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CORPUS CHRISTI THE DIOCESAN SHRINE OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



APRIL – MONTH DEDICATED TO
THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

✠ HOLY MASS FOR THE WEEK – 4TH APRIL 2021 EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION

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

SUNDAY 4TH

✠ EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION

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

*Proper Psalm Week
Liam Bell RIP – Anniversary
Pro Populo*

MONDAY 5TH

MONDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

10.00 am Mass
6.30 pm Mass – Extraordinary Form

For the Sick

TUESDAY 6TH

TUESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

Private Mass. Church closed today.

Edith Noemi Lapuz RIP

WEDNESDAY 7TH

WEDNESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
NB No Holy Hour today.

Michael Connors

THURSDAY 8TH

THURSDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
NB No Holy Hour today.

Elizabeth Pearce RIP – Anniversary

FRIDAY 9TH

FRIDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
NB No Holy Hour today.
6.30 pm Mass – Extraordinary Form

(No Friday Abstinence)

Foundation Mass

Good Counsel Network

SATURDAY 10TH

SATURDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

5.00 pm Exposition
6.00 pm Vigil Mass

Angela Pascuale RIP

SUNDAY 11TH

✠ SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER – LOW SUNDAY – DIVINE MERCY Ps. Week 2

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

*Mary Muir RIP
Pro Populo*

RESURREXIT! SICUT DIXIT!

Surrexit Dominus vere! Alleluja! The Lord's Resurrection marks the renewal of our human condition. Christ triumphed over death, caused by our sin, and restores us to immortal life. This event gave rise to the whole of the Church's life and to the very existence of Christians.

In the coming days, we will read in the first missionary discourse of the nascent Church: "This Jesus", the Apostle Peter proclaimed, "God raised up, and of that we are all witnesses. Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this which you see and hear".

One of the characteristic signs of faith in the Resurrection is the greeting among Christians during Eastertide, inspired by the ancient liturgical hymn: "Christ is risen! / He is truly risen!". It is a profession of faith and a commitment of life, as it was for the women described in Matthew's Gospel: "And behold, Jesus met them and said: 'Hail!'. And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brethren to go to Galilee, and there they will see me'".

"The whole Church", the Pope Saint Paul VI wrote, "receives the mission to evangelize, and the work of each individual member is important for the whole.... She remains as a sign — simultaneously obscure and luminous — of a new presence of Jesus, of his departure and of his permanent presence. She prolongs and continues him".

How can we encounter the Lord and increasingly become his authentic witnesses? St Maximus of Turin stated: "Anyone who wishes to reach the Saviour must first, in his own faith, seat him at the right hand of the Divinity, and place him with heartfelt conviction in Heaven", in other words one must learn to focus the gaze of one's mind and heart constantly on the heights of God, where the Risen Christ is. In this way God encounters man in prayer and adoration.

The theologian Romano Guardini noted that "adoration is not something additional, something secondary... it is a matter of the utmost importance, of feeling and of being. In adoration man recognizes what is valid in the pure, simple and holy sense". Only if we are able to turn to God, to pray him, do we discover the deepest meaning of our life and the daily routine is illumined by the light of the Risen One.

NO HOLY HOUR THIS WEEK

Please note there will be no 5pm Holy Hour with Vespers and Rosary this week. This will resume next Sunday.

A YEAR WITH THE CATECHISM

We were given some copies of this book — presently we have a couple of copies remaining. It's ideal for growing in knowledge and faith during Lent and beyond. Please email me if you would like one or ask after Mass. a.i.p.robinson@btinternet.com

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.

EASTER 2021 — SURREXIT, ALLELUIA

During the Easter Triduum, we've been up to our maximum Covid / social distancing capacity. And I'd like to thank you for just getting on with church life in spite of these restrictions, so that you could celebrate your Catholic faith. You've been absolutely marvellous. No issues — no arguments — no difficulties: you've just come and worshipped the Lord. So a very Happy Easter to all of you; enjoy this great Queen of all the Feasts of the Church. Celebrate each day in the Octave as if it were Easter Sunday. Let's face it — we should be grateful that we can freely come to Mass, Exposition, Benediction, Holy Hour, Confession... it's just Marriages, Funerals and Baptisms that are still restricted to some degree. BUT: if all goes according to the Government's plan — **on the 21st June**, all will be back to normal. It's good to keep in mind that every week that passes we're getting "nearer to normal". Be positive and grateful. (And I hope we'll soon be able to just leave the church open all day as we did before...).

CHURCH CLEANING — THANK YOU

A BIG thank you to all those who came to help clean yesterday. Your help was hugely appreciated and made a huge difference.

FREE COVID HOME TESTING KITS

Westminster City Council has provided us with boxes of NHS Covid Home Testing kits. These are **free** and allow you to test yourself at home, whether you have symptoms or not. They are really easy to use (if you have children, these are the same that they are using to test themselves at school twice a week). Each box comes with seven tests, and all the instructions are included. If you would like a box, please just ask us for one whilst the church is open.

EX VOTO OFFERINGS

I'm sure many of you will have seen on your travels in Europe, representations of people or various body parts in shrines and churches. These are *ex voto* offerings; left as prayers of thanksgiving for healing or deliverance, or intercession for the sick, dying or dead. Lourdes is a good place to see these things, left as offerings by pilgrims.

You can see on the grilles in our Lady Chapel some such offerings. These represent my mother, father and sister, who are all dead. They have been placed here, asking the intercession of Our Blessed Lady for their eternal happiness, as She accompanies them on their journey towards heaven.

It is possible for us to obtain these for you, if you would like to leave such offerings. It's rather like leaving a perpetual votive candle burning in the chapel. Visit maidenlane.org.uk/exvoto to see a selection of offerings available and to order one.

MASS INTENTIONS

You can still request Masses to be offered for a particular intention. At the moment, the earliest date available is in August. 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

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.

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: Paul Coleman, Nancy McWilliams, Virginia Maria Vaz, Fr Kidane Lebasi, Giles Canon Goward, Mgr Mark Langham, Olive O'Grady, Jack Ward, Mary Quinlan, Fr Frederick Jackson, Christopher Canon Tuckwell, Larinka Wright, Claus Tenzler, Revd. Dr. Cadoc Douglas Auld Leighton, Mgr Frederick Canon Miles, Rita Lobo, Bill Tomlinson, Mgr John Klyberg, Mgr. Wolfgang Nastainczyk, Christiane Brown