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## CORPUS CHRISTI THE DIOCESAN SHRINE OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

MAY – MONTH DEDICATED TO  
OUR BLESSED LADY



### ✠ HOLY MASS FOR THE WEEK – 2<sup>ND</sup> MAY 2021 FIFTH 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](http://maidenlane.org.uk/live)

#### SUNDAY 2<sup>ND</sup>

##### ✠ FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

*Ps. Week 1*

*Pro Populo*

*James & Sarah Holt RIP*

#### MONDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> – BANK HOLIDAY

##### Ss PHILIP AND JAMES, APOSTLES

10.00 am Mass

*Nicefra & Simon Novak – Thanksgiving*

NB No Holy Hour

6.30 pm Mass – Extraordinary Form

*Fr Denis Mbezle – Intentions*

#### TUESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup>

##### THE ENGLISH MARTYRS

Private Mass. Church closed today.

*Kurt Tenzler RIP – Anniversary*

#### WEDNESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup>

##### EASTER FERIA

12 noon Exposition  
1.05 pm Mass  
5.00 pm Holy Hour  
7.00 pm Corpus Christi Prayer Group

*Alma Wahlberg RIP*

#### THURSDAY 6<sup>TH</sup>

##### EASTER FERIA

12 noon Exposition  
1.05 pm Mass  
6.30 pm Sodality of the Blessed Sacrament Mass

*Maria King – Intentions*

*Members of the Sodality*

#### FRIDAY 7<sup>TH</sup>

##### EASTER FERIA

12 noon Exposition  
1.05 pm Mass  
5.00 pm Holy Hour

*(Friday Abstinence)*

*Eva Wiesinger RIP – Anniversary*

#### SATURDAY 8<sup>TH</sup>

##### EASTER FERIA

5.00 pm Exposition  
6.00 pm Vigil Mass

*Frany – sick*

#### SUNDAY 9<sup>TH</sup>

##### ✠ SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

*Ps. Week 2*

*Nancy McWilliams RIP*

*Pro Populo*

## THE VINEYARD OF THE LORD

The Gospel today, the fifth Sunday of Easter time begins with the image of the vine. Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser". In the Bible Israel is often compared to the fertile vine when it is faithful to God; but if it distances itself from him, it becomes barren, incapable of producing that "wine to gladden the heart of man", as Psalm 104[103] sings. The true vine of God, true life, is Jesus who with his sacrifice of love gives us salvation, opens to us the way to be part of this vine. And as Jesus remains in the love of God the Father, the disciples too, wisely pruned by the word of the Master, if they remain profoundly united in him, they become fruitful branches that bear an abundant harvest.

St Francis de Sales wrote: "The vine-sprig, united and joined to the stock, brings forth fruit not by its own power but in virtue of the stock. Now we are united by charity unto our Redeemer as members to their head, and hence it is that... good works, drawing their worth from him, merit life everlasting".

On the day of our Baptism the Church grafts us, as branches, on to the Paschal Mystery of Jesus, on to his very Person. From this root we receive the precious sap that enables us to share in the divine life. As disciples, with the help of the Pastors of the Church, we too develop in the Lord's vineyard, bound by his love. "If the fruit we are to bear is love, its prerequisite is this 'remaining', which is profoundly connected with the kind of faith that holds on to the Lord and does not let go".

It is indispensable to remain ever united to Jesus, to depend on him, because apart from him we can do nothing. In a letter written to John the Prophet who lived in the desert of Gaza in the fifth century, a faithful asked the following question: how is it possible to combine man's freedom and the inability to do anything without God? And the monk answered: if man inclines his heart towards goodness and asks God for help, he receives the necessary strength to carry out his work. Therefore man's freedom and God's power proceed together. This is possible because goodness comes from the Lord, but it is carried out through his faithful.

True "abiding" in Christ guarantees the effectiveness of prayer, the Cistercian Bl. Gueric of Igny, said: "O Lord Jesus... without you we can do nothing. Indeed you are the true gardener, creator, cultivator and custodian of your garden, which you plan with your word, irrigate with your spirit and cause to grow with your power".

Dear friends, each one of us is like a branch that only lives if its union with the Lord grows every day in prayer, in participation in the Sacraments and in charity. And he who loves Jesus, the true vine, produces fruits of faith for an abundant spiritual harvest. Let us pray to the Mother of God that we may remain firmly grafted onto Jesus and that all our actions may have their beginning and end in him.

### 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.

## SODALITY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The next Sodality Mass with Adoration & Benediction is on **this coming Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> 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](http://sodality.co.uk/membership) to sign up today!

### POPE FRANCIS SAYS: PRAY THE ROSARY!

Catholics across the globe are encouraged to dedicate the Marian month of May to praying for an end to the pandemic. The initiative, behind which the Pope has thrown his support, involves 30 Marian Shrines from various parts of the world.

"The initiative will involve all the Shrines of the world in a special way, so that they might encourage the faithful, families, and communities to recite the Rosary to pray for an end to the pandemic."

Each day will see Vatican News broadcast the recitation of the Rosary at 6pm Rome time (5pm in the UK) from the various Shrines taking part in the initiative – or you can join us here at Corpus Christi at the same time as we unite our prayers with theirs in our daily Holy Hour.

The Pope will also close the initiative on 31 May with another specially-broadcast Rosary.

After more than a year, and with the world still in the grips of the pandemic, the Pope and the Church around the world are once again leading the way in imploring God for an end to the suffering which so many people are forced to bear.

To join in the Rosary Crusade, visit [youtube.com/vatican](http://youtube.com/vatican)

### 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 (instructions inside). 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](http://maidenlane.org.uk/intentions)

### 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.

**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