly and thoroughly etc. Please follow all the NHS guidelines. From the Church's perspective, the Bishops are encouraging anyone who even feels as though they have a mild cold to stay at home. The same applies to the elderly, and those with weakened immune systems. If you pick up any newsletters / Mass sheets / leaflets, please take these away with you and do not put them back.

**Regarding the Obligation to be at Mass.** If you are unable to come to Church for any of the reasons above, you are absolved from your Obligation until you are able to attend Mass once more. **Please note** – fulfilling your Obligation means **attending Holy Mass**, not receiving Communion. If you are concerned about aspects of receiving Sacramental Communion, you can always make a **Spiritual Communion** from the pews (words overleaf). In Spiritual Communion, we express our fervent desire to receive Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament and to be united with Him. The Church teaches that if you are in a State of Grace and make a Spiritual Communion, you will receive the fruits of the Sacrament.

**Regarding Holy Communion** – whether you receive in the traditional manner, i.e. on the tongue, or in the hand, it is **essential** to avoid physical contact between yourself and the priest. The only contact should be between you and Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. All priests who say Mass here are taking extra precautions to sanitise their hands before and after Holy Communion.

**If you are receiving on the tongue**, please put out your tongue (don't just open your mouth), and keep still until the Priest has placed the Sacred Host on your tongue and moved away from you.

**If you are receiving in the hand**, make sure your hand is opened out fully, held flat and raised a little above the rails so that the Priest can easily place the Sacred Host on your palm **without touching you**.

**If Public Mass is cancelled** we will stream the Masses on our Facebook page at **fb.com/corpuschristimaidenlane** It would be wise for each person to have their own Missal so that they can follow the prayers and readings at Mass, even from home. These can be ordered from **ctsbooks.org** or simply download the **Universalis** app to your phone.

**Pray!** A crisis such as this a call to more fervent prayer. Say the Rosary and call on the intercession of St Sebastian.

**A PRAYER AGAINST PLAGUE** *A prayer from the 17<sup>th</sup> Century...*

Grant, we beseech you, almighty God, that we who in your name seek the grace of your protection, through the intercession of Blessed Mary ever Virgin, your saints Sebastian, Adrian, Anthony, Roch, Benno and of all the saints, having been freed from plague, and sudden death, may serve you with untroubled minds. Amen.

**Our sick parishioners and friends:** Sue Wingfield, Marilyn Bruce-Mitford, Sean Brennan, Collette Nevens, Peter Noakes, Tony Pearce, Mgr Frederik Miles, David Jordan, Christopher Browne, Margaret Griffith, Pascal James, Jean Bernard, Brian Keenan, Sid Shepherd, Terry Miles, John Hughes, Warren Peterson, Nicholas Pollock, Fr Patrick Hayward, Jack Ward, Traute Pollock, Noël Tobin, Geoff Smale, David Michael Barrett, Christopher Browne, John Lynch, Colin Folan, Ann Gorman, Janet Seeley

**Of your charity – please pray for those who have died recently:** Archbishop Peter Smith, Rita Lobo, Bill Tomlinson, Mgr John Klyberg, Mgr. Anthony George Stark KCHS, Mgr. Wolfgang Nastainczyk, Fr Bernard James Crowe, Fr Peter Stevens, Susan Elliott-Smith, Jim Ryan, Archbishop Michael Bowen, Fr Barry Ffrench, Bernard (Bunny) France KC\*HS, Fr Tom Quinn, Essi Tamaddom, Ruth Nicol, Christiane Brown, Fr Denis Patrick Watters, Mrs Anne Mary Youde DHS, Martin King, Mary Muir, Gedeon Egbert Woodworth, Anthony Pearce