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CORPUS CHRISTI THE DIOCESAN SHRINE OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

NOVEMBER – MONTH DEDICATED TO
THE HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY

✠ HOLY MASS FOR THE WEEK – 8TH NOVEMBER 2020

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

With the reintroduction of Lockdown until 2nd December, public Mass is no longer possible. Therefore, please note that Mass will be **live streamed only** at the times below at maidenlane.org.uk/live. We will then open the church for **private prayer** only at the usual lunch time – i.e. 12noon – 1:30pm, and again between 5pm and 6pm.

Confessions may be heard whilst the church is open for private prayer, or by making an appointment with Fr Alan.

SUNDAY 8TH

✠ 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY *Ps Week 4*

9.30 am Mass *Pro Populo*
11.30 am Requiem Mass in Latin *Faithful Fallen in Battle*
5.00 – 6.00 pm Church open for private prayer

MONDAY 9TH

THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

8.00 am Mass *Maureen Goodey RIP*
12noon – 1.30 pm Church open for private prayer
5.00 – 6.00 pm Church open for private prayer
6.30 pm Mass – Extraordinary Form (Live Stream)

TUESDAY 10TH

ST LEO THE GREAT, POPE & DOCTOR

8.00 am Requiem Mass – Extraordinary Form *Marian Gapsa RIP*

WEDNESDAY 11TH

ST MARTIN OF TOURS, BISHOP

8.00 am Mass *Faithful Fallen in Battle*
12noon – 1.30 pm Church open for private prayer
5.00 – 6.00 pm Church open for private prayer

THURSDAY 12TH

ST JOSAPHAT, BISHOP & MARTYR

8.00 am Mass *Holy Souls in Purgatory*
12noon – 1.30 pm Church open for private prayer
5.00 – 6.00 pm Church open for private prayer

FRIDAY 13TH

FERIA

8.00 am Requiem Mass *(Friday Abstinence)*
12noon – 1.30 pm Church open for private prayer
5.00 – 6.00 pm Church open for private prayer

SATURDAY 14TH

FERIA

5.00 – 6.00 pm Church open for private prayer
6.00 pm Mass *Holy Souls in Purgatory*

SUNDAY 15TH

✠ 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9.30 am Mass *Ps Week 1*
11.30 am Mass in Latin *Maureen Goodey RIP*
5.00 – 6.00 pm Church open for private prayer *Pro Populo*

A LAMP TO LIGHT THEM ON THEIR WAY

The Biblical Readings of this Sunday's Liturgy invite us to extend the reflection on eternal life that we began on the occasion of the commemoration of the faithful departed. On this point there is a clear difference between those who believe and those who do not believe or, one might likewise say, between those who hope and those who do not hope.

Indeed St Paul wrote to the Thessalonians: "but we would not have you ignorant, brethren, concerning those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope". Faith in the death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ in this sphere too is a crucial divide. St Paul always reminded the Christians of Ephesus that before accepting the Good News they had been "separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world". Indeed the religion of the Greeks, the pagan cults and myths, were unable to shed light on the mystery of death; thus an ancient inscription said: "*In nihil ab nihilo quam cito recidimus*" which means: "how quickly we fall back from nothing to nothing". If we remove God, we remove Christ and the world falls back into emptiness and darkness. Moreover, this is also confirmed in the expressions of contemporary nihilism that is often unconscious and, unfortunately, infects a great many young people.

Today's Gospel is a famous parable that speaks of ten maidens invited to a wedding feast, a symbol of the Kingdom of Heaven and of eternal life. It is a happy image with which, however, Jesus teaches a truth that calls us into question. In fact five of those 10 maidens were admitted to the feast because when the bridegroom arrived they had brought the oil to light their lamps, whereas the other five were left outside because they had been foolish enough not to bring any. What is represented by this "oil", the indispensable prerequisite for being admitted to the nuptial banquet?

St Augustine, and other ancient authors interpreted it as a symbol of love that one cannot purchase but receives as a gift, preserves within one and uses in works. True wisdom is making the most of mortal life in order to do works of mercy, for after death this will no longer be possible. When we are reawoken for the Last Judgement, it will be made on the basis of the love we have shown in our earthly life. And this love is a gift of Christ, poured out in us by the Holy Spirit. Those who believe in God-Love bear within them invincible hope, like a lamp to light them on their way through the night beyond death to arrive at the great feast of life.

Let us ask Mary, *Sedes Sapientiae*, to teach us true wisdom, the wisdom that became flesh in Jesus. He is the Way that leads from this life to God, to the Eternal One. He enabled us to know the Father's face, and thus gave us hope full of love. This is why the Church addresses the Mother of the Lord with these words: "Vita, dulcedo, et spes nostra" [our life, our sweetness and our hope]. Let us learn from her to live and die in the hope that never disappoints.

SEVEN DAY LAMPS

Are available at the back of the church for £5, or online at maidenlane.org.uk/lamps

LOCKDOWN 2.0

Unfortunately the Government refused to see reason with regards to the safety of public worship, and as such Mass is live stream only – until 2nd December when this lockdown is due to end. You can join us at maidenlane.org.uk/live at the times overleaf. The church will be open each day, with the Blessed Sacrament exposed, for you to come and say some private prayers. During this time, you can also receive the Sacrament of Confession, or make an appointment with Fr Alan.

PLEASE HELP US SURVIVE LOCKDOWN!

Now the church is shut for public Masses, we are once again totally reliant on what you are able to give us from afar. Unlike many parishes, we have no investments, no properties to collect rents from, and very few 'resident' parishioners, so therefore few standing orders to fall back on. We rely totally on what we receive each week to survive.

So – may I please ask you to give generously when you live stream Mass or come to the church for prayer?

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Thank you!

EMERGENCY BAPTISMS

At the present time we are not permitted to celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism, except in case of necessity. NB: In an emergency, above all danger of death, anyone can baptise. They must have the intention to do what the Church does when baptising. The person who baptises must pour water three times over the candidate's head, (ensuring that the water runs over the scalp of the child, and not just the hair) while simultaneously pronouncing the baptismal formula: "[Name of the child], I baptise you in the name of the Father [pouring water the first time], and of the Son [pouring water the second time], and of the Holy Spirit [pouring water a third time]." It is desirable (but not essential) that one or two witnesses to the baptism be present. When baptism has been administered in an emergency, the person who baptises must inform the Parish Priest of the parish in whose territory the baptism occurred, so that it may be entered in the Baptism Register. If the child survives, a ceremony of "supplying the ceremonies" can be arranged at a later date.

MASSES FOR THE HOLY SOULS

It is so important that we pray for the dead. Once we have died we **cannot pray for ourselves**. I don't know about you, but I will certainly need the prayers of the living when I am dead, if I am to achieve my heavenly goal. This is something for all of us to consider during this second lockdown – after all, none of us will live forever, and we do not know when the Lord will call us to Himself. We will be offering several Masses a week for the Holy Souls. It is **not too late** to add the names of your loved ones to these Masses online at maidenlane.org.uk/holysouls
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: 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: Fr John Miller, 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

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5 November 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Jesus Christ,

As we enter this second 'lockdown' and loss of communal celebration of Mass, I wish to add these few words.

This is a time for us to show our strength. And by that I do not mean strength in defiance. I mean strength in mutual support; strength in service; strength in perseverance and hope. I mean, then, the strength of our faith in action.

The first act of faith is the praise of God. It is deep and constant prayer. This must be at the root of our lives, as individuals, as families, as households. I urge you, then, to stay faithful to daily patterns of prayer. Pray privately; pray together at home; come to church to pray; pray without ceasing. I thank God that our churches remain open to be places of peace and prayer, and the live streaming of the Mass, celebrated every day in our churches, is a great help. But that too must be rooted in our own life of prayer.

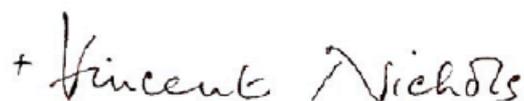
Only by receiving the living water from the Lord will we pass through this arid time. Indeed, if we stay close to the Lord, we will be changed for the better by this time of crisis.

The second act of faith is humble service. This is the road we are to follow: service of each other; outreach to the lonely; nourishment for the hungry; compassion for the sick, the isolated, the dying, especially those facing death alone, and those who mourn. Let's do it.

These are the strengths we have, the strengths we must contribute to our society's way of life. Only in this day-to-day practice can we shape a different future, a better future, one that is more compassionate, more just, more charitable. This is the future which must come out of this crisis. We cannot just wait to 'get back to normal'. This is a time to rebuild a better family, a better household, a better neighbourhood, a better world.

May God bless and sustain us all in the weeks ahead.

Yours devotedly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vincent Nichols". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

✠ Cardinal Vincent Nichols
Archbishop of Westminster