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Mr James – sick

**LADY CHAPEL**

Douglas, Felicio, Kurt & Amanda  
Fernandes

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**CORPUS CHRISTI****THE DIOCESAN SHRINE  
OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

JULY – MONTH DEDICATED TO THE PRECIOUS BLOOD

**✠ HOLY MASS FOR THE WEEK – 12<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2020  
15<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Please note that this church is restricted to 43 seats, due to social distancing regulations (A family in a pew is one 'seat'). Seats are allocated on a first come, first served basis. The church will open just before the times listed below, and will close soon after Mass to allow for cleaning. Full details on the website.

**Confessions** may be heard before Masses, or upon appointment, but will be done outside with social distancing in place.

We will continue to live stream on our website at [maidenlane.org.uk/live](http://maidenlane.org.uk/live)

**SUNDAY 12<sup>TH</sup>****✠ 15<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

9.30 am	Mass	<i>Ps Week 3</i>
11.30 am	Mass in Latin	<i>Welfare of S, D &amp; M Woodman-Stanes Family</i>
5.00 pm	Vespers, Rosary & Benediction	<i>Pro Populo</i>

**MONDAY 13<sup>TH</sup>****ST HENRY**

12noon	Holy Hour
1.05 pm	Mass
5.00 pm	Vespers, Rosary & Benediction

*Molly Eschbacher – Intentions*

**TUESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup>****ST CAMILLUS DE LELLIS, PRIEST**

8.00 am	Mass	<i>The Prime Minister</i>
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**WEDNESDAY 15<sup>TH</sup>****ST BONAVENTURE, BISHOP & DOCTOR**

12noon	Holy Hour
1.05 pm	Mass
5.00 pm	Vespers, Rosary & Benediction

*Callum Prosho – sick*

**THURSDAY 16<sup>TH</sup>****OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL**

12noon	Holy Hour
1.05 pm	Mass
5.00 pm	Vespers, Rosary & Benediction

*Susan Bundy – sick*

**FRIDAY 17<sup>TH</sup>****FERIA**

12noon	Holy Hour
1.05 pm	Mass
5.00 pm	Vespers, Rosary & Benediction

*Fernandes Family Intentions*

**SATURDAY 18<sup>TH</sup>****FERIA**

5.00 pm	Holy Hour
6.00 pm	Vigil Mass

*Czeslawa Gryko RIP – Anniversary*

**SUNDAY 19<sup>TH</sup>****✠ 16<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

9.30 am	Mass	<i>Ps Week 4</i>
11.30 am	Mass in Latin	<i>Josephine &amp; Michael Ryan RIP – Anniversary</i>
5.00 pm	Vespers, Rosary & Benediction	<i>Pro Populo</i>

## TAKE MY YOKE UPON YOU

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus recounts to the crowd the well-known Parable of the Sower. In a certain way it is an "autobiographical" passage, for it reflects the very experience of Jesus, of his preaching. He identifies himself with the sower who scatters the good seed of the Word of God and notes the different effects it obtains, in accordance with the way in which people hear the proclamation.

Some listen superficially to the Word but do not take it in; others accept it at the time but are unable to persevere and lose it all; there are those who are engrossed by worldly concerns and enticements; and those who listen receptively, like the good soil: here the word bears an abundance of fruit. However this Gospel also puts the accent on Jesus' preaching "method", that is, on his use of parables. "Why do you speak to them in parables?", his disciples ask. And Jesus answers distinguishing between them and the crowd: to his disciples — namely to those who have already decided for him — he can speak openly about the Kingdom of God, to others, instead, he must proclaim it in parables, precisely to encourage their decision, conversion of the heart; indeed, by their very nature parables demand the effort of interpretation, they not only challenge the mind but also freedom. St John Chrysostom explained: "And this he [Jesus] says to draw them unto him, and to provoke them and to signify that if they would convert he would heal them".

Basically, God's true "Parable" is Jesus himself, his Person who, in the sign of humanity, hides and at the same time reveals his divinity. In this manner God does not force us to believe in him but attracts us to him with the truth and goodness of his incarnate Son: love, in fact, always respects freedom.

## A GRADUAL AWAKENING

Slowly but surely, Covent Garden is coming back to life. Deo gratias! It was marvellous being able to open the church doors to you last weekend – and it has been great to get back to some resemblance of normality. During the week we have seen people here for Exposition and Benediction, Mass, lots of Confessions and Holy Hour. It is, of course, much quieter here than normal. The theatres are closed, as are the hotels and many of the restaurants and bars. And so many people are working from home, which is decimating this area. I was so pleased to see that the Prime Minister is going to call people to get back to their offices – to help with the economy and to increase productivity. All we can do at present is to get on with each day, celebrate the Faith, and work with those around us as life slowly returns. Please keep those who work in this area in your prayers; especially those in hospitality, the theatre, ballet and opera – this is a terribly difficult time for so many of them. And please keep us in your daily prayers.

## 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.

## IMPORTANT CHANGES TO NOTE

There are some obvious changes to the way we do things here. Seats are limited to **43 (a family is one 'seat')** and are allocated on a first come, first served basis. Please do as the stewards ask you to do and maintain social distancing between yourselves whilst you are in the building. If you are able to **volunteer** some time each week as a steward/cleaner, please speak to Fr Alan or Alex. **After Mass, the church will be closed** to allow for cleaning. We don't want to chase you out of the church, but please be aware of this if you normally stay behind after Mass to offer some prayers.

**PPE** You may wear face masks if you so wish, however, please make sure these are removed before presenting yourself for Holy Communion. Similarly, gloves may not be worn to receive Holy Communion and you will be asked to remove them if you present wearing them.

**Communion** will distributed **after** Mass, standing and in the hand. This prevents too much movement in the church. If you wish to receive on the tongue, you are asked to present yourself last. You will notice that Father holds up the Sacred Host from the Altar before Holy Communion and says "The Body of Christ", to which you respond "Amen." This means that when you receive Holy Communion, it will be done silently. Father will simply give you the Sacred Host, which you will consume, without the need of first saying anything. There can be **no congregational singing**, so please make sure you only speak the responses.

**The Collection** will not be taken during Mass: a marked bin will be available by the door as you leave. You will notice that we now also have a contactless donation machine, which you can use to simply tap your credit or debit card to donate if you feel uncomfortable about handling cash at this time. You may also continue to donate online at [maidenlane.org.uk/support](http://maidenlane.org.uk/support)

**Confessions** may be heard before Masses or by making an appointment with Fr Alan. Please note that social distancing measures are still in force.

## DONATIONS, MASS INTENTIONS AND SANCTUARY LAMPS

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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)

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

**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:** Sue Wingfield, Marilyn Bruce-Mitford, 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:** Beatrice Marti, Stephen Rose, Christopher Canon Tuckwell, Larinka Wright, 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, Rita Lobo, Bill Tomlinson, Mgr John Klyberg, Mgr. Wolfgang Nastainczyk, Christiane Brown