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SANCTUARY LAMPS

Holy Souls in Purgatory

LADY CHAPEL

Christina Mary Hoban RIP

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CORPUS CHRISTI THE DIOCESAN SHRINE OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

SEPTEMBER – MONTH DEDICATED TO
THE SEVEN SORROWS OF OUR LADY

✠ HOLY MASS FOR THE WEEK – 13TH SEPTEMBER 2020 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Please note that social distancing is still in force in the church. Please keep a safe distance from those outside of your household. 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 heard with social distancing in place.

We continue to live stream on our website at maidenlane.org.uk/live

SUNDAY 13TH

✠ 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9.30 am	Mass	<i>Deceased Family & Friends of Stanes & Perkins Family</i>	<i>Ps Week 4</i>
11.30 am	Mass in Latin		<i>Pro Populo</i>
5.00 pm	Vespers, Rosary & Benediction		

MONDAY 14TH

THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

12noon	Exposition	
1.05 pm	Mass	<i>Florine Fernandes RIP</i>
5.00 pm	Vespers, Rosary & Benediction	

TUESDAY 15TH

OUR LADY OF SORROWS

N.B. No Mass today. Church closed all day. Apologies.

WEDNESDAY 16TH

SS CORNELIUS, POPE, AND CYPRIAN, BISHOP, MARTYRS

12noon	Exposition	
1.05 pm	Mass	<i>Tomlinson Family</i>
5.00 pm	Exposition only today	

THURSDAY 17TH

ST ROBERT BELLARMINI, BISHOP & DOCTOR

12noon	Exposition	
1.05 pm	Mass	<i>Fernandes Family – Intentions</i>
5.00 pm	Exposition only today	

FRIDAY 18TH

FERIA

12noon	Exposition	
1.05 pm	Mass	<i>Holy Souls in Purgatory</i>
5.00 pm	Exposition only today	

SATURDAY 19TH

ST JANUARIUS, BISHOP & MARTYR

5.00 pm	Holy Hour	
6.00 pm	Vigil Mass	<i>Martin Keaveney RIP</i>

SUNDAY 20TH

✠ 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9.30 am	Mass	<i>Anne Barrett RIP – Anniversary</i>	<i>Ps Week 1</i>
11.30 am	Mass in Latin		<i>Pro Populo</i>
5.00 pm	Exposition only today		

TUESDAYS 15TH AND 22ND SEPTEMBER

Please note there will be **no Mass** on Tuesdays 15th and 22nd September. Apologies for this inconvenience.

AVE CRUX, SPES UNICA!

This week we celebrate two important liturgical events: the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, celebrated on 14 September, and the Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows, celebrated the following day.

These two liturgical celebrations can be summed up visually in the traditional image of the Crucifixion, which portrays the Virgin Mary at the foot of the Cross, according to the description of the Evangelist John, the only one of the Apostles who stayed by the dying Jesus. But what does exalting the Cross mean? Is it not maybe scandalous to venerate a shameful form of execution? The Apostle Paul says: "We preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles". Christians, however, do not exalt just any cross but the Cross which Jesus sanctified with his sacrifice, the fruit and testimony of immense love. Christ on the Cross pours out his Blood to set humanity free from the slavery of sin and death. Therefore, from being a sign of malediction, the Cross was transformed into a sign of blessing, from a symbol of death into a symbol par excellence of the Love that overcomes hatred and violence and generates immortal life. "O Crux, ave spes unica! O Cross, our only hope!". Thus sings the liturgy. The Evangelist recounts: Mary was standing by the Cross. Her sorrow is united with that of her Son. It is a sorrow full of faith and love. The Virgin on Calvary participates in the saving power of the suffering of Christ, joining her "fiat", her "yes", to that of her Son. Spiritually united to Our Lady of Sorrows, let us also renew our "yes" to God who chose the Way of the Cross in order to save us. This is a great mystery which continues and will continue to take place until the end of the world, and which also asks for our collaboration. May Mary help us to take up our cross every day and follow Jesus faithfully on the path of obedience, sacrifice and love.

DONATIONS AT MASS

We are so grateful to those of you who are helping us to stay open and keep operating. It is very difficult with so many of the offices still being closed and weekday numbers still not being back to their usual level. Please don't forget the bucket by the door as you leave. There may not be a physical collection during the Mass itself, but please do help us with what you can. There are other ways to help us on our website, including buying Sanctuary Lamps at maidenlane.org.uk/support Thank you!

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.

A BIG THANK YOU to all those who came to help clean the church on Saturday morning. A big effort with a great result – thank you so much for giving so much of your time.

SODALITY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

We were delighted to be resume the Sodality of the Blessed Sacrament Masses with Adoration and Benediction, last week. The next Mass will be on **Thursday 1st October at 6:30pm** and our guest preacher will be **Fr Thomas Skeats, OP**, who was until recently the Prior of the Rosary Shrine in Haverstock Hill. For those of you who are unable to join us, you can join the live stream on our website. To find out more about the Sodality and to become a member, visit sodality.co.uk

MASS INTENTIONS

We now have a Mass diary for 2021, so if you have any particular anniversaries that you want specific dates for, please get them in early to avoid disappointment.

WITHOUT SUNDAY WE CANNOT LIVE!

As the restrictions ease, it is a good opportunity for us all to get back into church and get back to Mass, unless we are shielding. It is important to note that the new "rule of six" does not apply to acts of worship, and you can still come to the church – though please continue to distance and wear masks.

The Eucharist is, as it were, the beating heart that gives life to the whole mystical body of the Church: a social organism wholly based on the spiritual yet concrete link with Christ. As the Apostle Paul said: "Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread".

Without the Eucharist the Church quite simply would not exist. Indeed, it is the Eucharist which makes a human community into a mystery of communion that can bring God to the world and the world to God. The Holy Spirit, who transforms the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ, also transforms whoever receives it with faith into a member of the body of Christ so that the Church is truly the sacrament of unity, of human beings with God and among themselves.

In an ever more individualistic culture, such as the one in which we are immersed in western society and which tends to spread throughout the world, the Eucharist constitutes a sort of "antidote" that works in the minds and hearts of believers and continually sows in them the logic of communion, service and sharing, in short, the logic of the Gospel. The first Christians in Jerusalem were a visible sign of this new lifestyle, because they lived in brotherhood and shared their possessions so that no one was in need. What does all this derive from? From the Eucharist, that is, from the Risen Christ, really present in the midst of his disciples and acting with the power of the Holy Spirit.

And also in the following generations, in spite of human limitations and errors, the Church has continued down the centuries to be a force of communion in the world. Let us think especially of the most difficult and trying periods, for example, of what the possibility of gathering together at Sunday Mass meant to countries subjected to totalitarian regimes! As the ancient martyrs of Abitene said: "Sine Dominico non possumus" — without "Dominicum" [Sunday], that is, without the Sunday Eucharist we cannot live. But the void produced by false freedom can be equally dangerous, then communion with the Body of Christ is a medicine for the mind and the will, to rediscover the taste for the truth and the common good.

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, 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: Jack Ward, 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, Mgr Frederick Canon Miles, Fr Austin Garvey, Rita Lobo, Bill Tomlinson, Mgr John Klyberg, Mgr. Wolfgang Nastainczyk, Christiane Brown