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Sandra Dias's Intentions

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Kasia's Intentions

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CORPUS CHRISTI

THE DIOCESAN SHRINE OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

APRIL – MONTH DEDICATED TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

✠ HOLY MASS FOR THE WEEK – 19TH APRIL 2020

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER – LOW SUNDAY

Please note that there are no public Masses and the church remains closed to the public until further notice. The Mass schedule below reflects the timings when the Masses will be live-streamed online from churchservices.tv/coventgarden. You can also join us for **Vespers, Rosary and Benediction at 5.00pm every day**. Please keep checking our website at maidenlane.org.uk and social media for updates.

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SUNDAY 19TH

✠ SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER – LOW SUNDAY

9.30 am Mass *Pro Populo*
5.00 pm Holy Hour with Vespers & Rosary

MONDAY 20TH

EASTER FERIA

8.00 am Mass *Ethel Pearson – RIP*
5.00 pm Holy Hour with Vespers & Rosary

TUESDAY 21ST

ST ANSELM, BISHOP & DOCTOR

8.00 am Mass *Members of the Sodality*
5.00 pm Holy Hour with Vespers & Rosary

WEDNESDAY 22ND

EASTER FERIA

8.00 am Mass *John Moran – RIP*
5.00 pm Holy Hour with Vespers & Rosary

THURSDAY 23RD

ST GEORGE, MARTYR, PATRON OF ENGLAND

8.00 am Mass *Leopoldo Alfabeto – RIP*
5.00 pm Holy Hour with Vespers & Rosary

FRIDAY 24TH

Ss ERKENWALD & MELLITUS, BISHOPS

8.00 am Mass *Welfare of S, D, & M Woodman-Stanes*
5.00 pm Holy Hour with Vespers & Rosary

SATURDAY 25TH

ST MARK, EVANGELIST

8.00 am Mass *Elsa & Orlando Freitas – 25th Wedd. Anniversary*
5.00 pm Holy Hour with Vespers & Rosary

SUNDAY 26TH

✠ THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

9.30 am Mass *Pro Populo*
5.00 pm Holy Hour with Vespers & Rosary



PEACE BE WITH YOU

Every year in celebrating Easter we relive the experience of the first disciples of Jesus, the experience of the encounter with him risen: the Gospel of John tells that they saw him appear in their midst in the Upper Room on the evening of the very day of the Resurrection, “the first day of the week”, and subsequently eight days later. That day, later called “the Lord’s Day”, was the day of the assembly of the Christian community which gathered for its own devotion, that is, to the Eucharist, a new form of worship which from the outset differed from the Judaic worship of the Sabbath. Indeed, the celebration of the Lord’s Day is a very strong proof of Christ’s Resurrection, for only an extraordinary and overwhelming event could have induced the first Christians to begin a form of worship that differed with regard to the Jewish Sabbath.

Then, as today, Christian worship is not only a commemoration of past events nor even a specific, inner mystical experience; rather, it is essentially an encounter with the Risen Lord who lives in the dimension of God beyond time and space, and yet becomes really present amidst the community, speaks to us in the Sacred Scriptures and breaks the bread of eternal life for us.

It is through these signs that we relive what the disciples experienced, that is, the event of seeing Jesus and at the same time of not recognizing him; of touching his body, a real body and yet free from earthly bonds.

What the Gospel says is very important: namely, that Jesus, in his two appearances to the Apostles gathered in the Upper Room, repeats several times the greeting: “Peace be with you”. Here, the traditional greeting with which people wish one another shalom, peace, becomes something new: it becomes the gift of the peace that Jesus alone can give because it is the fruit of his radical victory over evil.

The “peace” that Jesus gives to his friends is the fruit of the love of God which led him to die on the cross, to pour out all his blood, as a meek and humble lamb “full of grace and truth”.

For this reason Saint John Paul II chose to call this Sunday after Easter, Divine Mercy, with a very specific image: that of Jesus’ pierced side from which blood and water flowed, according to the account of an eyewitness, the Apostle John. However Jesus is now risen and the paschal Sacraments of Baptism and the Eucharist flow from him, who is alive: those who receive them with faith receive the gift of eternal life.

Dear brothers and sisters, let us accept the gift of peace which the Risen Jesus offers us, let us allow our hearts to be filled with his mercy! In this way, with the power of the Holy Spirit, the Spirit who raised Christ from the dead, we too can bring these Easter gifts to others.

LOVE THE ROSARY

“By the Rosary the darkness of heresy has been dispelled, and the light of the Catholic Faith shines out in all its brilliancy”. *Pope Saint Pius V*

STREAMING MASS ONLINE

Our new live stream is up and running and working well (at last!) You can join in with all the Masses and Holy Hours here at the Shrine by going to churchservices.tv/coventgarden The sound quality is much higher than Facebook was able to manage.

You can use this to have a look at the church during the day, if you want to say your prayers and see the Tabernacle and the candles burning in front of it.

DONATIONS, MASS INTENTIONS AND SANCTUARY LAMPS MONEY...

Our income is made up entirely of donations from visitors – which we don’t have at the moment! If you are able to help us keep going, please donate online maidenlane.org.uk/support The Masses you have requested will continued to be offered each day. You can continue to request Mass intentions by going on our website at maidenlane.org.uk/intentions

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

THE CELEBRATION OF OUR FEAST 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 Solemn Mass, 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 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 go ahead.

A PRAYER AGAINST PLAGUE *A prayer from the 17th 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.

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!

Our sick parishioners and friends: Sue Wingfield, Marilyn Bruce-Mitford, Sean Brennan, Peter Noakes, Tony Pearce, 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, Ann Gorman, Janet Seely

Of your charity – please pray for those who have died recently: Fr John Seabrook, Mgr John Coghlan, Fr John Helm, Fr John O’Halloran, Mgr Frederick Canon Miles, Fr Austin Garvey, Fr Bryan Jones, Edward Canon Matthews, 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,