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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 – 19TH JULY 2020 16TH 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

SUNDAY 19TH

✠ 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ps Week 4

9.30 am Mass *Josephine & Michael Ryan RIP – Anniversary*
11.30 am Mass in Latin *Pro Populo*
5.00 pm Vespers, Rosary & Benediction

MONDAY 20TH

ST APOLLINARIS, BISHOP & MARTYR

12noon Holy Hour
1.05 pm Mass *Agnelo Cardozo – Intentions*
5.00 pm Vespers, Rosary & Benediction
6.30 pm Mass – Extraordinary Form

TUESDAY 21ST

ST LAWRENCE OF BRINDISI, PRIEST & DOCTOR

8.00 am Mass *Terrence & Michelle Sexton – Intentions*

WEDNESDAY 22ND

ST MARY MAGDALENE

12noon Holy Hour
1.05 pm Mass *Missionaries around the world*
5.00 pm Vespers, Rosary & Benediction

THURSDAY 23RD

ST BRIDGET OF SWEDEN, PATRON OF EUROPE

12noon Holy Hour
1.05 pm Mass *Connor McMurray – Intentions*
5.00 pm Vespers, Rosary & Benediction

FRIDAY 24TH

(Friday Abstinence)

ST SHARBEL MAKHLUF, PRIEST

12noon Holy Hour
1.05 pm Mass *Inday Tagamolil RIP*
5.00 pm Vespers, Rosary & Benediction

SATURDAY 25TH

ST JAMES, APOSTLE

5.00 pm Holy Hour
6.00 pm Vigil Mass *Pauline McMahon – Anniversary*

SUNDAY 26TH

✠ 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ps Week 1

9.30 am Mass *Welfare of S, D & M Woodman-Stanes Family*
11.30 am Mass in Latin *Pro Populo*
5.00 pm Vespers, Rosary & Benediction

BE READY FOR THE LORD

The Gospel parables are brief accounts that Jesus uses to proclaim the mysteries of the Kingdom of Heaven. Using imagery from situations of daily life, the Lord “wants to show us the real ground of all things.... He shows us... the God who acts, who intervenes in our lives, and wants to take us by the hand”.

With this kind of discourse the divine Teacher invites us to recognize first of all the primacy of God the Father: Wherever he is absent, nothing can be good. He is a crucial priority for all things. Kingdom of Heaven means, in fact, lordship of God and this means that his will must be adopted as the guiding criterion of our existence.

The subject of this Sunday's Gospel is, precisely, the Kingdom of Heaven. “Heaven” should not be understood only in the sense that it towers above us, because this infinite space also takes the form of human interiority. Jesus compares the Kingdom of Heaven to a field of wheat to enable us to understand that something small and hidden has been sown within us which, nevertheless, has an irrepressible vital force. In spite of all obstacles, the seed will develop and the fruit will ripen. This fruit will only be good if the terrain of life is cultivated in accordance with the divine will.

For this reason in the Parable of the Weeds [tares] among the good Wheat. Jesus warns us that, after the owner had scattered the seed, “while men were sleeping, his enemy” intervened and sowed weeds among the wheat. This means that we must be ready to preserve the grace received from the day of our Baptism, continuing to nourish faith in the Lord that prevents evil from taking root. St Augustine commenting on the parable noted “many are at first tares but then become good grain”, and he added: “if these, when they are wicked, are not endured with patience they would not attain their praiseworthy transformation”.

Dear friends, the Book of Wisdom — from which today's First Reading is taken — emphasizes this dimension of the divine Being and states: “Neither is there any god besides you, whose care is for all men.... For your strength is the source of righteousness, and your sovereignty over all causes you to spare all”. And Psalm 86 [85] confirms it: “You, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call on you”.

Hence if we are children of such a great and good Father, let us seek to be like him! This was the aim Jesus set himself with his preaching; indeed, he said to those who were listening to him: “You... must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect”

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.

PLEASE BE AWARE that there will not be a lunchtime Mass here on **Thursday 30th July** – Fr Robinson is celebrating a Requiem Mass elsewhere.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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 be 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, even if the priest sings.

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

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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.

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