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CORPUS CHRISTI

THE DIOCESAN SHRINE OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

MAY – MONTH DEDICATED TO OUR LADY

✠ HOLY MASS FOR THE WEEK – 17TH MAY 2020

SIXTH 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 17TH

✠ SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

9.30 am Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour with Rosary

*Ps Week 2
Pro Populo*

MONDAY 18TH

ST JOHN I, POPE & MARTYR

8.00 am Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour with Rosary

Yvonne Dudley RIP

TUESDAY 19TH

EASTER FERIA

8.00 am Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour with Rosary

Members of the Sodality

WEDNESDAY 20TH

ST BERNADINE OF SIENA, PRIEST

8.00 am Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour with Rosary

Healing for YR

THURSDAY 21ST

✠ THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

8.00 am Mass – Extraordinary Form
12.00 noon Mass – Ordinary Form
5.00 pm Holy Hour with Rosary

*Pro Populo
Mgr. Anthony Conlon RIP*

FRIDAY 22ND

ST RITA OF CASCIA, RELIGIOUS

8.00 am Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour with Rosary

(Friday Abstinence)

Larry Castro RIP

SATURDAY 23RD

EASTER FERIA

8.00 am Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour with Rosary

Bill & Peggy Jones RIP

SUNDAY 24TH

✠ SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

9.30 am Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour with Rosary

*Ps Week 3
Pro Populo*



THERE WAS MUCH JOY IN THAT CITY

The book of the Acts of the Apostles states that after a first violent persecution, the Christian community of Jerusalem, except for the Apostles, spread to the surrounding areas. Philip, one of the deacons, arrived in a city of Samaria. There he preached the Risen Christ, and his proclamation was supported by numerous healings, so that the outcome of the episode was very positive: “there was much joy in that city”.

We are repeatedly impressed in a profound way by this expression, which in essence communicates a sense of hope, as if saying: It is possible! It is possible for humanity to know true joy, because wherever the Gospel comes, life flourishes, just as arid ground, irrigated by rain, immediately turns back to green.

With the strength of the Holy Spirit, Philip and the other disciples accomplished in the villages of Palestine what Jesus had done: They preached the Good News and worked miraculous signs. It was the Lord who acted through them. As Jesus proclaimed the coming of the Kingdom of God, so the disciples proclaimed the Risen Jesus, professing that he is the Christ, the Son of God, baptizing in his name and driving out every illness of body and spirit.

“There was much joy in that city”. Reading this passage, one thinks spontaneously of the healing power of the Gospel, which throughout the centuries has “watered” so many populations, like a beneficent river. Several great men and women saints brought hope and peace to entire cities — we think of Charles Borromeo in Milan at the time of the plague, of Bl. Mother Teresa of Calcutta, and of so many missionaries, whose names are known by God, who have given their lives to bring the proclamation of Christ and make profound joy flower among men. While the powers of this world sought to conquer new territories for political and economic interests, Christ’s messengers went everywhere with the aim of bringing Christ to men and men to Christ, knowing that he alone can give true freedom and eternal life. Today too the Church’s vocation is evangelization: whether it be to populations which have not yet been “irrigated” by the living water of the Gospel, or to those that, though having ancient Christian roots, are in need of new nourishment to bear new fruit and rediscover the beauty and joy of the faith.

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!

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

The Solemnity of the Ascension of Our Lord is this coming Thursday 21st May. There will be two Masses live streamed on our website and Facebook page: 8 am in the Extraordinary Form and 12 noon in the Ordinary Form. You are of course dispensed from the Obligation, but please do join us at maidenlane.org.uk/live for Mass.

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 FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI 2020

Obviously the celebrations of our titular feast will be vastly scaled back this year, and it is possible that the churches may still well be closed by then. As a result, we are sad to announce that Cardinal Sarah will not be joining us this year, but hopefully we will be able to invite him for something else once some sort of normality returns. We will announce our plans for Corpus Christi in the coming weeks.

CONFESSION IS AVAILABLE AT THE SHRINE

Despite Corpus Christi being closed, it is possible for you to come and make your Confession. And it is easier now that the rules for how often we may leave our homes has been changed. So: if you would like to make your Confession, please do send an email, giving us your contact details, or telephone the Shrine on 020 7836 4700, and then we can arrange a time for you to come along. Confession and Mass are the two Sacraments we miss so much at this time – because they are the ones that all of us need to stay close to the Lord. These “twin” Sacraments take away our sickness and give us life. We can make a Spiritual Communion – but not a Spiritual Confession. So, please don’t be shy: if you’d like to make your Confession, do be in touch.

A NEW WAY OF DOING THINGS

I’m not a great lover of all things IT... I’m more a pen and paper sort of person, and a fountain pen at that! But I must say that using ZOOM has been very useful over the last few weeks. I’ve used it for meetings, seeing wedding couples, Spiritual Direction or just having a chat with someone. It’s not ideal, but it’s much better than nothing. So until we can meet up physically and sit round a table again...it might be useful for you, if you want to be in touch with me to discuss something. I’m just saying that I’d be most happy to meet in this manner.

THE 52ND INTERNATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

This Congress, which was due to take place in Budapest this September, was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. I’m delighted to tell you that it has been re-scheduled, the new dates being **5th – 12th September 2021**. Please put this in your diary.

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,