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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 – 31ST JANUARY 2021 4TH 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 31ST

✠ 4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

*Ps Week 4
Pro Populo
Theodore De Souza RIP*

MONDAY 1ST FEBRUARY

FERIA

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

*Foundation Mass
Holy Souls in Purgatory*

TUESDAY 2ND

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Private Mass – church closed today.

Private Intention

WEDNESDAY 3RD

SS LAURENCE, DUNSTAN AND THEODORE, ARCHBISHOPS OF CANTERBURY

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour

Iglesias Párraga Family – Intentions

THURSDAY 4TH

FERIA

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
6.30 pm Sodality of the Blessed Sacrament

*Nan Hughes RIP
Sodality Members*

(Friday Abstinence)

FRIDAY 5TH

ST AGATHA, VIRGIN & MARTYR

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour

Nancy Yu RIP – Anniversary

SATURDAY 6TH

ST PAUL MIKI AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

5.00 pm Exposition
6.00 pm Vigil Mass

Pro Populo

SUNDAY 7TH

✠ 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

*Ps Week 1
Michael Ryan RIP – Anniversary
Carlo Savino*

GOD IS SUPREME

This Sunday's Gospel presents to us Jesus, who was preaching on the Sabbath in the Synagogue of Capernaum, the little town on the Sea of Galilee where Peter and his brother Andrew lived. His teaching, which gave rise to wonder among the people, was followed by the deliverance of "a man with an unclean spirit", who recognized Jesus as "the Holy One of God", that is, the Messiah. In a short time his fame spread across the region which he passed through proclaiming the Kingdom of God and healing the sick of every kind: words and action. St John Chrysostom pointed out that the Lord "varies the mode of profiting his hearers, after miracles entering on words, and again from the instruction by his words passing to miracles".

The words Jesus addresses to the people immediately give access to the will of the Father and to the truth about themselves. This was not the case for the scribes who instead had to make an effort to interpret the Sacred Scriptures with countless reflections. Moreover Jesus united the efficacy of the word with the efficacy of the signs of deliverance from evil. St Athanasius notes that "for his charging evil spirits and their being driven forth, this deed is not of man, but of God"; indeed the Lord "drove away from men all diseases and infirmities"... Those "who saw his power... will no longer doubt whether this be the Son and Wisdom and Power of God?".

The divine authority is not a force of nature. It is the power of the love of God that creates the universe and, becoming incarnate in the Only-Begotten Son, descending into our humanity, heals the world corrupted by sin. Romano Guardini wrote: "Jesus' entire existence is the translation of power into humility... here is the sovereignty which lowers itself into the form of a servant".

Authority, for human beings, often means possession, power, dominion and success. Instead for God authority means service, humility and love; it means entering into the logic of Jesus who stoops to wash his disciples' feet, who seeks man's true good, who heals wounds, who is capable of a love so great that he gives his life, because he is Love. In one of her Letters St. Catherine of Siena wrote: "It is necessary for us to see and know, in truth, with the light of the faith, that God is supreme and eternal Love and cannot want anything but our good".

CONFESSION

Confessions may still be heard before all Masses, or upon appointment, in the Lady Chapel. Please ensure you are wearing a face covering to protect both yourself and the priest.

SEVEN DAY LAMPS

Are available at the back of the church for £5, or online at maidenlane.org.uk/lamps You can also request the Sanctuary lamps to burn for a particular intention in this way.

MASS INTENTIONS

You can still request Masses to be offered for a particular intention. At the moment, the earliest date available is in March. You can make a request either by using the envelopes at the back of the church, or going on the website maidenlane.org.uk/intentions

SODALITY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The next **Sodality Mass** will be at **6.30pm on this coming Thursday 4th February**. 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

YEAR OF ST JOSEPH - CONSECRATION

With his Apostolic Letter *Patris corde*, Pope Francis has proclaimed this year the Year of St Joseph. One thing we can all do to bring St Joseph into our own lives each day, is the **33 Day Consecration to St Joseph**. This course of devotions, readings and prayers has been devised by Fr Donald Calloway and follows a similar course to the 33 Day Consecration to Our Lady that many of you may be familiar with. This book can be bought on Amazon for just £11 by visiting amzn.to/3bZxeft If you were to begin on 15th February, you would complete the Consecration on 19th March – the Solemnity of St Joseph.

When God wishes to raise a soul to greater heights, he unites it to St Joseph by giving it a strong love for the good saint. – St Peter Julian Eymard

KEEPING THE SHRINE OPEN

Whilst the lockdown continues, the church remains open for private prayer and public worship. 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.

VENERABLE FULTON SHEEN

"We do not know what the future holds — whether the battle will bloody or unbloody. We only know that the world is beginning to polarize, and the good are becoming better and the bad are becoming worse. Whether swords will be used we do not know... There is only one thing that we do know: That is, that if truth wins, we win! And if truth... Ah, but truth can't lose!"

THE PORCH – THE WORK CONTINUES

The foundation layers to the ceiling have now been completed and need to be left to cure for a couple of weeks before the mosaic works can begin. In the meantime, the porch is still inaccessible due to the scaffolding that is in there. The artists will return at the start of February to begin the actual mosaic work.

Our sick parishioners and friends: Kee Ow Peng, 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: Giles Canon Goward, Mgr Mark Langham, Olive O'Grady, Fr John Miller, Jack Ward, Mary Quinlan, Fr Frederick Jackson, Beatrice Marti, Christopher Canon Tuckwell, Larinka Wright, Claus Tenzler, Eva Wiesinger, Revd. Dr. Cadoc Douglas Auld Leighton, Mgr Anthony Conlon, Mgr Frederick Canon Miles, Rita Lobo, Bill Tomlinson, Mgr John Klyberg, Mgr. Wolfgang Nastainczyk, Christiane Brown