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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 – 18TH APRIL 2021 THIRD 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 18TH

✠ THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

*Ps. Week 3
Rosy Varghese RIP
Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI - Intentions*

MONDAY 19TH

ST ALPHEGE, BISHOP & MARTYR

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

Nicefra & Simon Nowak – Thanksgiving

Holy Souls in Purgatory

TUESDAY 20TH

EASTER FERIA

Private Mass. Church closed today.
Fernandes, Rodrigues, Nowak, Saldanha, Faber Families RIP

WEDNESDAY 21ST

ST ANSELM, BISHOP & DOCTOR

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour

Fulvius & Natercia Fernandes

THURSDAY 22ND

EASTER FERIA

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour

Edil Yvan Ganas RIP

FRIDAY 23RD

ST GEORGE, MARTYR, PATRON OF ENGLAND

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour

(No Friday Abstinence)

Maria Elena Basto RIP

SATURDAY 24TH

SS ERKENWALD & MELLITUS, BISHOPS

5.00 pm Exposition
6.00 pm Vigil Mass

Michael Burke RIP

SUNDAY 25TH

✠ FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

9.30 am Mass
11.30 am Sung Mass in Latin
5.00 pm Holy Hour with Vespers, Rosary & Benediction

*Ps. Week 4
Pro Populo
Hilario John Norona*

THE LORD HAS CHANGED

Today, the Third Sunday of Easter, in the Gospel according to Luke we meet the Risen Jesus who presents himself to the disciples who, startled and incredulous, think they are seeing a ghost. Romano Guardini wrote: “the Lord has changed. He does not live as he lived previously. His existence cannot be understood. And yet it is corporeal, it encompasses... the whole of the life he lived, the destiny he passed through, his Passion and his death. Everything is reality. It may have changed but it is still tangible reality”. As the Resurrection did not erase the signs of the Crucifixion, Jesus showed the Apostles his hands and his feet. And to convince them, he even asked for something to eat, thus the disciples “gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate before them”. St Gregory the Great comments that “the fish grilled on the flame means nothing other than the Passion of Jesus, Mediator between God and men. Indeed, he deigned to conceal himself in the waters of the human race, he accepted to be caught in the net of our death and was placed on the fire, symbolizing the pain he suffered at the moment of the Passion”.

It was by means of these very realistic signs that the disciples overcame their initial doubt and opened themselves to the gift of faith; and this faith enabled them to understand what was written on Christ “in the law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms. Indeed we read that Jesus “opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them, ‘thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be preached in his name to all nations.... You are witnesses of these things”.

The Saviour assures us of his real presence among us through the Word and through the Eucharist. Therefore just as the disciples of Emmaus recognized Jesus in the breaking of the bread, so we too encounter the Lord in the Eucharistic celebration. In this regard St Thomas Aquinas explains that “it is absolutely necessary to confess according to the Catholic faith that the entire Christ is in this sacrament... since the Godhead never set aside the assumed body”.

May the Mother of God help us to listen attentively to the Word of the Lord and to take part worthily in the Banquet of the Eucharistic Sacrifice, to become witnesses of the new humanity.

HRH THE PRINCE PHILIP RIP

As HRH The Prince Philip is laid to rest this weekend, let us keep Her Majesty, The Queen, and all the Royal Family in our prayers.

Lord, save Elizabeth our Queen. And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

We beseech thee, almighty God, that thy servant Elizabeth our Queen, who through thy mercy has undertaken the government of this realm, may also receive an increase of all virtues. Fittingly adorned with these, may she be able to shun all evildoing, and, together with the royal family, being in thy grace, to come unto thee who art the way, the truth, and the life. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.

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.

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.

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: 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