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Welfare of Kate Cullen & Maria

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CORPUS CHRISTI

THE DIOCESAN SHRINE OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

AUGUST – MONTH DEDICATED TO
THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

✠ HOLY MASS FOR THE WEEK – 2ND AUGUST 2020

18TH 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 2ND**✠ 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

9.30 am Mass
11.30 am Mass in Latin
5.00 pm Vespers, Rosary & Benediction

*Ps Week 2
Welfare of A & N Stanes
Pro Populo*

MONDAY 3RD**FERIA**

12noon Holy Hour
1.05 pm Mass *Fidelia and the Agbonrofo Family – Intentions*
5.00 pm Vespers, Rosary & Benediction
6.30 pm Mass – Extraordinary Form

TUESDAY 4TH**ST JOHN VIANNEY, PRIEST**

8.00 am Mass *Julia Robinson RIP*

WEDNESDAY 5TH**THE DEDICATION OF THE BASILICA OF ST MARY MAJOR**

12noon Holy Hour
1.05 pm Mass *Francois Dimminger RIP*
5.00 pm Vespers, Rosary & Benediction

THURSDAY 6TH**THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD**

12noon Holy Hour
1.05 pm Mass *Members of the Sodality*
5.00 pm Vespers, Rosary & Benediction

FRIDAY 7TH**SS SIXTUS II, POPE, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS**

12noon Holy Hour
1.05 pm Mass *(Friday Abstinence)*
5.00 pm Vespers, Rosary & Benediction *Rosendo Zamora RIP*

SATURDAY 8TH**ST DOMINIC, PRIEST**

5.00 pm Holy Hour
6.00 pm Vigil Mass *Paddy McCarthy RIP*

SUNDAY 9TH**✠ 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

9.30 am Mass
11.30 am Mass in Latin
5.00 pm Vespers, Rosary & Benediction

*Ps Week 3
Sebastiao Fernandes RIP
Pro Populo*

AN UPRIGHT CONSCIENCE

This Sunday's Gospel describes the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves that Jesus worked for a great throng of people who had followed him to listen to him and to be healed of various illnesses.

As evening fell the disciples suggested to Jesus that he send the crowds away so that they might take some refreshment. But the Lord had something else in mind: "You give them something to eat". However they had "only five loaves... and two fish". Jesus' subsequent action evokes the sacrament of the Eucharist: "He looked up to heaven, and blessed, and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds".

The miracle consists in the brotherly sharing of a few loaves which, entrusted to the power of God, not only sufficed for everyone but enough was left over to fill 12 baskets. The Lord asked this of the disciples so that it would be they who distributed the bread to the multitude; in this way he taught and prepared them for their future apostolic mission: in fact, they were to bring to all the nourishment of the Word of life and of the sacraments.

In this miraculous sign the incarnation of God and the work of redemption are interwoven. Jesus, in fact, "went ashore" from the boat to meet the men and women. St Maximus the Confessor said that the Word of God made himself present for our sake, by taking flesh, derived from us and conformed to us in all things save sin, in order to expose us to his teaching with words and examples suitable for us".

Here the Lord offers us an eloquent example of his compassion for people. Christ is attentive to material needs but he wished to give more, because man always "hungers for more, he needs more". God's love is present in the bread of Christ; in the encounter with him "we feed on the living God himself, so to speak, we truly eat the 'bread from Heaven'".

Dear friends. "in the Eucharist Jesus also makes us witnesses of God's compassion towards all our brothers and sisters. The Eucharistic mystery thus gives rise to a service of charity towards neighbour". Let us entrust our prayers to the Virgin Mary, so that she may open our hearts to compassion for our neighbour and to fraternal sharing.

THE CARDINAL'S APPEAL

His Eminence, Cardinal Nichols has been supporting many vulnerable people during the Coronavirus Crisis through the Cardinal's Appeal, which is usually the Diocesan Lenten Alms appeal. To continue His Eminence's work, he is asking if you might be able to support the Appeal, either by donating via the box at the back of the church or through the website at CardinalsLentenAppeal.org.uk

CONFESSION Just to remind you, Confession is available before the 1.05pm Mass and on call.

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.

GETTING BACK ON TRACK

Lockdown was an odd experience for many of us – and from what people have told me, made the practising of our Catholic Faith a little tricky at times. Well; now we're freer again and moving forward in large strides, and are able to get to Mass, it's a good time to regain our focus and get back on track. So, here are a few thoughts to help: nothing new, but all essential.

Do I have an authentic "Yes" to God in my heart? We can only say yes if we have an intimate relationship with Him.

Let's get back to Mass AND Confession – both of these are essential to this true and intimate living relationship.

Daily Prayer; especially the Rosary and mental prayer

Make a regular (daily?) Examination of Conscience – to be able to honestly ask ourselves whether we are on track, and have God as the focus of our life.

These few simple ideas will help us to refocus and keep us close to the Lord.

PS Unless you're shielding, for whatever reason, you should now really try to get back to Mass.

FACE MASKS AT MASS

As I'm sure you are aware, the Prime Minister has announced that it will be mandatory to wear face masks in church from this coming Saturday 8th August. We don't yet have any further guidance on this, but will update our website and social media when we do. Please come prepared next week.

PLEASE HELP THE SHRINE STAY OPEN

Thank you to everyone who has donated and helped support us this far. As you know, we rely 100% on donations from those who come to Mass here, in person or through the live stream. We have no investments or rents like some larger parishes to help supplement our income. While some restaurants and bars are slowly beginning to reopen, many of the offices remain shut as people continue to work from home, as do the theatres and hotels. And so our weekday and Sunday Mass attendance is significantly lower than usual. If you are able to help us keep going through this difficult time, please visit maidenlane.org.uk/support for ways to help us. Thank you!

A NEW COPE

Those of you who come to Vespers, or watch online, will have noticed Fr Robinson wearing a new green cope. This, like all the vestments here at the Shrine, was kindly donated by some benefactors, to whom we are very grateful.

All the vestments you see being worn at Mass have been donated by benefactors and parishioners of the Shrine, often in memory of a loved one. Each has a name stitched into the lining, and every time they are worn, the priest prays for the soul in whose memory they have been donated. If you would like to make a similar gift to the Shrine, please speak to Fr Robinson or Alex who will be able to tell you more about how to arrange this.

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: Fr Frederick Jackson, 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 O'Halloran, Mgr Frederick Canon Miles, Fr Austin Garvey, Fr Bryan Jones, Rita Lobo, Bill Tomlinson, Mgr John Klyberg, Mgr. Wolfgang Nastainczyk, Christiane Brown