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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 – 7TH JUNE 2020 THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

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 maidenlane.org.uk/live

This week is our annual **Quarant'Ore** or Forty Hours' Devotion. To burn a candle before Our Lord, or have prayers offered before the Blessed Sacrament, visit maidenlane.org.uk/forty

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SUNDAY 7TH

✠ THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

9.30 am Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour with Rosary

*Ps Week 2
Pro Populo*

MONDAY 8TH

FERIA

8.00 am Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour with Rosary

Bjarne Hansen RIP

TUESDAY 9TH

ST COLUMBA, ABBOT

8.00 am Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour with Rosary

Max Tenzler RIP – Anniversary

WEDNESDAY 10TH

FERIA

8.00 am Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour with Rosary

Conversion of J

THURSDAY 11TH

ST BARNABAS, APOSTLE

8.00 am Mass

H.E. George Cardinal Pell

QUARANT'ORE CELEBRATIONS BEGIN – CORPUS CHRISTI

7.00 pm Extraordinary Form Low Mass *Pro Populo*
End of Mass until Midnight Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

FRIDAY 12TH

FERIA

7am – Midnight: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
12 noon Mass *For the end of the Pandemic*
5.00 pm Holy Hour with Rosary

(Friday Abstinence)

SATURDAY 13TH

ST ANTHONY OF PADUA, PRIEST & DOCTOR

7am – 6pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
5.00 pm Holy Hour with Vespers & Rosary
6.00 pm Vigil Mass of Corpus Christi, closing Forty Hours *Foundation Mass*

SUNDAY 14TH

✠ THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF OUR LORD

11.00 am Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour with Rosary

*Ps Week 3
Pro Populo*

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME FOR CORPUS CHRISTI 2020

Obviously, the celebrations of our titular feast will be vastly scaled back this year, though we will try to stick to the traditional format as much as we can, even though our doors are shut to the public. There will be a constant stream of Forty Hours on our website at maidenlane.org.uk/live and the Masses will also be streamed on our Facebook page.

If churches are allowed to open for individual private prayer before the 11th, then we will open our doors for a limited time during the day, and the Blessed Sacrament will be reposed as no public acts of worship will be allowed. Exposition will continue once doors are shut and will be live streamed.

This is only a provisional outline and is subject to change, depending on the changing Government advice and guidelines. Please keep checking our website for updates.

- ✠ On **Thursday 11th June at 7:00pm**, there will be Low Mass of Corpus Christi in the Extraordinary Form, which will open Forty Hours. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed until Midnight.
- ✠ On **Friday 12th June**, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed from 7am until Midnight. There will be a Mass for the end of the Pandemic at **12 noon** and a led **Holy Hour at 5pm**.
- ✠ On **Saturday 13th June**, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed again at 7am. There will be a **Holy Hour at 5pm**, which will be followed by the **Vigil Mass of Corpus Christi**, closing Forty Hours.
- ✠ On **Sunday 14th June at 11am**, there will be Mass of Corpus Christi in the Ordinary Form.

A NEW WAY OF DOING THINGS

I'm not a great lover of all things IT {ask Alex}... 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.

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!

YOUR PRAYERS AT FORTY HOURS

Unfortunately, you are unable to participate in the Corpus Christi celebrations with us in person this year. However, you can unite your prayers with us here at the Shrine, by either having a seven-day lamp burning in front of the Blessed Sacrament for your intentions, or by submitting your prayers for us to offer on your behalf. You can also volunteer to spend an hour with the Lord via the Live Stream. Simply submit your intentions on our website at maidenlane.org.uk/forty

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 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 – 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: if you'd like to make your Confession, do be in touch.

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. In preparation for the Congress, there will be a global day of prayer on **Saturday 13th May** – the Vigil of Corpus Christi. We will be live streaming a Holy Hour at 5pm that day, and you can find out more information about it and see what other churches have planned on the official website at corpusdomini.iec2020.hu

WHY ARE THE BELLS RINGING?

I was recently asked why we ring the church bells so often while the church is closed. Well, the easy answer is: to let people know that although the church is closed, we are still praying for everyone. At the Mass and during Holy Hour, we pray for all those who live in the parish, and those who have asked for our prayers, for whatever reason. So please be sure; if you're reading this, you are being brought before the Lord too.

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,