

Corpus Christi Catholic Church

Maiden Lane, London

The Westminster Diocesan Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament

From the desk of the Rector – Fr Alan Robinson



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Dear Friends and Benefactors of Corpus Christi

A few days ago, the British Government announced that the present “lock-in” would be extended for another three weeks: I’m sure none of us were surprised by this announcement. The government has to establish the safest way to gradually enable life to get back to normal, with the least threat to human life. Of course, the only *really safe way* will be when there is a vaccine or treatment: until then, I’m sure there will be some restrictions in place, to keep us all safe.

One result of these measures is that all places of worship, of every denomination and faith, are presently closed. We are very fortunate here at Corpus Christi; for although we are closed, the worship of God continues, but in a different way. Mass is celebrated each day, and there is a daily Holy Hour of Vespers, Rosary and Benediction. Both the Masses and Holy Hour are live-streamed on churchservices.tv/coventgarden I know that large numbers of people are taking part in our celebrations in this way: you may wish to join them.

Like many people, one effect of the “lock-in” is that our regular income here has stopped. As Covent Garden is largely non-residential, we rely so much on those who come to the Shrine, including visitors from all over the world, for the finances to witness to the love of Christ for all, and to promote devotion to the Most Blessed Sacrament, where the presence of Our Risen Lord may be found.

And so I’m asking whether YOU and all those who have a connection with the life of the Shrine and are Friends of Corpus Christi, as to whether you can please help us. Your kindness and generosity during these difficult times will enable us to resume our normal life here, once the restrictions for public worship have been lifted.

If you can help us, you can donate to the Shrine on a one-off or regular basis by visiting maidenlane.org.uk/support The various ways you can help may be found there.

This comes with the assurance of our daily prayers for you at the Shrine, and with my gratitude for your kindness.

Fr Alan

Patrons: Joseph Fiennes, John Gilhooly OBE, Patsy Kensit, Frank Skinner, Dame Ann Widdecombe

*“In the world we live in, faith, and a still and holy place to nurture it,
has never been more important.”*

Lord Fellowes of West Stafford, speaking of Corpus Christi

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