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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 – 25TH APRIL 2021 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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 25TH

✠ FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

*Ps. Week 4
Pro Populo
Hilario John Norona*

MONDAY 26TH

EASTER FERIA

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

Nicefra & Simon Nowak – Thanksgiving

Fr David Howell – Intentions

TUESDAY 27TH

EASTER FERIA

Private Mass. Church closed today.

Fr Kidane Lebasi RIP

WEDNESDAY 28TH

ST LOUIS M GRIGNION DE MONTFORT, PRIEST

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass *Fernandes, Rodrigues, Nowak, Saldanha, Faber Families' Souls*
5.00 pm Holy Hour
7.00 pm Corpus Christi Prayer Group

THURSDAY 29TH

ST CATHERINE OF SIENA, VIRGIN & DOCTOR, PATRON OF EUROPE

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour

Thanksgiving

FRIDAY 30TH

ST PIUS V, POPE

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour

(Friday Abstinence)

Natercia & Fulvius Fernandes

SATURDAY 1ST MAY

ST JOSEPH THE WORKER

5.00 pm Exposition
6.00 pm Vigil Mass

Foundation Mass

SUNDAY 2ND

✠ FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

*Ps. Week 5
Pro Populo
James & Sarah Holt RIP*

YOU CALLED THROUGH MY DEAFNESS

Today is Good Shepherd Sunday – the day which is particularly dedicated to prayer for vocations. So let us pray that all young people may listen to the voice of God who speaks in the depths of their hearts and calls them to leave everything to serve him. In fact, the Lord is always calling but all too often we do not listen. We are distracted by many things, by other, more superficial voices; and then we are afraid to listen to the Lord's voice because we think he might take away our freedom.

Indeed, each one of us is the fruit of love: of our parents' love of course, but more profoundly, of God's love. The Bible says: even if your own mother does not want you, I want you because I know and love you. The moment I realize this my life changes. It becomes a response to this love, greater than any other, and in this way my freedom is completely fulfilled.

The young men who are ordained priests each year are no different from other young men, except that they were deeply moved by the beauty of God's love and could not but respond with their whole life. How did they find God's love? They found it in Jesus Christ: in his Gospel, in the Eucharist and in the community of the Church. In the Church we discover that every person's life is a love story. Sacred Scripture clearly shows us this and the witness borne by the saints confirms it to us.

St Augustine's words are an example of this. Addressing God, he says in his Confessions: "Too late I loved you, O Beauty of ancient days, yet ever new! Too late I loved you! And behold, you were within and I abroad.... You were with me, but I was not with you... But you called and shouted and burst through my deafness".

Dear friends, let us pray for the Church, for every local community, that it may be like a watered garden in which all the seeds of vocation that God scatters in abundance sprout and ripen. Let us pray that this garden may be cultivated everywhere, with the joy of feeling that we are all called, in the variety of our gifts.

May families in particular be the first environment in which we "breathe" the love of God that provides us with inner strength in the midst of the difficulties and trials of life. Those who experience God's love in the family receive a priceless gift which, with time, bears fruit. May the Blessed Virgin Mary — a model of free and obedient acceptance of the divine call and Mother of every vocation in the Church — obtain all this for us.

CONFESSION

Confessions may still be heard before all Masses, or upon appointment, in the Lady Chapel. Without Confession we drift away from the life of God. It's inevitable, for we are all sinners. As St John tells us, "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us."

Sin erects a barrier between ourselves and the life which God wishes to offer us. God continues calling, but we just don't hear. Please think about it.

And please ensure you are wearing a face covering to protect both yourself and the priest.

PRIEST TRAINING FUND

This Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday and our second collection will support the **Priest Training Fund**. This fund pays for the priestly formation of men for the Catholic priesthood. There are currently 42 men studying at Allen Hall seminary, 18 of whom are for our own Diocese, and two men are studying in Rome, also for our Diocese. Last year two men who studied at Allen Hall and one who studied in Rome ordained to the priesthood to serve as our future priests. The fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. Your gift ensures we can provide training for these men responding to Christ's call to dedicate their lives to serve God's people. Please be as generous as you can. Please also pray for vocations and for all our priests. If you do not have a donation leaflet, plenty are available at the back of the church. You can donate online anytime at rcdow.org.uk/donations

CORPUS CHRISTI PRAYER GROUP

The Corpus Christi Prayer Group, which meets on Wednesdays at 7pm will be resuming this week after a break during lockdown. For more information, contact Annette at ccpguk@gmail.com

SODALITY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The next Sodality Mass with Adoration & Benediction is on **Thursday 6th May at 6:30pm**. This month our guest preacher will be **Br James Tabarelli, Cong.Orat.** of the Brompton Oratory. If you haven't already, why not join the Sodality? The monthly Masses are offered for the intentions of members, and you will get the monthly Sodality newsletter with the homilies, as well as other reflections on the Blessed Sacrament. Members also get a Sodality monstrance lapel badge.

Visit sodality.co.uk/membership to sign up today!

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

You can still request Masses to be offered for a particular intention. I'm afraid, that at the moment, the earliest date available is in September. 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.

GETTING BACK ON TRACK

With further lifting of restrictions, we are able to have more freedom in our daily lives. This is indeed great news, BUT I really want to urge those of you who haven't returned to the Church yet, to come back home. Unless you're isolating – please, please – get your Catholic Life back on track. The Eucharistic Lord is waiting to welcome and embrace you. Come back home.

Our sick parishioners and friends: Christopher Bronne, Sandra Jones, 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: Michael Canon McCoy, HRH The Prince Philip, 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, Larinka Wright, Claus Tenzler, Mgr Frederick Canon Miles, Rita Lobo, Bill Tomlinson, Mgr John Klyberg, Mgr. Wolfgang Nastainczyk, Christiane Brown