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## CORPUS CHRISTI THE DIOCESAN SHRINE OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

OCTOBER – MONTH DEDICATED TO  
THE HOLY ROSARY

### ✠ HOLY MASS FOR THE WEEK – 18<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2020 THE DEDICATION OF CORPUS CHRISTI, MAIDEN LANE

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 and maintain the Government's 'Rule of Six'. The church will open just before the times listed below, and will close soon after Mass to allow for cleaning. An NHS Track & Trace QR Code is by the entrance.

**Confessions** may be heard before Masses, or upon appointment, but will be heard with social distancing in place.

#### SUNDAY 18<sup>TH</sup>

#### ✠ THE DEDICATION OF CORPUS CHRISTI, MAIDEN LANE

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

*Ps Week 1  
Jim Ryan RIP  
Pro Populo*

#### MONDAY 19<sup>TH</sup>

#### ST PAUL OF THE CROSS, PRIEST

12noon Exposition  
1.05 pm Mass  
5.00 pm Vespers, Rosary & Benediction  
6.30 pm Mass – Extraordinary Form

*Timothy & Gregory Fitzgerald – Ints.*

#### TUESDAY 20<sup>TH</sup>

#### FERIA

8.00 am Mass

*Elfrida Seth RIP*

#### WEDNESDAY 21<sup>ST</sup>

#### FERIA

12noon Exposition  
1.05 pm Mass  
5.00 pm Vespers, Rosary & Benediction

*In Thanksgiving*

#### THURSDAY 22<sup>ND</sup>

#### ST JOHN PAUL II, POPE

12noon Exposition  
1.05 pm Mass  
5.00 pm Vespers, Rosary & Benediction

*Bishop Friedrich Ostermann RIP – Anniv.*

#### FRIDAY 23<sup>RD</sup>

#### ST JOHN OF CAPISTRANO, PRIEST

12noon Exposition  
1.05 pm Mass  
5.00 pm Vespers, Rosary & Benediction

*(Friday Abstinence)*

*Alice Young RIP*

#### SATURDAY 24<sup>TH</sup>

#### ST ANTHONY MARY CLARET, BISHOP

5.00 pm Holy Hour  
6.00 pm Vigil Mass

*Pro Populo*

#### SUNDAY 25<sup>TH</sup>

#### ✠ 30<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

*Ps Week 2  
Kathleen Slattery RIP – Anniv.  
Lorraine Liakos RIP*

## SUNDAY EXTRAORDINARY FORM MASS

Beginning on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November, there will be an Extraordinary Form Low Mass at **5pm every Sunday throughout November**. This will be the Mass of the Sunday, and provides an extra opportunity to get to Mass in the evening. This will, of course, replace the Holy Hour with Vespers throughout November.

## LIVING A VOCATION

“The angel of the Lord brought tidings to Mary and She conceived by the Holy Spirit.” Here, in a few words spoken by the angel to Our Blessed Lady at the Annunciation, we see the **vocation** of Mary revealed. And if She accepts it, Mary is to be the Mother of God. With the cooperation of Our Blessed Lady, as She embraces Her vocation, God is given flesh and lives amongst us. “You are to conceive and bring forth a child, who you will call Jesus.” Mary says, “Let it be done to me!” This is my vocation from God – I will embrace it freely. And faithfully, day by day, She lives out Her life as the Mother of Jesus.

At the foot of the Cross, moments before He died, Jesus gives His Blessed Mother a new **vocation**. Jesus, in His final agony, turns and asks Her to be our Mother, and to treat each and every one of us as Her children. And She, whilst holding onto the cross of Her Son, accepts this call and new vocation. And in our Catholic life, we turn to Her as She fulfils this vocation, and we say to Her, “pray for us sinners now, and at the hour of our death.” Mary, our Mother in Heaven, looks upon each one of us with Her motherly love, and keeps us close to Her Son. When we call on Her, no matter when it is, She responds as any earthly mother would at the call of their child: She comes rushing to see what our need is and what She can do for us. No matter what is going on throughout our lives, and when it comes to a natural end, Mary answers that call for help. Thinking about this faithful living out of a Vocation by Our Blessed Lady is an ideal moment to look at our own **vocation** in life. What I mean by this is: What God is specifically asking of you and me in our Catholic life? For it is so easy to plod on with life, and to ignore the call of God; especially if the call is to do something very tough, challenging and life-changing. Embracing our vocation always means change in our life, stepping on a new path. St John Henry Newman, whose feast we celebrated on Friday, wrote a prayer which begins as follows; “God has created me to do Him some definite service. He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another.” That is true of all of us: and we need to discover what it is and embrace it. Please use these few simple words as part of your daily prayer life; “Lord, what are you asking of me?”

## DONATIONS AT MASS

You can donate at the back of the church by cash or card, or on our website at [maidenlane.org.uk/support](http://maidenlane.org.uk/support) Thank you!

## SODALITY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The next Sodality Mass will be on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November at 6:30pm**. This replaces the Holy Hour on that Thursday. 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](http://sodality.co.uk)

## THE DEDICATION OF CORPUS CHRISTI

Today we celebrate the anniversary of the consecration of this Shrine church, which took place on 18<sup>th</sup> October 1956. Although the church was opened in 1874, it took that long for the debt to be paid off before the church could be consecrated. Let us pray especially for all those who came before us and offered their money and talents for the establishment of this jewel in the heart of London.

The Word of God during this Solemnity recalls an essential truth: the stone temple is the symbol of the living Church, the Christian community, that the Apostles Peter and Paul had, in their Letters, already understood as a "spiritual building", constructed by God with the "living stones" that are the Christians, upon the one foundation that is Jesus Christ, who is in turn compared to the "cornerstone". "Brethren,... you are God's building", St Paul writes, and he adds, "God's temple is holy, and you are that temple". The beauty and the harmony of churches, destined to render praise to God, invites us human beings too, though limited and sinful, to convert ourselves to form a "cosmos", a well-ordered construction, in close communion with Jesus, who is the true Holy of Holies. This reaches its culmination in the Eucharistic liturgy, in which the "ecclesia" that is, the community of baptized finds itself again united to listen to the Word of God and nourish itself on the Body and Blood of Christ. Gathered around this twofold table, the Church of living stones builds herself up in truth and in love and is moulded interiorly by the Holy Spirit, transforming herself into what she receives, conforming herself ever more to her Lord Jesus Christ. She herself, if she lives in sincere and fraternal unity, thus becomes a spiritual sacrifice pleasing to God.

Dear friends, today's feast celebrates an ever-current mystery: that God desires to build himself a spiritual temple in the world, a community that adores him in spirit and truth. But this occasion reminds us also of the importance of the concrete buildings in which the community gathers together to celebrate God's praises. Every community therefore has the duty to carefully guard their holy structures, which constitute a precious religious and historical patrimony.

## NOVEMBER HOLY SOULS

It may only be the start of October, but November - the month of the Holy Souls - will be upon us before we know it! Throughout November, we will be offering at least three Masses a week for the **Holy Souls in Purgatory**. You can have your departed relatives and friends remembered at the Altar at these Masses by adding their names to the list by simply filling out the form on our website, or one of the forms at the back of the church. Visit [maidenlane.org.uk/holysouls](http://maidenlane.org.uk/holysouls) to make your offering today!

## ALL SAINTS & ALL SOULS

All Saints' Day falls on a Sunday this year, so the Masses that day will be the usual 9:30am Said English, 11:30am Sung Latin, as well as an additional 5pm Extraordinary Form Low Mass. All Souls' Day is on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November, and there will actually be four Masses here that day: 8am (EF Low Mass), 12:05pm and 1:05pm (both Said English), as well as the 6:30pm Extraordinary Form Missa Cantata.

**Our sick parishioners and friends:** Adam Serdiuchenko, 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