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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 – 16TH MAY 2021

SEVENTH 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 16TH**✠ SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

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

*Ps. Week 3
Patrick Slattery RIP – Anniversary
Pro Populo*

MONDAY 17TH**EASTER FERIA**

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

Nicefra & Simon Nowak – Thanksgiving

TUESDAY 18TH**ST JOHN I, POPE & MARTYR**

Private Mass. Church closed today.

Claus Tenzler RIP – Anniversary

WEDNESDAY 19TH**EASTER FERIA**

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

THURSDAY 20TH**ST BERNADINE OF SIENA, PRIEST**

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour

Andrew Gillespie RIP

FRIDAY 21ST

(Friday Abstinence)

ST CHRISTOPHER MAGALLANES, PRIEST, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS ANNIVERSARY OF THE INSTALLATION OF VINCENT CARDINAL NICHOLS, ELEVENTH ARCHBISHOP OF WESTMINSTER (2009)

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour

His Eminence, Vincent Cardinal Nichols

SATURDAY 22ND**ST RITA OF CASCIA, RELIGIOUS**

5.00 pm Exposition
6.00 pm Vigil Mass

Natercia & Fulvius Fernandes

SUNDAY 23RD**✠ 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*

THE IMMORTALITY OF THE BODY

Forty days after the Resurrection — according to the Book of the Acts of the Apostles — Jesus ascended into Heaven, that is he returned to the Father, by whom he had been sent into the world. Thankfully this was restored in this country to its proper day of Thursday. The Ascension of the Lord marks the fulfilment of salvation that started with the Incarnation. After he had instructed his disciples for the last time, Jesus was taken up into Heaven. He, however, “was not separated from our condition”; indeed, in his humanity, he took man with him into the intimacy of the Father and thus revealed the final destination of our earthly pilgrimage. As he descended from Heaven for us, and for us suffered and died on the Cross, so for us he rose and ascended to God, who, therefore, is no longer far away.

St Leo the Great explains that with this mystery “not only is the immortality of the soul proclaimed, but also that of the body. Today in fact, not only are we confirmed as possessors of paradise, but in Christ have also penetrated the heights of Heaven”. This is why the disciples, when they saw the Master rise from the ground and ascend upwards, they were not disheartened, as one might expect, instead, they were overcome with joy and felt compelled to proclaim Christ’s victory over death. And the Risen Lord worked in each of them, bestowing on each his own charism. St Paul writes further: “He gave gifts to men ... and his gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers ... for building up of the body of Christ ... to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ”.

Dear friends, the Ascension tells us that in Christ our humanity is brought to the heights of God; thus, every time we pray, earth is united to Heaven. And like incense, burning, its scent is carried on high, hence, when we raise our prayer to the Lord with confidence in Christ, it travels across Heaven and reaches God himself and is heard and answered by Him. In the well-known work by St John of the Cross, *The Ascent of Mount Carmel*, we read that “in order to obtain the fulfilment of the petitions which we have in our hearts, there is no better way than to direct the energy of our prayer to the thing that most pleases God. For then not only will He give that which we ask of Him, which is salvation, but also that which He sees to be fitting and good for us, although we pray not for it”.

Finally let us beseech the Virgin Mary, that she may help us to contemplate the heavenly goods, which the Lord promises us, and to become ever more credible witnesses of his Resurrection, of true Life.

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

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

QUARANT’ORE AND CORPUS CHRISTI 2021

The Solemnity of Corpus Christi is fast approaching, 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 3rd 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 4th June: 7am – Midnight:** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament; **1:05pm:** Mass for the end of the Pandemic; **6:30pm:** Holy Hour & Benediction
- ✠ **Saturday 5th June: 7am – 5:30pm:** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. **6:00pm** Sung Vigil Mass of Corpus Christi, closing *Quarant’Ore*
- ✠ **Sunday 6th 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 Last year, the Sanctuary was filled with lamps burning from all over the world and was such a moving sight!

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.

MOVING FORWARD

Tomorrow, the Lockdown restriction relax considerably. Enjoy your new found freedom - but sensibly!

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