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*This parish is part of the WRCDT  
Registered Charity Number 233699*

### WEEKLY GIVING

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2020  
Online Giving £270.00

*Please help us by donating online!  
Visit maidenlane.org.uk/support*

### THE LAMPS ARE BURNING FOR:

#### SANCTUARY LAMPS

Nicholas, Peter & Giles Leigh

#### LADY CHAPEL

Kasia & Rajmund – Ints

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



## CORPUS CHRISTI THE DIOCESAN SHRINE OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

MARCH – MONTH DEDICATED TO ST JOSEPH

### ✠ HOLY MASS FOR THE WEEK – 29<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2020 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT – PASSION SUNDAY

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE ARE NO PUBLIC MASSES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. MASSES WILL CONTINUE TO BE SAID IN PRIVATE AND ALL MASS INTENTIONS WILL STILL BE OFFERED ON THE ASSIGNED DATES.**

**FOLLOWING THE PRIME MINISTER'S ADDRESS LAST WEEK, THE CHURCH IS NOW CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC. PLEASE KEEP AN EYE ON THE PARISH WEBSITE, FACEBOOK PAGE AND INSTAGRAM FEED FOR ALL UPDATES.**

**FACEBOOK: FB.COM/CORPUSCHRISTIMAIENLANE**

**INSTAGRAM: @CORPUSCHRISTISHRINE**

#### SUNDAY 29<sup>TH</sup>

#### ✠ 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT – PASSION SUNDAY

*(Ps Week 1)*

*Pro Populo*

#### MONDAY 30<sup>TH</sup>

#### LENT FERIA

*Lida Bulf – Intentions*

#### TUESDAY 31<sup>ST</sup>

#### LENT FERIA

*Healing for "D"*

#### WEDNESDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> APRIL

#### LENT FERIA

*Foundation Mass*

#### THURSDAY 2<sup>ND</sup>

#### LENT FERIA (ST FRANCIS OF PAOLA, HERMIT)

*Anna & Yvonne Bulf – RIP*

#### FRIDAY 3<sup>RD</sup>

#### LENT FERIA

*Foundation Mass*

*(Friday Abstinence)*

#### SATURDAY 4<sup>TH</sup>

#### LENT FERIA

*Liam Bell – Anniversary*

#### SUNDAY 5<sup>TH</sup>

#### ✠ PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

*(Ps Week 2)*

*Pro Populo*

### 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.

## SO WHAT NOW?

Like all clergy in the country, I offered my last public Mass for the time being a couple of weeks ago. The next one will be when the present situation with the Covid-19 virus is over, or significantly improved. The decision of when to allow you to attend the celebration of Holy Mass and to receive Holy Communion again will be made by the Bishops of England and Wales. If you were seriously ill and in danger of death, you would of course be able to receive Viaticum, i.e. the food for the journey from this world to the next. But in the circumstances in which we presently find ourselves, you cannot attend Mass or receive Holy Communion. I realise that for many, many Catholics, this is a most distressing situation. So what can I say to you?

Mass will be celebrated each day – **8.00am Monday to Saturday and 9.30am on Sunday**. We will be live streaming the Masses on our Facebook page so that you can take part and join us in prayer. You can also make a Spiritual Communion: not just during the Mass but at any time during the day. The Shrine is sadly no longer open for prayer until the Government lifts the restrictions.

If you need to make your Confession, please phone the Parish and we can try to make an arrangement that is in keeping with the regulations imposed upon us.

## MASS INTENTIONS AND SANCTUARY LAMPS

The Masses you have requested we will of course continue to offer on their requested dates – though we will now only have one Sunday Mass, so some of those requests may need to be moved to a later date.

You can continue to request Mass intentions by going on our website at [maidenlane.org.uk/intentions](http://maidenlane.org.uk/intentions)

The same is true for the Sanctuary Lamps. Our Lord remains in the tabernacle and the lamps before Him continue to burn. Have them burn for your intentions by visiting [maidenlane.org.uk/lamps](http://maidenlane.org.uk/lamps)

## MONEY...

I don't like saying this but we, like so many, will be financially affected by the present situation. Unlike many parishes, we have no investments and no property that we collect rent from. We rely almost entirely on the generosity of visitors / tourists for our income – and there aren't any! So, we'd be most grateful if you could continue to help support us. You can make your weekly offering online by visiting [maidenlane.org.uk/support](http://maidenlane.org.uk/support) All the info on Gift Aid, standing orders etc. is there.

## 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!**

We may need to amend these arrangements as time goes on, but we'll keep you posted on:

Facebook: [fb.com/corpuschristimaidenlane](https://www.facebook.com/corpuschristimaidenlane),

Instagram: [@corpuschristishrine](https://www.instagram.com/corpuschristishrine)

and the parish website: [www.maidenlane.org.uk](http://www.maidenlane.org.uk)

So please keep looking.

I realise some of you may feel rather isolated and alone: please be aware that we are here for you. You are very much in the daily prayers of the Shrine – and you can contact us at any time, by telephone or email. We're not going away! Don't worry – just contact us. Please keep safe, and with prayers and blessings from the Shrine. *Fr Alan*

**SOME GREAT NEWS FOR CORPUS CHRISTI** For those of us in isolation and quarantine, here's "hopefully" something to look forward to for the end of Corona Time. We will be holding our Annual Forty Hours from **Thursday 11th June until Saturday 13th June 2020** and are excited to announce the following programme: Thursday 11th June at 7pm, **Abbot Hugh Allan, O.Praem.** of the Norbertines of St. Philip's Priory, Chelmsford will open the Quarant'Ore with a Pontifical High Mass at the Faldstool. Quarant'Ore will draw to a close at 6pm on Saturday 13th June at 6pm, with a Solemn Sung Mass, celebrated by the Rector of the Shrine, Fr Alan Robinson, KHS.

And we are delighted to announce that **His Eminence, Robert Cardinal Sarah**, Prefect of the Congregation for Divine Worship, has asked to be with us on Sunday 14th June at 11am to celebrate a Pontifical High Mass in the Ordinary Form, followed by a Procession of the Blessed Sacrament around Covent Garden.

Obviously, with the present crisis, none of this may be able to happen. The quarantine measures may well still be in place by June, and there may well still be travel restrictions... but we are hoping and praying that these celebrations will be able to take place. Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us.

## FOLLOWING THE MASS EACH DAY

Obviously, as you cannot physically get to Mass, the Bishops have dispensed the Obligation. You will not be in mortal sin if you do not attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days. However – Sundays are still holy days – the Sabbath. Please keep the Sabbath. Say your prayers, follow the Masses online, spend some time in quiet and prayer. Perhaps you might want to set up a little Shrine at home, with holy images, where you can focus on the Lord and try to tune out of the every day world. 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 **CTS Books** or simply download the **Universalis** app to your phone. You will be unable to receive Sacramental Communion, but you can always make a Spiritual Communion from wherever you are, as often as you like (see adjacent column).

## 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, 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:** Collette Nevens, Fred and Cathy Payne, 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