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Carolina Alvarado

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Private Intention – YA

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CORPUS CHRISTI THE DIOCESAN SHRINE OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

MAY – MONTH DEDICATED TO OUR LADY

✠ HOLY MASS FOR THE WEEK – 10TH MAY 2020 FIFTH 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 10TH

✠ FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

9.30 am Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour with Rosary

*Ps Week 1
Pro Populo*

MONDAY 11TH

EASTER FERIA

8.00 am Mass *Kearns, Howdle, Lake, Webster families and their deceased*
5.00 pm Holy Hour with Rosary

TUESDAY 12TH

ST PANCRAS, MARTYR

8.00 am Mass *Downey, Newbold, Rees, Stedman families and their deceased*
5.00 pm Holy Hour with Rosary

WEDNESDAY 13TH

OUR LADY OF FATIMA

8.00 am Mass *Teresa Yin-Lai - sick*
5.00 pm Holy Hour with Rosary

THURSDAY 14TH

ST MATTHIAS, APOSTLE

8.00 am Mass *Edie Moran – Ints.*
5.00 pm Holy Hour with Rosary

FRIDAY 15TH

FERIA

8.00 am Mass *Baker, Blackwood, Sheridan, Walsh families, their deceased members*
5.00 pm Holy Hour with Rosary

(Friday Abstinence)

SATURDAY 16TH

EASTER FERIA

8.00 am Mass *Patrick Slattery - Anniv.*
5.00 pm Holy Hour with Rosary

SUNDAY 17TH

✠ SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

9.30 am Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour with Rosary

*Ps Week 2
Pro Populo*



BELIEVE IN GOD, BELIEVE ALSO IN ME.

The Gospel of this Sunday, the Fifth of Easter, proposes a twofold commandment of faith: to believe in God and to believe in Jesus. In fact, the Lord said to his disciples: "Believe in God, believe also in me". They are not two separate acts but one single act of faith, full adherence to salvation wrought by God the Father through his Only-begotten Son.

The New Testament puts an end to the Father's invisibility. God has shown his face, as Jesus' answer to the Apostle Philip confirms: "He who has seen me has seen the Father". With his Incarnation, death and Resurrection, the Son of God has freed us from the slavery of sin to give us the freedom of the children of God and he has shown us the face of God, which is love: God can be seen, he is visible in Christ.

St Teresa of Avila wrote: "the last thing we should do is to withdraw from our greatest good and blessing, which is the most sacred humanity of Our Lord Jesus Christ". Therefore, only by believing in Christ, by remaining united to him, may the disciples, among whom we too are, continue their permanent action in history: "Truly, truly, I say to you," says the Lord, "he who believes in me will also do the works that I do".

Faith in Jesus entails following him daily, in the simple actions that make up our day. "It is part of the mystery of God that he acts so gently, that he only gradually builds up his history within the great history of mankind; that he becomes man and so can be overlooked by his contemporaries and by the decisive forces within history; that he suffers and dies and that, having risen again, he chooses to come to mankind only through the faith of the disciples to whom he reveals himself; that he continues to knock gently at the doors of our hearts and slowly opens our eyes if we open our doors to him".

St Augustine says that "it was necessary for Jesus to say: 'I am the way, the truth, and the life' because once the way was known, the end remained to be known", and the end is the Father. For Christians, for each one of us, hence, the way to the Father is to allow ourselves to be guided by Jesus, by his word of truth, and to receive the gift of his life. Let us make St Bonaventure's invitation our own: "Open, therefore, your eyes, lend your spiritual ear, open your lips and dispose your heart, so that you will be able to see, hear, praise, love, venerate, glorify, honour your God in all creatures".

Dear friends, the commitment to proclaim Jesus Christ, "the way, the truth, and the life", is the main task of the Church. Let us invoke the Virgin Mary that she may always assist the Pastors and those in the different ministries to proclaim the Good News of salvation, that the Word of God may be spread and the number of disciples multiplied.

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.

I'M MISSING JESUS There is something very important for us to remember at this time: and I hope this will be a helpful reminder. Our Lord resides in the silence of the tabernacle every moment of every day – and He is waiting for us to approach Him. The tabernacle doors are firmly shut – but He is there – waiting for you to cry out to Him. There He is – in the darkness and the silence of His temporary earthly home. Rather like our soul, residing in our body – crying out to God, and waiting for the day when the doors are flung open and it can return to Heaven - and our body is no longer its home. For whether we can enter the church or not – Jesus still waits for us, and listen to us, and longs for us as we cry out to Him. And beyond our vision, and grasp, and sometimes beyond our imagining – in the heavens, there is the life of God and our True Home. And with Him – all of those who have gone before us, and now know the fullness and joy of Heaven. All those countless Baptismal Lives – now brought to fullness and complete and utter joy in the life of Heaven. Whatever happens here on earth – that eternal life continues unabated. The joy and bliss of heaven can never ever stop – nor the participation of those who are there with God. And every day – faithful souls of the Baptised make their way to the heavenly Kingdom – to be with God for all eternity. The Church militant may be suffering / struggling – but the Church Triumphant is growing and growing in numbers and full of rejoicing. Our present pain on earth is temporary – our heavenly joy will be eternal.

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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 continue 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

CARDINAL SARAH ON THE CORONAVIRUS LOCKDOWN:

"What if, quite simply, in this silence, this solitude, this confinement, we dared to pray? If we dare to transform our family and our house into a domestic church. A church is a sacred place which reminds us that in this house of prayer everything must be lived while seeking to orient everything and all choices towards the Glory of God. What if, quite simply, we dared to accept our finiteness, our limits, our creature weakness? I dare to invite you to turn to God, to the Creator, to the Saviour. When death is so massively present, I invite you to ask yourself the question: is death really the end of everything? or is it not a passage, painful certainly, but which leads to life?"

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: Christopher Canon Tuckwell, 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 Seeley,

Of your charity – please pray for those who have died recently: Eva Wiesinger, Revd. Dr. Cadoc Douglas Auld Leighton, 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. Wolfgang Nastainczyk, Christiane Brown,