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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 – 26TH APRIL 2020

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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 26TH

✠ THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

MONDAY 27TH

EASTER FERIA

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

TUESDAY 28TH

ST LOUIS GRIGNION DE MONTFORT, PRIEST

8.00 am Mass *Welfare of A & N Stanes*
5.00 pm Holy Hour with Rosary

WEDNESDAY 29TH

ST CATHERINE OF SIENA, VIRGIN & DOCTOR, PATRON OF EUROPE

8.00 am Mass *Welfare of A & N Stanes*
5.00 pm Holy Hour with Rosary

THURSDAY 30TH

ST PIUS V, POPE

8.00 am Mass *Welfare of Family & Friends of Stanes Family*
5.00 pm Holy Hour with Rosary

FRIDAY 1ST MAY

ST JOSEPH THE WORKER

8.00 am Mass *(Friday Abstinence)*
5.00 pm Holy Hour with Rosary *Foundation Mass*

SATURDAY 2ND

ST ATHANASIUS, BISHOP & DOCTOR

8.00 am Mass *Deceased Family & Friends of Stanes & Perkins Families*
5.00 pm Holy Hour with Rosary

SUNDAY 3RD

✠ FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

9.30 am Mass *Ps Week 4*
5.00 pm Holy Hour with Rosary *Pro Populo*



YOU FOOLISH MEN! SO SLOW TO BELIEVE!

The Gospel of this Sunday – the Third of Easter – is the famous account of the disciples of Emmaus. It tells the tale of two followers of Christ who, on the day after the Sabbath or the third day after his death, were leaving Jerusalem sad and dejected, bound for a village that was not far off called, precisely, Emmaus. They were joined on their way by the Risen Jesus but did not recognize him. Realizing that they were downhearted, he explained, drawing on the Scriptures, that the Messiah had to suffer and die in order to enter into his glory. Then entering the house with them, he sat down to eat, blessed the bread and broke it; and at that instant they recognized him but he vanished from their sight, leaving them marvelling before that broken bread, a new sign of his presence. And they both immediately headed back to Jerusalem to tell the other disciples of the event.

The locality of Emmaus has not been identified with certainty. There are various hypotheses and this one is not without an evocativeness of its own for it allows us to think that Emmaus actually represents every place: the road that leads there is the road every Christian, every person, takes. The Risen Jesus makes himself our travelling companion as we go on our way, to rekindle the warmth of faith and hope in our hearts and to break the bread of eternal life. In the disciples' conversation with the unknown wayfarer the words the evangelist Luke puts in the mouth of one of them are striking: "We had hoped...". This verb in the past tense tells all: we believed, we followed, we hoped..., but now everything is over. Even Jesus of Nazareth, who had shown himself in his words and actions to be a powerful prophet, has failed, and we are left disappointed. This drama of the disciples of Emmaus appears like a reflection of the situation of many Christians of our time: it seems that the hope of faith has failed. Faith itself enters a crisis because of negative experiences that make us feel abandoned and betrayed even by the Lord. But this road to Emmaus on which we walk can become the way of a purification and maturation of our belief in God. Also today we can enter into dialogue with Jesus, listening to his Word. Today too he breaks bread for us and gives himself as our Bread. And so the meeting with the Risen Christ that is possible even today gives us a deeper and more authentic faith tempered, so to speak, by the fire of the Paschal Event; a faith that is robust because it is nourished not by human ideas but by the Word of God and by his Real Presence in the Eucharist.

This marvellous Gospel text already contains the structure of Holy Mass: in the first part, listening to the Word through the Sacred Scriptures; in the second part, the Eucharistic liturgy and communion with Christ present in the Sacrament of his Body and his Blood. In nourishing herself at this two-fold table, the Church is constantly built up and renewed from day to day in faith, hope and charity.

ST JOHN PAUL II

I please with you! Never, ever give up on hope, never doubt, never tire, and never become discouraged. Be not afraid.

STREAMING MASS ONLINE

Our new live stream is up and running. Apologies to all who had some difficulties last week with the poor internet connection. We should be having a fibre optic connection installed in the coming days, which will make the stream more reliable. Please bear with us as we improve things.

You can join in with all the Masses and Holy Hours here at the Shrine by going to churchservices.tv/coventgarden

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

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: Mgr Anthony Conlon, 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