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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 – 15TH NOVEMBER 2020 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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 15TH

✠ 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9.30 am Mass
11.30 am Mass in Latin
5.00 – 6.00 pm Church open for private prayer

*Ps Week 1
Maureen Goodey RIP
Pro Populo*

MONDAY 16TH

ST EDMUND OF ABINGDON, BISHOP

8.00 am Mass
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

Holy Souls in Purgatory

TUESDAY 17TH

ST HUGH OF LINCOLN, BISHOP

8.00 am Requiem Mass – Extraordinary Form

Marian Gapsa RIP

WEDNESDAY 18TH

THE DEDICATION OF THE BASILICAS OF SS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES

8.00 am Mass
12noon – 1.30 pm Church open for private prayer
5.00 – 6.00 pm Church open for private prayer

Holy Souls in Purgatory

THURSDAY 19TH

FERIA

8.00 am Mass
12noon – 1.30 pm Church open for private prayer
5.00 – 6.00 pm Church open for private prayer

Harry Harper RIP

FRIDAY 20TH

FERIA

8.00 am Requiem Mass
12noon – 1.30 pm Church open for private prayer
5.00 – 6.00 pm Church open for private prayer

(Friday Abstinence)

Francis & Theresa Khoo RIP – Anniversary

SATURDAY 21ST

THE PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

5.00 – 6.00 pm Church open for private prayer
6.00 pm Mass

Holy Souls in Purgatory

SUNDAY 22ND

✠ OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

9.30 am Mass
11.30 am Mass in Latin
5.00 – 6.00 pm Church open for private prayer

*Ps Week 2
Maureen Goodey RIP
Pro Populo*

A LAMP TO LIGHT THEM ON THEIR WAY

The word of God of this Sunday — the second to last Sunday of the liturgical year — warns us of the transience of our earthly existence and invites us to live it as a pilgrimage, keeping our gaze fixed on the destination for which God has created us. Moreover, since he made us for himself, he is our ultimate destination and the meaning of our existence.

Death, followed by the Last Judgement, is an obligatory stage to pass through in order to reach this definitive reality. The Apostle Paul says: “the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night”, that is, without warning. May knowledge of the glorious return of the Lord Jesus spur us to live in an attitude of watchfulness, waiting for his manifestation and in constant remembrance of his first Coming.

In the well known Parable of the Talents — recounted by the Evangelist Matthew — Jesus tells the story of three servants to whom their master entrusted his property, before setting out on a long journey. Two of them behaved impeccably, doubling the value of what they had received. On the contrary, the third buried the money he had received in a hole. On his return, the master asked his servants to account for what he had entrusted to them and while he was pleased with the first two he was disappointed with the third.

Indeed, the servant who had hidden his talent and failed to make it increase in worth, had calculated badly. He behaved as if his master were never to return, as if there would never be a day on which he would be asked to account for his actions. With this parable Jesus wanted to teach his disciples to make good use of his gifts: God calls every person and offers talents to all, at the same time entrusting each one with a mission to carry out. It would be foolish to presume that these gifts are an entitlement, just as failing to use them would mean failing to achieve our purpose in life.

In commenting on this Gospel passage St Gregory the Great noted that the Lord does not let anyone lack the gift of his charity, of his love. He wrote: “brothers, it is necessary that you pay the utmost attention to preserving love in everything you must do”. After explaining that true charity consists in loving enemies as well as friends, he added: “if someone lacks this virtue, he loses every good he possesses, he is deprived of the talent he received and is cast out into the darkness”.

Dear brothers and sisters, let us accept the invitation to be watchful, of which the Scriptures frequently remind us! This is the attitude of those who know that the Lord will return and that he will wish to see the fruits of his love in us. Charity is the fundamental good that no one can fail to bring to fruition and without which every other good is worthless. If Jesus loved us to the point of giving his life for us, how can we not love God with the whole of ourselves and love one another with real warmth? It is only by practising charity that we too will be able to share in the joy of Our Lord. May the Virgin Mary teach us active and joyful watchfulness on our journey towards the encounter with God.

SEVEN DAY LAMPS

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

LOCKDOWN 2.0

Mass continues to be 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 attend 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: Olive O’Grady, 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, Rita Lobo, Bill Tomlinson, Mgr John Klyberg, Mgr. Wolfgang Nastainczyk, Christiane Brown