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Rachel Ward RIP

LADY CHAPEL

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

SACRED HEART CHAPEL

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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 – 9TH MAY 2021

SIXTH 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 9TH**✠ 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*

MONDAY 10TH**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 11TH**EASTER FERIA**

Private Mass. Church closed today.

Kate Mosca RIP

WEDNESDAY 12TH**ST PANCRAS, MARTYR**

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 13TH**✠ THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

8.00 am Mass – Extraordinary Form
12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour
6.30 pm Sung Mass in Latin

Conversion of Russia

Pro Populo

Miguel Sicat RIP

(Friday Abstinence)

FRIDAY 14TH**ST MATTHIAS, APOSTLE**

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

Foundation Mass

Good Counsel Network

SATURDAY 15TH**EASTER FERIA**

5.00 pm Exposition
6.00 pm Vigil Mass

Fulvius & Natercia Fernandes

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*

MARY'S MONTH OF MAY

May is a month beloved and welcomed for many reasons. In our hemisphere, spring comes with a wealth of colourful flowers and normally, the climate is conducive to walks and excursions. For the Liturgy, May is always part of the Easter Season, the time of the "Alleluia", of the revelation of Christ's mystery in the light of the Resurrection and of our Paschal faith; and it is the time of awaiting the Holy Spirit who came down on the nascent Church powerfully at Pentecost. The Church's tradition of dedicating the month of May to the Virgin Mary harmonizes very well with both these contexts, the natural and the liturgical. Indeed, she is the most beautiful flower to have unfolded since the Creation, the "rose" that appeared in the fullness of time when God, by sending his Son, gave the world a new springtime. At the same time she is the humble and discreet protagonist of the first steps taken by the Christian community: Mary is its spiritual heart since her very presence among the disciples is a living memory of the Lord Jesus and a pledge of the gift of his Spirit.

This Sunday's Gospel, taken from Chapter 15 of the Gospel according to St John, gives us an implicit spiritual portrait of the Virgin Mary when Jesus says: "You did not choose me: no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last". These words are addressed to the disciples but can be applied to a maximum degree precisely to the One who was the first and perfect disciple of Jesus. Mary, in fact, observed first and fully the words of her Son, showing that she loved him not only as a mother, but first of all as a humble and obedient handmaid. For this reason God the Father loved her and the Most Holy Trinity made its dwelling place in her. Furthermore, when Jesus promises his friends that the Holy Spirit will come to their aid to help them remember and deeply understand his every word, how can we not think of Mary who, in her heart, the temple of the Holy Spirit, pondered and interpreted faithfully all that her Son said and did? Thus already before Easter but especially after it the Mother of Jesus also became the Mother and model of the Church.

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

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.

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

This coming Thursday is the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, which is usually a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be at **8am** in the Extraordinary Form, **1:05pm**, and **6:30pm** as a Solemn Sung Mass. There will also be the usual Holy Hour with Vespers & the Rosary at 5pm.

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 Shines 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](https://www.youtube.com/Vatican)

I hope that many of you are joining the Holy Father in this great world-wide act of prayer.

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

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.

MOVING FORWARD

On the 17th May, just one week away, we hope that restrictions in the churches will be relaxed a little more – please keep this in your prayers.

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