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CORPUS CHRISTI

THE DIOCESAN SHRINE OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

JUNE – MONTH DEDICATED TO THE SACRED HEART

✠ HOLY MASS FOR THE WEEK – 21ST JUNE 2020 12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Please note that there are no public Masses until further notice. The Mass schedule below reflects the timings when the Masses will be live-streamed online from maidenlane.org.uk/live

The doors are open to the public for private individual prayer from **12noon – 2pm**, every day – except Tuesdays. We will review these times each week and adjust as necessary. Please use the glass doors next to Polpo to enter and the main doors to exit.

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SUNDAY 21ST

✠ 12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9.30 am Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour with Rosary

*Ps Week 4
Pro Populo*

MONDAY 22ND

Ss JOHN FISHER, BISHOP, AND THOMAS MORE, MARTYRS

8.00 am Mass *Christiane Brown RIP – 1st Anniversary*
5.00 pm Holy Hour with Rosary

TUESDAY 23RD

ST ETHELDREDA (AUDREY), VIRGIN

8.00 am Mass *Private Intention*
N.B. – No Holy Hour and the Church is closed today.

WEDNESDAY 24TH

THE NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

8.00 am Mass *Private Intention*
5.00 pm Holy Hour with Rosary

THURSDAY 25TH

FERIA

8.00 am Mass *Jessie Stewart RIP*
5.00 pm Holy Hour with Rosary

FRIDAY 26TH

FERIA

8.00 am Mass *Foundation Mass*
5.00 pm Holy Hour with Rosary

SATURDAY 27TH

ST JOHN SOUTHWORTH, PRIEST & MARTYR

8.00 am Mass *Fr Alan's Intentions – Anniversary of Ordination 28th June*
5.00 pm Holy Hour with Rosary

SUNDAY 28TH

✠ Ss PETER & PAUL, APOSTLES

9.30 am Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour with Rosary

*Ps Week 1
Pro Populo*



DO NOT BE AFRAID!

In this Sunday's Gospel we find two invitations from Jesus: on the one hand to "have no fear" of human beings, and on the other, to "fear" God. We are thus encouraged to reflect on the difference that exists between human fears and the fear of God. Fear is a natural dimension of life. In childhood we experience forms of fear that subsequently are revealed to be imaginary and disappear; other fears emerge later which are indeed founded in reality: these must be faced and overcome with human determination and trust in God. However, especially today, there is a deeper form of fear of an existential type and which sometimes borders on anguish: it is born from a sense of emptiness, linked to a certain culture permeated with widespread theoretical and practical nihilism.

In the face of the broad and diversified panorama of human fears, the Word of God is clear: those who "fear" God "are not afraid". Fear of God, which the Scriptures define as "the beginning of knowledge" coincides with faith in him, with sacred respect for his authority over life and the world.

To be without "fear of God" is equivalent to putting ourselves in his place, to feeling we ourselves are lords of good and evil, of life and death. Instead, those who fear God feel within them the safety that an infant in his mother's arms feels. Those who fear God are tranquil even in the midst of storms for, as Jesus revealed to us, God is a Father full of mercy and goodness. Those who love him are not afraid: "There is no fear in love", the Apostle John wrote, "but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and he who fears is not perfected in love". Believers, therefore, are not afraid of anything because they know they are in the hands of God, they know that it is not evil and the irrational which have the last word, but rather that the one Lord of the world and of love is Christ, the Word of God Incarnate, who loved us to the point of sacrificing himself for us, dying on the Cross for our salvation.

The more we grow in this intimacy with God, imbued with love, the more easily we overcome any form of fear. In the passage of today's Gospel, Jesus repeats several times the exhortation to have no fear. Jesus reassures us, as he reassured the Apostles and as he did St Paul by appearing to him one night in a vision at a particularly difficult moment in his preaching: "Do not be afraid", he said, "for I am with you". Strong in the presence of Christ and comforted by his love, the Apostle to the Gentiles did not even fear martyrdom. May this great spiritual and pastoral event inspire in us too a renewed trust in Jesus Christ who calls us to proclaim and witness to his Gospel without being afraid of anything.

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!

CHURCH OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

We are delighted to finally be able to reopen our doors for individual private prayer! Our doors are open from **12noon until 2pm each day, except Tuesdays**. We are going to review these times each week and increase them as Covent Garden gets busier. Please be aware that we are operating a strict policy of social distancing inside the church, and that there is a route around the church to follow to help maintain this. **And to extend the hours we will need your help to steward the building.**

Entrance to the church is through the glass doors next to Polpo, and the main doors are the exit. Hand sanitiser is available in church, and you may only use the candles that are available in church – please don't bring your own.

If you have some time each day to help us clean the church, please speak to Father or drop us an email. Gloves, face masks etc can be provided for socially distant cleaning!

DONATIONS, MASS INTENTIONS AND SANCTUARY LAMPS

Our income is made up entirely of donations from visitors – which we don't have at the moment! There is, what is being termed, a "tourist drought" This will not be resolved until tourists are able to fly here again, the quarantine restrictions are removed, and the hotels are open again. On the brighter side – much is happening, and I guess that by the beginning of July, there will be major changes. 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

Thank you to those who have been sending in donations. We are exceedingly grateful to you all.

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. **But please note – at present, this must happen in the street and with social distancing.** Confession and Mass are the two Sacraments we miss so much at this time. 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: do be in touch.

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.

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: Claus Tenzler, 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, Rita Lobo, Bill Tomlinson, Mgr John Klyberg, Mgr. Wolfgang Nastainczyk, Christiane Brown