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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 – 22ND NOVEMBER 2020 OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

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 22ND

✠ OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

9.30 am Mass

Ps Week 2

11.30 am Mass in Latin

Maureen Goodey RIP

5.00 – 6.00 pm Church open for private prayer

Pro Populo

MONDAY 23RD

ST CLEMENT I, POPE & 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

6.30 pm Mass – Extraordinary Form

TUESDAY 24TH

ST ANDREW DŨNG-LẠC, PRIEST, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

8.00 am Requiem Mass – Extraordinary Form

Marian Gapsa RIP

WEDNESDAY 25TH – #REDWEDNESDAY

ST CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGIN & MARTYR

8.00 am Mass for Persecuted Christians

Persecuted Christians

12noon – 1.30 pm Church open for private prayer

5.00 – 6.00 pm Church open for private prayer

THURSDAY 26TH

FERIA

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 27TH

FERIA

8.00 am Mass

(Friday Abstinence)
Maria Leigh RIP – Anniv.

12noon – 1.30 pm Church open for private prayer

5.00 – 6.00 pm Church open for private prayer

SATURDAY 28TH

FERIA

5.00 – 6.00 pm Church open for private prayer

6.00 pm Mass

Holy Souls in Purgatory

SUNDAY 29TH

✠ 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9.30 am Mass

Ps Week 1
Ephrem Gianni, Lucio, Rosa Adlao Marie Jay Manligas

11.30 am Mass in Latin

Pro Populo

5.00 – 6.00 pm Church open for private prayer

SOCIALLY DISTANT CLEANING

On **Saturday 12th December at 10am**, we'd like you to help us clean the church. Every day, after the church has been open, the pews are cleaned with disinfectant, to keep Corpus Christi as safe as possible. But I'm talking about the normal sort of cleaning we do in our homes: polishing, washing and sweeping floors. If a number of us get together – well, 2 metres apart – we'll soon make a difference. Please do come and help us.

A LAMP TO LIGHT THEM ON THEIR WAY

Today, the last Sunday of the liturgical year, we are celebrating the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. We know from the Gospels that Jesus refused the title of king when it was meant in the political sense, by the standards of the "rulers of the Gentiles". On the other hand, during his Passion, he claimed a unique kingship before Pilate, who explicitly asked him "So you are a king?", and Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king"; however just previously he had declared, "My kingship is not of this world". Christ's kingship is in fact a revelation and actuation of that of God the Father, who governs all things with love and justice. The Father entrusted to the Son the mission of giving mankind eternal life by loving it to the point of supreme sacrifice and, at the same time, conferred upon him the power of judging humanity, since he made himself Son of man, like us in all things.

Today's Gospel insists precisely on the universal kingship of Christ the Judge, with the stupendous parable of the Last Judgment, which St Matthew placed immediately before the Passion narrative. The images are simple, the language is popular, but the message is extremely important: it is the truth about our ultimate destiny and about the criterion by which we will be evaluated. "I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me" and so forth. Who does not know this passage? It is part of our civilization. It has marked the history of the peoples of Christian culture: the hierarchy of values, the institutions, the multiple charitable and social organizations. In fact, the Kingdom of Christ is not of this world, but it brings to fulfilment all the good that, thank God, exists in man and in history. If we put love for our neighbour into practice in accordance with the Gospel message, we make room for God's dominion and his Kingdom is actualized among us. If, instead, each one thinks only of his or her own interests, the world can only go to ruin.

Dear friends, the Kingdom of God is not a matter of honours and appearances but, as St Paul writes, it is "righteousness and peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit". The Lord has our good at heart, that is, that every person should have life, and that especially the "least" of his children may have access to the banquet he has prepared for all. Thus he has no use for the forms of hypocrisy of those who say: "Lord, Lord" and then neglect his commandments. In his eternal Kingdom, God welcomes those who strive day after day to put his Word into practice. For this reason the Virgin Mary, the humblest of all creatures, is the greatest in his eyes and sits as Queen at the right of Christ the King.

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. Hopefully we will be allowed to resume public worship next week! Keep checking the website for updates.

A FRESH START

Next Sunday, the First of Advent, we begin a new church year. Just a few days after this, on the 2nd December, we hope and pray that our churches will be open again for Mass. And so I'm suggesting that next Sunday would be a great day for all of us to have the intention to get right back on track with our Catholic faith. It's time to say NO to hiding away "just in case" – it's time to embrace the word COURAGE, to put our trust and hope in God, and to fully live our Catholic life. With the help of God, we can do this. The 'worst' that can happen is that we die, and then get to spend eternity in Heaven. Let's keep the Gospel of today in mind – and prepare for a fresh start next week.

RED WEDNESDAY

#RedWednesday is an annual initiative by Aid to the Church in Need to highlight the plight of those who are persecuted for their Christian faith around the world. On Wednesday this week, we will be celebrating a Mass for Persecuted Christians. Although you can't be with us in person, you can join the live stream and the church will be open for private prayer at the usual times.

Having the church doors shut for a time due to lockdown is in some way a reminder to us of all those who are unable to go to Mass at all for fear of execution, persecution and assault. Please pray for them and the incredible work that Aid to the Church in Need does to support and help them.

If you are able, please support the work of Aid to the Church in Need. Visit acnuk.org/redwednesday for more information and to make a donation.

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!

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