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James Purves

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Private Intention

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Darlene Letey – Ints.

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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 – 23<sup>RD</sup> MAY 2021 PENTECOST SUNDAY

With the lifting of some restrictions, we are pleased to say that the church will now be open all day, every day for private prayer, as well as the public Mass times below. Please continue to keep a safe distance from those outside your household. There is no need to book for Mass. You MUST wear a face covering, unless exempt. **Confessions** may be heard half an hour before Masses, or upon appointment, in the Confessional. Live stream continues at [maidenlane.org.uk/live](http://maidenlane.org.uk/live)

#### SUNDAY 23<sup>RD</sup>

#### ✠ PENTECOST SUNDAY

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

*Ps. Week 4  
Nancy McWilliams  
Pro Populo*

#### MONDAY 24<sup>TH</sup>

#### THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

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

*Mary Glennon – sick*

#### TUESDAY 25<sup>TH</sup>

#### ST BEDE THE VENERABLE, PRIEST & DOCTOR

Private Mass. Church closed today.

*Claudio Patras – sick*

#### WEDNESDAY 26<sup>TH</sup>

#### ST PHILIP NERI, PRIEST

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

*Catherine McCaughy & Family – sick*

#### THURSDAY 27<sup>TH</sup>

#### OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST

12 noon Exposition  
1.05 pm Mass  
5.00 pm Holy Hour

*Crowe Family – Intentions*

#### FRIDAY 28<sup>TH</sup>

#### VOTIVE MASS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

12 noon Exposition  
1.05 pm Mass  
5.00 pm Holy Hour

*Holy Souls in Purgatory*

*(Friday Abstinence)*

#### SATURDAY 29<sup>TH</sup>

#### ST PAUL VI, POPE

10.00 am Church cleaning  
5.00 pm Exposition  
6.00 pm Vigil Mass

*Holy Souls in Purgatory*

#### SUNDAY 30<sup>TH</sup>

#### ✠ THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

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

*Ps. Week 1  
Pro Populo  
Nellie Goodwin RIP*

## VENI, CREATOR SPIRITUS!

Today the Church throughout the world is reliving the Solemnity of Pentecost, the mystery of her birth, her own "Baptism" in the Holy Spirit which occurred in Jerusalem 50 days after Easter, precisely on the Jewish Feast of Pentecost. The Risen Jesus had told his disciples: "Stay in the city, until you are clothed with power from on high". This actually happened in the Upper Room, while they were all gathered in prayer with Mary, the Virgin Mother.

As we read in the Acts of the Apostles, that place was suddenly filled with the rush of a mighty wind and tongues as of fire settled on each one of those present. The Apostles then went out and began to proclaim in different languages that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, dead and risen. The Holy Spirit, who with the Father and the Son, created the universe, who guided the People of Israel through history and spoke through the Prophets, who in the fullness of time cooperated in our redemption, came down at Pentecost upon the nascent Church and made her missionary, sending her out to proclaim to all peoples the victory of divine love over sin and death.

The Holy Spirit is the soul of the Church. Without him what would she be reduced to? She would certainly be an important movement in history, a complex and solid social institution, perhaps a sort of humanitarian agency. And to tell the truth she is considered such by those who do not see her from a perspective of faith. Yet, the reality is that in her true nature and also in her authentic presence in history, the Church is ceaselessly formed and guided by the Spirit of her Lord. She is a living body, whose vitality is, precisely, the fruit of the invisible divine Spirit.

In this Marian month of May, let us invoke the intercession of Mary Most Holy, so that she may obtain for the Church of our time that she be powerfully strengthened by the Holy Spirit. Tomorrow we celebrate the feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church – a relatively new feast introduced by Pope Francis. In particular, may the ecclesial communities that are suffering persecution in Christ's name feel the comforting presence of the Paraclete so that, participating in her suffering, they may receive the spirit of glory in abundance

### PASTORAL LETTER

A Pastoral Letter from His Eminence, Cardinal Nichols is available at the back of the church.

### 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

### 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)

## QUARANT'ORE AND CORPUS CHRISTI 2021

The Solemnity of Corpus Christi is **next week**, and with it our annual *Quarant'Ore* – or 40 Hours – Devotions. Please take note of what's happening as there are some changes to the usual schedule over these days:

- + **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 7pm:** Extraordinary Form High Mass of Corpus Christi opening *Quarant'Ore*. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed from the end of Mass until **Midnight**.
- + **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June: 7am – Midnight:** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament; **1:05pm:** Mass for the end of the Pandemic; **6:30pm:** Holy Hour & Benediction
- + **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> June: 7am – 5:30pm:** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. **6:00pm** Sung Vigil Mass of Corpus Christi, closing *Quarant'Ore*
- + **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> June: 11am:** Sung Mass of Corpus Christi in the Ordinary Form. **NB** There is only one Mass this Sunday at 11am – there will be no 9:30am Mass!

You can add your prayer intentions, buy a candle to burn before Our Lord, or volunteer an hour of Watching by simply visiting our website at [maidenlane.org.uk/forty](http://maidenlane.org.uk/forty) Last year, the Sanctuary was filled with lamps burning from all over the world and was such a moving sight!

### CHURCH CLEANING

**Next Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> May from 10am**, we will be cleaning the church ahead of *Quarant'Ore*. If you are able to volunteer an hour to come and help sweep and mop, I'd be exceedingly grateful.

### 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.

### 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.

### RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION REVERENTLY

Each week we are heading back towards normality – in our society and in the life of the Church. But until we get there, I just want to remind you of a couple of things when receiving Holy Communion. You need to remove your mask when you are at the altar rail. No matter how you receive Holy Communion, you can't do this with your mouth covered. If you are receiving in the hand – PLEASE do not twist, turn, stand, walk away or do anything UNTIL you have placed the Sacred Host in your mouth.

And please make sure your hands are spotlessly clean – and that there are no particles remaining on your skin. You need to be absolutely scrupulous about this. If you are receiving on the tongue – then, of course, you avoid all of these issues.

**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:** Nellie Goodwin, Marlis Okeke, 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