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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

NHS Staff & Carers

*To have the lamps burning for your intentions,  
use an envelope at the back of the church or  
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# CORPUS CHRISTI THE DIOCESAN SHRINE OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

MAY – MONTH DEDICATED TO OUR LADY

## ✠ HOLY MASS FOR THE WEEK – 3<sup>RD</sup> MAY 2020 FOURTH 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](http://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](http://maidenlane.org.uk) and social media for updates.

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### SUNDAY 3<sup>RD</sup>

#### ✠ FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

9.30 am Mass  
5.00 pm Holy Hour with Rosary

*Ps Week 4  
Pro Populo*

### MONDAY 4<sup>TH</sup>

#### THE ENGLISH MARTYRS

8.00 am Mass  
5.00 pm Holy Hour with Rosary

*Kurt Tenzler RIP – Anniversary*

### TUESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup>

#### EASTER FERIA

8.00 am Mass  
5.00 pm Holy Hour with Rosary

*St Anthony – Thanksgiving*

### WEDNESDAY 6<sup>TH</sup>

#### EASTER FERIA

8.00 am Mass  
5.00 pm Holy Hour with Rosary

*Kathleen & Dennis Westcott – RIP*

### THURSDAY 7<sup>TH</sup>

#### EASTER FERIA

8.00 am Mass  
6.30 pm Sodality Holy Hour with homily

*Fr M's Intentions*

### FRIDAY 8<sup>TH</sup>

#### EASTER FERIA

8.00 am Mass  
5.00 pm Holy Hour with Rosary

*(Friday Abstinence)*

*Waldegrades Balneg Azada RIP*

### SATURDAY 9<sup>TH</sup>

#### EASTER FERIA

8.00 am Mass  
5.00 pm Holy Hour with Rosary

*Egrie Virata RIP*

### SUNDAY 10<sup>TH</sup>

#### ✠ FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

9.30 am Mass  
5.00 pm Holy Hour with Rosary

*Ps Week 1  
Pro Populo*



## I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD

The Liturgy of the Fourth Sunday of Easter presents to us one of the most beautiful images that has portrayed the Lord Jesus since the earliest centuries of the Church: the Good Shepherd. The Gospel of St John, in chapter 10, describes the special features of the relationship between Christ the Good Shepherd and his flock, a relationship so close that no one will ever be able to snatch sheep from his hand. Indeed, the sheep are united to him by a bond of love and of reciprocal knowledge, which guarantees to them the immeasurable gift of eternal life.

At the same time, the flock's attitude to the Good Shepherd, Christ, is presented by the Evangelist with two specific verbs: "to listen" and "to follow". These terms suggest the fundamental characteristics of those who live out the following of the Lord.

First of all by listening to his word, from which faith is born and by which it is nurtured. Only those who are attentive to the Lord's voice can assess in their own conscience the right decisions for acting in accordance with God. Thus the following of Jesus derives from listening: we act as disciples only after hearing and inwardly accepting the Master's teachings in order to put them into practice every day.

On this Sunday, therefore, it comes naturally to remember to God the pastors of the Church and those who are training to become pastors. I therefore invite you to say a special prayer for the bishops, for the parish priests, for all those who have responsibilities in the guidance of Christ's flock, so that they may be faithful and wise in carrying out their ministry. In particular, let us pray for vocations to the priesthood on this World Day of Prayer for Vocations, so that effective workers in the Lord's harvest may never be lacking.

Almost eighty years ago, Venerable Pope Pius XII established the Pontifical Work for Priestly Vocations. His insight was based on the conviction that vocations grow and mature in the particular Churches, facilitated by a healthy family background and fortified by a spirit of faith, charity and devotion. A vocation is fulfilled when priests "leave behind their own narrow agenda and their notions of self-fulfilment in order to immerse themselves in another will, the will of God, and to be guided by it".

In these times too, in which the Lord's voice risks being drowned by so many other voices, everyone is called to promote and to care for vocations to the priesthood and to the consecrated life. Men and women in fact always need God, also in our technological world, and there will always be a need for Pastors who proclaim his Word and bring them to encounter the Lord in the sacraments.

Strengthened by the joy of Easter and of faith in the Risen One, let us entrust our resolutions and intentions to the Virgin Mary, Mother of every vocation, so that with her intercession she may bring forth and sustain many holy vocations for the service of the Church and of the world.

## SODALITY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT HOLY HOUR

This coming **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May at 6:30pm** would have been the monthly Sodality of the Blessed Sacrament Mass. Of course, with the church being closed, we aren't able to have this as planned. However, there will be a Holy Hour streamed on the Corpus Christi and Sodality Facebook pages, as well as the Church Services TV stream.

Fr Alan will be preaching a homily, as well as leading a Holy Hour. Please do tune in, and if you're not already, why not join the Sodality today? [www.sodality.co.uk](http://www.sodality.co.uk)

## NEW FIBRE OPTIC STREAM! MASS ONLINE

This week, the workmen came and installed our new fibre optic broadband. Hopefully this will solve the problems you've been having with the sound cutting out and we should have much clearer image too. Sorry it's been such a mess in the last few weeks. 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)

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](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)

## 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!**

## 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.

**Our sick parishioners and friends:** Christopher Canon Tuckwell, Eva Wiesinger, 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:** 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,