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## CORPUS CHRISTI THE DIOCESAN SHRINE OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

MARCH – MONTH DEDICATED TO  
ST JOSEPH



### ✠ HOLY MASS FOR THE WEEK – 21<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2021

#### 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT – PASSION SUNDAY

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. You **MUST** wear a face covering unless exempt. The church will open just before the times listed below, and will close soon after Mass to allow for cleaning. **Confessions** may be heard before Masses, or upon appointment, in the Lady Chapel with social distancing in place. Live stream continues at [maidenlane.org.uk/live](http://maidenlane.org.uk/live)

#### SUNDAY 21<sup>ST</sup>

##### ✠ 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT – PASSION SUNDAY

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

*Ps Week 1  
Eric Pollock RIP – Anniversary  
Pro Populo*

#### MONDAY 22<sup>ND</sup>

##### LENT FERIA

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

*Mr & Mrs Teng – Intentions*

#### TUESDAY 23<sup>RD</sup>

##### LENT FERIA (ST TURIBIUS OF MOGROVEJO, BISHOP)

##### NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE PANDEMIC

Private Mass – church closed today.

*Hannah Fe Simbayon – Intentions*

#### WEDNESDAY 24<sup>TH</sup>

##### LENT FERIA

12 noon Exposition  
1.05 pm Mass  
5.00 pm Holy Hour

*Chris Pantlin RIP*

#### THURSDAY 25<sup>TH</sup>

##### THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

12 noon Exposition  
1.05 pm Mass  
5.00 pm Holy Hour

*Bishop Robert Byrne – Intentions*

#### FRIDAY 26<sup>TH</sup>

##### LENT FERIA

12 noon Exposition  
1.05 pm Mass  
5.00 pm Holy Hour  
6.00 pm Stations of the Cross

*(Friday Abstinence)*

*Christiane Brown RIP*

#### SATURDAY 27<sup>TH</sup>

##### LENT FERIA

5.00 pm Exposition  
6.00 pm Vigil Mass

*Kevin & Ruth Fox RIP*

#### SUNDAY 28<sup>TH</sup>

##### ✠ PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

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

*Ps Week 2  
Pro Populo  
Fernandes Family – Intentions*

## A GRAIN OF WHEAT FALLS

Today's Gospel shows us how the ancient desire for the fullness of life has actually been achieved in Christ. Saint John explains it in a passage in which the wish of some Greeks to see Jesus coincides with the moment in which the Lord is about to be glorified. Jesus responds to the question of the Greeks, who represent the pagan world, saying: "Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified". This is a strange response which seems inconsistent with the question asked by the Greeks.

What has the glorification of Jesus to do with the request to meet him? But there is a relation. Someone might think – says Saint Augustine – that Jesus felt glorified because the Gentiles were coming to him. This would be similar to the applause of the multitudes who give "glory" to those who are grand in the world, as we would say today. But this is not so. "It was convenient that, before the wonder of his glorification, should come the humility of his passion".

Jesus' answer, announcing his imminent passion, means that a casual encounter in those moments would have been superficial and perhaps deceptive. The Greeks will see the one they wished to meet raised up on the cross from which he will attract all to himself. There his "glory" will begin, because of his sacrifice of expiation for all.

In the imminence of his Passion Jesus declared: "Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit". Now is no longer the time for words and discourses; indeed the crucial hour has come for which the Son of God came into the world and although his soul is troubled, he makes himself available to fulfil the Father's will to the end. And this is the will of God: to give eternal life to us who have lost it. However, in order for this to be brought about Jesus dies, like a grain of wheat that God the Father has sown in the world. Indeed, only in this way can a new humanity germinate and grow, free from the dominion of sin and able to live in brotherhood, as sons and daughters of the one Father who is in Heaven.

## TUESDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> MARCH – NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Tuesday 23 March, the anniversary of the first national lockdown, will be marked with a minute's silence at midday. At 8pm, people are encouraged to create a 'beacon of remembrance' on their doorsteps by beaming phones, candles and torches into the night sky. Cardinal Nichols and Archbishop McMahon stress that prayer is an essential part of this reflection and remembrance: "For all who live by faith in God, reflection and prayer always go hand in hand. Prayer completes reflection. Reflection informs prayer. Prayer opens our life to its true horizon. "Without prayer we live in a foreshortened world and are more easily swamped by its clamour and tragedy. Throughout this difficult year, so many have been inspired by prayer, so much effort sustained in prayer, in every place. So let us make the 23 March truly a day of prayer." Their full letter is attached to this newsletter.

## CHURCH CLEANING

Please come and help us prepare the church for Easter – cleaning from **10am on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> April**. Last time we had a great team – and the church glistened. Please come and help.

## PASSIONTIDE BEGINS

On the Fifth Sunday of Lent, Passion Sunday, we change gear. We have already 'buried' the Alleluia and now the Gloria Patri, or 'Glory Be' falls silent. The statues in the church are veiled and the atmosphere becomes more sombre and solemn. This symbolises the fact that Our Lord no longer walked openly among the people, but rather hid himself. His Divinity is remains concealed through his Passion, until the joy of Easter Sunday.

## HOLY WEEK

Holy Week is fast approaching and our Mass times for all these services is on our website. Please note that seating at these Masses will be **first come, first served**. Once the church is full, according to our distanced capacity, we won't be able to admit anyone else.

**Maundy Thursday:** 7pm with watching until Midnight

**Good Friday:** 3pm, with Stations of the Cross at 6pm

**Holy Saturday:** 8pm

**Easter Sunday:** 9:30am and 11:30am

**Easter Monday:** 10am

There will be some slight adjustments to the usual ceremonies, though none of these will be significantly drastic so as to be confusing.

## GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

Every year on Good Friday, the Church around the world holds a collection for the **Holy Places** and the people who live in the Holy Land. These offerings are used for the maintenance and restoration of the Holy Places and to help support, educate and defend the Christians of the Holy Land. Please remember to bring your donation on Good Friday, or donate using the card machine at the back of the church.

## 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.

## MASS INTENTIONS

You can still request Masses to be offered for a particular intention. At the moment, the earliest date available is in July. 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](http://maidenlane.org.uk/intentions)

## SEVEN DAY LAMPS

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

## A YEAR WITH THE CATECHISM

We were given some copies of this book – presently we have a few copies remaining. It's ideal for growing in knowledge and faith during Lent and beyond. There are a few copies remaining. Please email me if you would like one or ask after Mass. [a.i.p.robinson@btinternet.com](mailto:a.i.p.robinson@btinternet.com)

## BLESSING OF IRREGULAR RELATIONSHIPS

The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, the department in the Vatican responsible for overseeing the Faith, has issued a response to a dubium regarding the blessing of irregular relationships in the Church. Their full response with a summary of Catholic teaching can be read on the Vatican website at [bit.ly/3eQiMrN](http://bit.ly/3eQiMrN)

**Our sick parishioners and friends:** Velrich Fernandes, 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:** Nancy McWilliams, Virginia Maria Vaz, Fr Kidane Lebasi, Giles Canon Goward, Mgr Mark Langham, Olive O'Grady, Fr John Miller, Jack Ward, Mary Quinlan, Fr Frederick Jackson, Christopher Canon Tuckwell, Larinka Wright, Claus Tenzler, Revd. Dr. Cadoc Douglas Auld Leighton, Mgr