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# CORPUS CHRISTI

## THE DIOCESAN SHRINE OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

JUNE – MONTH DEDICATED TO  
THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS



### ✠ HOLY MASS FOR THE WEEK – 13<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2021

#### 11<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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 13<sup>TH</sup>****✠ 11<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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

*Ps. Week 3  
Pro Populo  
Remo Dipre RIP*

**MONDAY 14<sup>TH</sup>****FERIA**

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

*Chris Lo Neng Fong – sick*

**TUESDAY 15<sup>TH</sup>****FERIA**

Private Mass. Church open for private prayer.

*Mary Ee Cheng Neo RIP*

**WEDNESDAY 16<sup>TH</sup>****ST RICHARD OF CHICHESTER, BISHOP**

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

*Welfare of S, D & M Woodman-Stanes Family*

**THURSDAY 17<sup>TH</sup>****FERIA**

12 noon Exposition  
1.05 pm Mass  
5.00 pm Holy Hour

*Welfare of A&N Stanes*

**FRIDAY 18<sup>TH</sup>****FERIA – VOTIVE MASS OF THE SACRED HEART**

12 noon Exposition  
1.05 pm Mass  
No Holy Hour this evening.

*(Friday Abstinence)*

*Linda Bullock – sick*

**SATURDAY 19<sup>TH</sup>****ST ROMUALD, ABBOT**

5.00 pm Exposition  
6.00 pm Vigil Mass

*Fr Lucas LaRoche – Ordination*

**SUNDAY 20<sup>TH</sup>****✠ 12<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

9.30 am Mass  
11.30 am Sung Mass in Latin  
No Holy Hour this evening.

*Ps. Week 4  
Joe McMabon RIP – Anniv.  
Pro Populo*

## THE LORD'S VICTORY IS GUARANTEED

Today's liturgy presents to us two short parables of Jesus: the parable of the seed that grows of its own accord and the parable of the mustard seed. With images taken from the farming world the Lord presents the mystery of the Word and of the Kingdom of God, and points out the reasons for our hope and our dedication.

In the first parable the focus is on the dynamism of the sowing: the seed that was scattered on the land sprouts and grows by itself, whether the peasant is awake or asleep. The man sows with the trust that his work will not be fruitless. What supports the farmer in his daily efforts is specifically trust in the power of the seed and in the goodness of the soil. This parable recalls the mysteries of the creation and of redemption, of God's fertile work in history. It is he who is the Lord of the Kingdom, man is his humble collaborator who contemplates and rejoices in the divine creative action and patiently awaits its fruits. The final harvest makes us think of God's conclusive intervention at the end of time, when he will fully establish his Kingdom. The present is the time of sowing, and the growth of the seed is assured by the Lord. Every Christian therefore knows well that he must do all he can, but that the final result depends on God: this awareness sustains him in his daily efforts, especially in difficult situations. St Ignatius of Loyola wrote in this regard: "Act as though everything depended on you, but in the knowledge that really everything depends on God".

The second parable also uses the image of the seed. Here, however, it is a specific seed, the mustard seed, considered the smallest of all seeds. Yet even though it is so tiny, it is full of life; it breaks open to give life to a sprout that can break through the ground, coming out into the sunlight and growing until it becomes "the greatest of all shrubs": the seed's weakness is its strength, its breaking open is its power. Thus the Kingdom of God is like this: a humanly small reality, made up of those who are poor in heart, of those who do not rely on their own power but on that of the love of God, on those who are not important in the world's eyes; and yet it is through them that Christ's power bursts in and transforms what is seemingly insignificant.

The image of the seed is especially dear to Jesus, because it clearly expresses the mystery of the Kingdom of God. In today's two parables it represents "growth" and "contrast": the growth that occurs thanks to an innate dynamism within the seed itself and the contrast that exists between the minuscule size of the seed and the greatness of what it produces.

The message is clear: even though the Kingdom of God demands our collaboration, it is first and foremost a gift of the Lord, a grace that precedes man and his works. If our own small strength, apparently powerless in the face of the world's problems, is inserted in that of God it fears no obstacles because the Lord's victory is guaranteed. It is the miracle of the love of God who causes every seed of good that is scattered on the ground to germinate. And the experience of this miracle of love makes us optimists, in spite of the difficulty, suffering and evil that we encounter. The seed sprouts and grows because God's love makes it grow.

## YOUR OFFERINGS TO THE CHURCH

From today, we will return to taking a collection during the Offertory of the Mass. A collector will come along the empty pew in front of you, to enable you to make your offering. Please do NOT try to take the bag from them – the collector will hold it at all times. For those of you who wish to use the electronic offertory devices at the back of the church, you may do so before or after the Mass. Please support us – we cannot continue keeping the church open without your help. Thank you for your generosity.

## INTERNATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS – 11 SEPTEMBER

On Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September we will be having a day of Prayer to coincide with the International Eucharistic Congress, which will be taking place in Budapest. As travel there will be difficult, given the various restrictions, we will be hosting a day of Adoration from 7am, with Mass celebrated by His Eminence, Cardinal Nichols at 12noon. There will be more information about this in the coming weeks – but please do put it in your diary for now!

## BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS BOOKS

We have ordered some more books on the life of Blessed Carlo Acutis – the young Eucharistic beatus, who died at the age of 15 – and these should be with us soon. These are produced by CTS, and are a great inspiration of how to lead a holy life in the steps of Bl Carlo. They cost **£5.95** and can be bought from the back of the church around Mass / Holy Hour times. There is a board dedicated to his Eucharistic Miracles project at the back of the church, near the Confessional.

## 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 October. 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 are heard before all Masses, or upon appointment. Without Confession we drift away from the life of God. It's inevitable, for we are all sinners. Please ensure you are wearing a face covering to protect both yourself and the priest.

## RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION REVERENTLY

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:** Concetta Wager, 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, 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