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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 – 16<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2020 THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

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](https://maidenlane.org.uk/live)

#### SUNDAY 16<sup>TH</sup>

#### ✠ THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

*Ps Week 4*

9.30 am Mass *Dick & Mea Prendergast – Anniversary*  
11.30 am Mass in Latin *Pro Populo*  
5.00 pm Vespers, Rosary & Benediction

#### MONDAY 17<sup>TH</sup>

#### FERIA

12noon Holy Hour  
1.05 pm Mass *Eva Wiesinger RIP*  
5.00 pm Vespers, Rosary & Benediction  
6.30 pm Mass – Extraordinary Form

#### TUESDAY 18<sup>TH</sup>

#### FERIA

8.00 am Mass *Fernandes Family – Intentions*

#### WEDNESDAY 19<sup>TH</sup>

#### ST JOHN EUDES, PRIEST

12noon Holy Hour  
1.05 pm Mass *Peter Lock – sick*  
5.00 pm Vespers, Rosary & Benediction

#### THURSDAY 20<sup>TH</sup>

#### ST BERNARD, ABBOT & DOCTOR

12noon Holy Hour  
1.05 pm Mass *Clarita S. Dadulla RIP*  
5.00 pm Vespers, Rosary & Benediction

#### FRIDAY 21<sup>ST</sup>

#### ST PIUS X, POPE

*(Friday Abstinence)*

12noon Holy Hour  
1.05 pm Mass *Hannah O'Sullivan RIP*  
5.00 pm Vespers, Rosary & Benediction

#### SATURDAY 22<sup>ND</sup>

#### THE QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

5.00 pm Holy Hour  
6.00 pm Vigil Mass *Pro Populo*

#### SUNDAY 23<sup>RD</sup>

#### ✠ 21<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Ps Week 1*

9.30 am Mass *Imlde Agostoni RIP*  
11.30 am Mass in Latin *Kathleen & Joseph Finnerty RIP*  
5.00 pm Vespers, Rosary & Benediction

## TAKE THE LORD'S HAND

In the heart of August, Christians of both East and West jointly celebrate the Feast of the Assumption into Heaven of Mary Most Holy. In the Catholic Church the Dogma of the Assumption — as is well known — was proclaimed in the Holy Year of 1950 by the Servant of God Pope Pius XII. The roots of this commemoration, however, are deeply embedded in the faith of the early centuries of the Church.

In the East, it is still known today as the “Dormition of the Virgin”. An ancient mosaic in the Basilica of St Mary Major, Rome, that was inspired precisely by the Eastern image of the “Dormitio”, portrays the Apostles, who, alerted by Angels of the end of the earthly life of the Mother of Jesus, gathered at the Virgin's bedside. In the centre is Jesus, who has a little girl in his arms: she is Mary, who has become “little” for the Kingdom, being taken to Heaven by the Lord.

In the passage of today's liturgy from St Luke's Gospel, we read that “in those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a city of Judah”. In those days Mary hastened from Galilee to a little town in the neighbourhood of Jerusalem to go and see her kinswoman Elizabeth. Today we contemplate her going up towards God's mountain and entering the heavenly Jerusalem, “clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars”.

The biblical passage of the Book of Revelation, which we read in the liturgy of this Solemnity, speaks of a struggle between the woman and the dragon, between good and evil. St John seems to be presenting to us anew the very first pages of the Book of Genesis that recount the dark and tragic event of the sin of Adam and Eve. Our first parents were defeated by the Evil One; in the fullness of time, Jesus, the new Adam, and Mary, the new Eve, were to triumph over the enemy once and for all, and this is the joy of this day! With Jesus' victory over evil, inner and physical death are also defeated.

Mary was the first to take in her arms Jesus, the Son of God, become a child; she is now the first to be beside him in the glory of Heaven.

Today we are celebrating a great mystery. It is above all a mystery of hope and joy for all of us: in Mary we see the destination for which are bound all who can interpret their life according to the life of Jesus, who are able to follow him as Mary did. This Feast, then, speaks of our future. It tells us that we too shall be beside Jesus in God's joy and invites us to take heart, to believe that the power of Christ's Resurrection can also work in us, making us men and women who seek every day to live as risen ones, bringing the light of goodness into the darkness of the evil in the world.

## 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.

## JESUS IS WAITING FOR YOU

Now the churches have reopened, we are able to come to Mass again and receive Our Blessed Lord in Holy Communion. Alleluia. I know that for some people, making that move is a bit of a struggle. But I promise you, there is nothing to worry about. Come to church – wear your mask – sanitise your hands – keep your distance: and everything will be well. For sure, the devil does not wait for you to take this step – he wants you to be “cut off” from Jesus in the Mass. But Jesus is longing for you to be with Him, at the altar of the church: and suitably prepared, through Confession, able to receive Him in Eucharistic Food. So take courage – and come to Him.

## FACE COVERINGS / MASKS IN CHURCH

**Face coverings are now mandatory in Places of Worship.** All those who are attending churches must wear a face covering unless they are exempt from doing so. This is for the good of all who gather in the Church for Mass as it is an enclosed public space where there are people from differing households who they do not normally meet. Priests in the sanctuary providing they are sufficiently distant (2m or more) from the congregation do not need to wear a face covering except when distributing Holy Communion. To receive Holy Communion, the communicant should unloop their face covering and consume the Sacred Host and then replace the face covering before moving back to their pews in an orderly manner.

## THE GOLDEN HOUR

Our Holy Hour, 5.00pm until 6.00pm, consists of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Vespers, Rosary and Benediction; and there is an increasing number of people joining us in the church and online. It's a great opportunity to have an Hour with the Lord; to place ourselves before Him in praise, contemplation, silence and awe. It is an hour like this which feeds our faith, and draws us nearer the one we are searching for, and who is calling us to Himself. Do come and join us; you'll be very welcome.

## 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](https://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.

**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,

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