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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 – 23RD AUGUST 2020 21ST 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. Please wear a face mask. 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 23RD

✠ 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

*Ps Week 1
Imlde Agostoni RIP
Kathleen & Joseph Finnerty RIP*

MONDAY 24TH

ST BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE

12noon Holy Hour
1.05 pm Mass
NB – No Holy Hour this evening
6.30 pm Mass – Extraordinary Form

Pierino Agostoni RIP

TUESDAY 25TH

ST LOUIS

8.00 am Mass

Fr David Saunders OP RIP

WEDNESDAY 26TH

BLESSED DOMINIC OF THE MOTHER OF GOD, PRIEST

12noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
NB – No Holy Hour this evening

Santina Rivolta RIP

THURSDAY 27TH

ST MONICA

12noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
NB – No Holy Hour this evening

Anna Agostoni RIP

FRIDAY 28TH

ST AUGUSTINE, BISHOP & DOCTOR

12noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
NB – No Holy Hour this evening

(Friday Abstinence)

Emilia Rivolta RIP

SATURDAY 29TH

THE PASSION OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

5.00 pm Holy Hour
6.00 pm Vigil Mass

Pro Populo

SUNDAY 30TH

✠ 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9.30 am Mass
11.30 am Mass in Latin
NB – No Holy Hour this evening

*Ps Week 2
William Patrick Reid RIP
Will White RIP – Anniversary*

WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM?

This Sunday's liturgy addresses to us Christians but also at the same time to every man and every woman the double question that one day Jesus put to his disciples. He first asked them: "Who do men say that the Son of man is?". They answered him saying that some of the people said John the Baptist restored to life, others Elijah, Jeremiah or one of the prophets. The Lord then directly questioned the Twelve: "But who do you say that I am?". Peter spoke enthusiastically and authoritatively on behalf of them all: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God".

This solemn profession of faith the Church continues to repeat since then. Today too, we long to proclaim with an innermost conviction: "Yes, Jesus, you are the Christ, the Son of the living God!". Let us do so in the awareness that Christ is the true "treasure" for whom it is worth sacrificing everything; he is the friend who never abandons us for he knows the most intimate expectations of our hearts. Jesus is the "Son of the living God", the promised Messiah who came down to earth to offer humanity salvation and to satisfy the thirst for life and love that dwells in every human being. What an advantage humanity would have in welcoming this proclamation which brings with it joy and peace!

"You are the Christ, the Son of the living God". Jesus answers Peter's inspired profession of faith: "You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church, and the powers of death shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven". This is the first time that Jesus speaks of the Church, whose mission is the actuation of God's great design to gather the whole of humanity into a single family in Christ. Peter's mission, and that of his Successors, is precisely to serve this unity of the one Church of God formed of Jews and pagans of all peoples; his indispensable ministry is to ensure that she is never identified with a single nation, with a single culture, but is the Church of all peoples - to make present among men and women, scarred by innumerable divisions and conflicts, God's peace and the renewing power of his love. This, then, is the special mission of the Pope, Bishop of Rome and Successor of Peter: to serve the inner unity that comes from God's peace, the unity of those who have become brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ.

Dear brothers and sisters, let us then support the Holy Father with our prayers so that, faithful to Christ, we may proclaim and bear witness together to his presence in our time. May Mary, whom we invoke with trust as Mother of the Church and Star of Evangelization, obtain this grace for us.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS to Nick and Natallia on the Baptism of their son Noah on Saturday 15th August. What a wonderful day for a Baptism; Noah is very much Our Lady's child too.

NO EVENING HOLY HOUR

Please note that after today, there will be no 5.00pm Holy Hour until Wednesday 2nd September.

FACE COVERINGS / MASKS IN CHURCH

Please can I remind you that face coverings are mandatory in churches. The only exception is for those on the Government's exemption list. Alex has just returned from Italy, where face masks are mandatory in all public spaces, including in the streets, and he found it really quite remarkable how life just carried on and how unphased everyone was by this requirement. If they can manage it in the Eternal City, then we can manage it in London, too!

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. Please visit maidenlane.org.uk/support for ways to help us. Thank you!

VESTMENTS AT THE SHRINE

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. Please contact us if you would like to make a similar gift to the Shrine.

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.**

WHAT A GREAT WEEK

This last week has been a bouquet of great feasts and delights for me; of saints who play a big part in my life. The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, when we remember with immense joy Her journey to Eternal Glory. Mary, Conceived without Sin, and who never knew any sin in Her life, received a singular privilege – of ascending Body and Soul into heavenly Glory, without knowing the decay of Her Body. Although our bodies will decay after death, Mary calls us to join Her in heaven. This is what we ask for in the Hail Mary. We also celebrated the Feast of Pope St Pius X – a great saint of the Mass and a wonderful example of how to live the life of a Bishop. His desire to “restore all things in Christ” tells us everything. And then we had the Feast of Our Lady, Mother and Queen; reminding us of Her maternal and eternal roles for each one of us.

Our Blessed Lady and Pope St Pius X are both in the top drawer when it comes to my personal favourites – and both have played a great part in my life.

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: Mary Quinlan, 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, Rita Lobo, Bill Tomlinson, Mgr John Klyberg, Mgr. Wolfgang Nastainczyk, Christiane Brown