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CORPUS CHRISTI

THE DIOCESAN SHRINE OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

JANUARY – MONTH DEDICATED TO
THE MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS

✠ HOLY MASS FOR THE WEEK – 17TH JANUARY 2021 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In spite of the Government Lockdown, the church is open for private prayer and public Mass. Please keep a safe distance from those outside your household. There is no need to book. Please wear a face covering. 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. Live stream continues at maidenlane.org.uk/live

SUNDAY 17TH**✠ 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

9.30 am Mass
11.30 am Sung Latin Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour

*Ps Week 2
Tony Garnsworthy RIP
Holy Souls in Purgatory*

MONDAY 18TH**FERIA**

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour
6.30 pm Mass – Extraordinary Form

Jonathon Anderson RIP

TUESDAY 19TH**ST WULSTAN, BISHOP**

Private Mass – church closed today.

Mark Michael Donovan RIP

WEDNESDAY 20TH**ST SEBASTIAN, MARTYR**

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour

Mechtild Nastainczyk RIP – Anniversary

THURSDAY 21ST**ST AGNES, VIRGIN & MARTYR**

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour

Benefactors of Corpus Christi

FRIDAY 22ND**ST VINCENT, DEACON & MARTYR**

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour

(Friday Abstinence)

Welfare of Friends & Family of Stanes & Perkins Families

SATURDAY 23RD**FERIA**

5.00 pm Exposition
6.00 pm Vigil Mass *Deceased Family & Friends of Stanes & Perkins Families*

SUNDAY 24TH**✠ 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME****SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD**

9.30 am Mass
11.30 am Sung Latin Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour

Ps Week 3

*Eddie Moran – Intentions
Pro Populo*

IN WISDOM AND IN STATURE

The theme of vocation stands out in the biblical Readings of this Sunday — the Second in Ordinary Time. In the Gospel there is call to the first disciples by Jesus; in the First Reading there is the call of the Prophet Samuel. In the forefront of both these accounts is the importance of the figure who plays the role of mediator, helping people to recognize God's voice and to follow it.

In Samuel's case it was Eli, a priest of the Temple of Shiloh where the Ark of the Covenant had formerly been kept, before it was taken to Jerusalem. One night, while he was asleep, Samuel, who was still a boy and had lived ministering in the temple since infancy, heard his name called three times and ran to Eli. But it was not Eli who had called him. The third time Eli understood and said to Samuel: "if he calls you, you shall say, 'speak Lord, for your servant hears'". So it came to pass and from that time Samuel learned to recognize God's words and became his faithful prophet.

In the case of Jesus' disciples, the mediator is John the Baptist. John, in fact, had a vast circle of disciples among whom were also the two pairs of brothers, Simon and Andrew, and John and James, fishermen from Galilee. It was to two of them that the Baptist pointed out Jesus the day after his Baptism in the River Jordan. He pointed Jesus out to them saying: "Behold, the Lamb of God", which is equivalent to saying: "Behold, the Messiah".

And the two disciples followed Jesus, spent some time with him and became convinced that he truly was the Christ. They immediately told the others, and in this way the first nucleus of what was to become the College of the Apostles was created.

In the light of these two texts, I would like to stress the crucial role of the spiritual director in the journey of faith and, in particular, in the response to the vocation of special consecration for the service of God and of his People. The Christian faith already in itself implies proclamation and witness. Indeed, it consists in adherence to the Good News that Jesus of Nazareth has died and risen, that he is God. And so it is that the call to follow Jesus more closely, giving up the formation of a family of one's own so as to dedicate oneself to the great family of the Church, normally passes through the witness and introduction of an "elder brother", who is usually a priest. This is so but we should not forget the fundamental role of parents who, with their genuine and joyful faith and their conjugal love, show their children that it is beautiful and possible to build the whole of life on God's love.

Dear friends, let us pray to the Virgin Mary for all educators, especially priests and parents, that they may be fully aware of the importance of their spiritual role in order to encourage the young not only in their human growth but also to respond to God's call, to say: "Speak Lord, for your servant hears".

SEVEN DAY LAMPS

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

MASS INTENTIONS

These are filling up. If you have any specific dates you would like, please get them in fast to avoid disappointment!

THE PORCH – THE WORK PROCEEDS

You may remember that we were going to have some decorative mosaic work done in the church porch, kindly fully funded and donated by one of our generous sponsors. This work had to be put on hold because of the pandemic. The good news is that this work is now underway and hopefully this will be completed by Easter. They are making good progress and the initial foundation layers have been completed, and will now be left to set before the mosaic work itself begins. The entrance and exit to the church is by the glass doors only.

YEAR OF ST JOSEPH

With his Apostolic Letter *Patris corde*, Pope Francis has proclaimed this year the Year of St Joseph. This is a perfect opportunity for us to turn to the "Patron of the Universal Church" and ask for his intercession for the Church Universal. Pope Francis has included this prayer at the end of his Apostolic Letter, as well as granted various Plenary Indulgences which can be acquired throughout the course of this year:

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.

KEEPING THE SHRINE OPEN

2020 was a year like no other for all of us. We must continue to pray for the happy repose of all those who have died, as well as an end to this ghastly pandemic. One of the greatest hardships we had to bear as Catholics was the deprivation of the Sacraments and the closure of our churches. As St Padre Pio once commented: "It would be easier for the world to survive without the sun than to do without Holy Mass." The live streaming facilities we had installed at least gave some access to the Shrine, however 'remote Mass' can never be a substitute for being with Jesus Christ, Truly Present in the Blessed Sacrament. I would like to thank every one of you, both here in the UK and further afield, who have united your prayers with mine over the last year. Your prayers have been truly sustaining. I would also like to say a **huge, heartfelt thank you** to all those who have helped keep the Shrine going, through your donations. With no tourists, theatre-goers, office workers nearby, we have seen a significant reduction in the number of people entering our doors, which obviously affects our collection. Your donations have meant that we can continue paying for the live stream, the musicians, the lighting and heating, ... etc. **Thank you.**

This year is likely to be more difficult than last, as the impacts of the lockdowns and the pandemic more generally start to be realised. If you are able to help in any way, please visit our website at maidenlane.org.uk/support to donate.

SODALITY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The next **Sodality Mass** will be on at **6.30pm on Thursday 4th February**. This month's guest preacher is **Fr Nicholas Schofield**, who is the Diocesan Archivist and Parish Priest of Our Lady of Lourdes and St Michael. Those of you who can't be here in person can join us online via the live stream. To join the Sodality, visit sodality.co.uk

Our sick parishioners and friends: Maria Jessiman, 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: Mgr Mark Langham, 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