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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 – 11TH APRIL 2021 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER – LOW 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

SUNDAY 11TH

✠ **SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER – LOW SUNDAY – DIVINE MERCY** *Ps. Week 2*
9.30 am Mass *Mary Muir RIP*
11.30 am Sung Mass in Latin *Pro Populo*
5.00 pm Holy Hour with Vespers, Rosary & Benediction

MONDAY 12TH

EASTER FERIA

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass *Anthony Fraser RIP – Anniversary*
5.00 pm Holy Hour with Vespers, Rosary & Benediction
6.30 pm Mass – Extraordinary Form

TUESDAY 13TH

ST MARTIN I, POPE & MARTYR

Private Mass. Church closed today. *Tony Sams – sick*

WEDNESDAY 14TH

EASTER FERIA

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass *Therese Pacheco RIP – Anniversary*
5.00 pm Holy Hour with Vespers, Rosary & Benediction

THURSDAY 15TH

EASTER FERIA

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass *Martin King RIP – Anniversary*
5.00 pm Holy Hour with Vespers, Rosary & Benediction

FRIDAY 16TH

EASTER FERIA

12 noon Exposition *(Friday Abstinence)*
1.05 pm Mass *Eric Pollock RIP – Anniversary*
5.00 pm Holy Hour with Vespers, Rosary & Benediction

SATURDAY 17TH

EASTER FERIA

5.00 pm Exposition
6.00 pm Vigil Mass *Pro Populo*

SUNDAY 18TH

✠ THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Ps. Week 3
9.30 am Mass *Rosy Varghese RIP*
11.30 am Sung Mass in Latin *Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI - Intentionos*
5.00 pm Holy Hour with Vespers, Rosary & Benediction

PEACE BE WITH YOU!

Every year in celebrating Easter we relive the experience of the first disciples of Jesus, the experience of the encounter with him risen: the Gospel of John tells that they saw him appear in their midst in the Upper Room on the evening of the very day of the Resurrection, “the first day of the week”, and subsequently eight days later. That day, later called “the Lord’s Day”, was the day of the assembly of the Christian community which gathered for its own devotion, that is, to the Eucharist, a new form of worship which from the outset differed from the Judaic worship of the Sabbath. Indeed, the celebration of the Lord’s Day is a very strong proof of Christ’s Resurrection, for only an extraordinary and overwhelming event could have induced the first Christians to begin a form of worship that differed with regard to the Jewish Sabbath.

Then, as today, Christian worship is not only a commemoration of past events nor even a specific, inner mystical experience; rather, it is essentially an encounter with the Risen Lord who lives in the dimension of God beyond time and space, and yet becomes really present amidst the community, speaks to us in the Sacred Scriptures and breaks the bread of eternal life for us.

It is through these signs that we relive what the disciples experienced, that is, the event of seeing Jesus and at the same time of not recognizing him; of touching his body, a real body and yet free from earthly bonds.

What the Gospel says is very important: namely, that Jesus, in his two appearances to the Apostles gathered in the Upper Room, repeats several times the greeting: “Peace be with you”. Here, the traditional greeting with which people wish one another, shalom, peace, becomes something new: it becomes the gift of the peace that Jesus alone can give because it is the fruit of his radical victory over evil.

The “peace” that Jesus gives to his friends is the fruit of the love of God which led him to die on the cross, to pour out all his blood, as a meek and humble lamb “full of grace and truth”. For this reason St John Paul II chose to call this Sunday after Easter, Divine Mercy, with a very specific image: that of Jesus’ pierced side from which blood and water flowed, according to the account of an eyewitness, the Apostle John. However Jesus is now risen and the paschal Sacraments of Baptism and the Eucharist flow from him, who is alive: those who receive them with faith receive the gift of eternal life.

Dear brothers and sisters, let us accept the gift of peace which the Risen Jesus offers us, let us allow our hearts to be filled with his mercy! In this way, with the power of the Holy Spirit, the Spirit who raised Christ from the dead, we too can bring these Easter gifts to others. May Mary Most Holy obtain this for us.

HRH THE PRINCE PHILIP RIP

The very sad news was announced by Buckingham Palace on Friday last that HRH The Prince Philip had died earlier and peacefully that same morning. Please do pray for his eternal happiness. Please also pray for HM the Queen and the members of the Royal Family, as they mourn the loss of a husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather and consort.

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.

THANK YOU

A MASSIVE thank you to everyone for being so understanding and cooperative during the Triduum. It was rather difficult this year, trying to maintain distancing and getting as many people into the church as we safely could, but everyone being so cooperative made everything so much easier, so thank you so much for being patient with us. Thank you also for your kindness and generosity in the Easter collection. We need every penny we can to keep the church warm and lit. God bless you all.

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!

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. 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.

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: 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