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### WEEKLY GIVING

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*Unlike many Parishes, we have no investments  
and no properties from which we draw rent. We  
rely completely on your generosity to keep going.  
Thank you for your kindness and generosity.*

### THE LAMPS ARE BURNING FOR:

#### SANCTUARY LAMPS

Agripino 'Egrie' Virata

#### LADY CHAPEL

The Woodworth Family

*To have the lamps burning for your 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 – 12<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2020 EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION

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](http://churchservices.tv/coventgarden)

Please keep checking our website at [maidenlane.org.uk](http://maidenlane.org.uk) and social media for updates.

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#### SUNDAY 12<sup>TH</sup>

#### ✠ EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION

9.30 am Mass

*Pro Populo*

#### MONDAY 13<sup>TH</sup>

#### MONDAY WITHIN THE OCATAVE OF EASTER

8.00 am Mass

*Giles Leigh – Thanksgiving*

5.00 pm Holy Hour with Rosary

#### TUESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup>

#### TUESDAY WITHIN THE OCATAVE OF EASTER

8.00 am Mass

*Philomena O'Sullivan – sick*

5.00 pm Holy Hour with Rosary

#### WEDNESDAY 15<sup>TH</sup>

#### WEDNESDAY WITHIN THE OCATAVE OF EASTER

8.00 am Mass

*Martin King RIP – Anniv.*

5.00 pm Holy Hour with Rosary

#### THURSDAY 16<sup>TH</sup>

#### THURSDAY WITHIN THE OCATAVE OF EASTER

8.00 am Mass

*Eric Pollock – Anniv.*

5.00 pm Holy Hour with Rosary

#### FRIDAY 17<sup>TH</sup>

#### FRIDAY WITHIN THE OCATAVE OF EASTER

8.00 am Mass

*(No Friday Abstinence)*

*Diego & Manuel – Anniv.*

5.00 pm Holy Hour with Rosary

#### SATURDAY 18<sup>TH</sup>

#### SATURDAY WITHIN THE OCATAVE OF EASTER

8.00 am Mass

*Matt Kavanagh – RIP*

#### SUNDAY 19<sup>TH</sup>

#### ✠ SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

9.30 am Mass

*Pro Populo*



## RESURREXIT! SICUT DIXIT! ALLELUIA!

Easter morning brings us news that is ancient yet ever new: Christ is risen! The echo of this event, which issued forth from Jerusalem twenty centuries ago, continues to resound in the Church, deep in whose heart lives the vibrant faith of Mary, Mother of Jesus, the faith of Mary Magdalene and the other women who first discovered the empty tomb, and the faith of Peter and the other Apostles.

Right down to our own time – even in these days of streaming Masses online – the faith of Christians is based on that same news, on the testimony of those sisters and brothers who saw firstly the stone that had been rolled away from the empty tomb and then the mysterious messengers who testified that Jesus, the Crucified, was risen. And then Jesus himself, the Lord and Master, living and tangible, appeared to Mary Magdalene, to the two disciples on the road to Emmaus, and finally to all eleven, gathered in the Upper Room.

The resurrection of Christ is not the fruit of speculation or mystical experience: it is an event which, while it surpasses history, nevertheless happens at a precise moment in history and leaves an indelible mark upon it. The light which dazzled the guards keeping watch over Jesus' tomb has traversed time and space. It is a different kind of light, a divine light, that has rent asunder the darkness of death and has brought to the world the splendour of God, the splendour of Truth and Goodness.

Just as the sun's rays in springtime cause the buds on the branches of the trees to sprout and open up, so the radiance that streams forth from Christ's resurrection gives strength and meaning to every human hope, to every expectation, wish and plan. Hence the entire cosmos is rejoicing today, caught up in the springtime of humanity, which gives voice to creation's silent hymn of praise. The Easter Alleluia, resounding in the Church as she makes her pilgrim way through the world, expresses the silent exultation of the universe and above all the longing of every human soul that is sincerely open to God, giving thanks to him for his infinite goodness, beauty and truth.

"In your resurrection, O Christ, let heaven and earth rejoice." To this summons to praise, which arises today from the heart of the Church, the "heavens" respond fully: the hosts of angels, saints and blessed souls join with one voice in our exultant song. In heaven all is peace and gladness. But alas, it is not so on earth! Here, in this world of ours, the Easter alleluia still contrasts with the cries and laments that arise from so many painful situations: the one at the front of our minds being this terrible crisis with the Coronavirus. Yet it was for this that Christ died and rose again! He died on account of sin, including ours, and he rose for the redemption of history, including our own.

Let us never lose sight of the end goal: Heaven. This world, with all its faults, difficulties and failings will pass away. Our true home is with Christ in Heaven. Alleluia!

## 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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://maidenlane.org.uk/lamps)

**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 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 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.

## 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, 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, Ann Gorman, Janet Seeley

**Of your charity – please pray for those who have died recently:** 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, Ruth Nicol, Christiane Brown, Fr Denis Patrick Watters, Mrs Anne Mary Youde DHS