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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 – 20TH JUNE 2021

12TH 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

SUNDAY 20TH**✠ 12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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

Ps. Week 4

Joe McMahon RIP – Anniv.

Pro Populo

MONDAY 21ST**ST ALOYSIUS GONZAGA, RELIGIOUS**

1.05 pm Mass *Welfare of Friends & Family of Stanes & Perkins Families*
No Holy Hour this evening.
6.30 pm Mass – Extraordinary Form

TUESDAY 22ND**Ss JOHN FISHER & THOMAS MORE, MARTYRS**

Private Mass. Church open for private prayer. *Christiane Brown RIP – Anniv.*

WEDNESDAY 23RD**ST ETHELDREDA (AUDREY), VIRGIN**

1.05 pm Mass *Euan Woodworth – Intentions*
No Holy Hour this evening
7.00 pm Corpus Christi Prayer Group

THURSDAY 24TH**THE NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST**

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass *Deceased Family & Friends of the Stanes & Perkins Families*
5.00 pm Holy Hour

FRIDAY 25TH

(Friday Abstinence)

FERIA – VOTIVE MASS OF THE SACRED HEART

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass *Larinka Wright RIP – Anniversary*
5.00 pm Holy Hour

SATURDAY 26TH**FERIA**

5.00 pm Exposition
6.00 pm Vigil Mass *Pro Populo*

SUNDAY 27TH**✠ 13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Ps. Week 1

9.30 am Mass *Canon Frank O'Sullivan RIP*
11.30 am Sung Mass in Latin *Niki, Nicholas, Apostolos & Infant Bordokas RIP*
5.00 pm Holy Hour

HIS NAME IS JOHN

On Thursday, 24 June, we celebrate the Solemnity of St John the Baptist. He is the only saint — with the exception of the Virgin Mary — whose birth the liturgy celebrates and it does so because it is closely connected with the mystery of the Incarnation of the Son of God. In fact, from the time when he was in his mother's womb John was the precursor of Jesus: the Angel announced to Mary his miraculous conception as a sign that "nothing is impossible to God", six months before the great miracle that brings us salvation, God's union with man brought about by the Holy Spirit. The four Gospels place great emphasis on the figure of John the Baptist, the prophet who concludes the Old Testament and inaugurates the New, by identifying Jesus of Nazareth as the Messiah, the Anointed One of the Lord. In fact, Jesus himself was to speak of John in these terms: "This is he of whom it is written 'Behold I send my messenger before your face, / who shall prepare your way before you. Truly I say to you, among those born of women there has risen no one greater than John the Baptist; yet he who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he!'"

John's father, Zechariah — Elizabeth's husband and a relative of Mary — was a priest of Old Testament worship, he did not immediately believe in the announcement of such an unexpected fatherhood. This is why he was left mute until the day of the circumcision of the child to whom he and his wife gave the name God had indicated to them, that is, John, which means "graced by God". Inspired by the Holy Spirit, Zechariah spoke thus of his son's mission: "And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, to give knowledge of salvation to his people in the forgiveness of their sins".

All this came to pass 30 years later when John began baptizing people in the River Jordan, calling them to prepare themselves with this act of penance for the imminent coming of the Messiah, which God had revealed to them during their wanderings in the desert of Judaea. This is why he was called the "Baptist", the "Baptizer". When one day Jesus himself came from Nazareth to be baptized, John at first refused but then consented; he saw the Holy Spirit settle on Jesus and heard the voice of the heavenly Father proclaiming him his Son. However, the Baptist's mission was not yet complete. Shortly afterwards he was also asked to precede Jesus in a violent death: John was beheaded in King Herod's prison and thus bore a full witness to the Lamb of God who had recognized him and publicly pointed him out beforehand.

Dear friends, the Virgin Mary helped her elderly kinswoman Elizabeth when she was expecting John to bring her pregnancy to completion. May she help all people to follow Jesus, the Christ, the Son of God, whom the Baptist proclaimed with deep humility and prophetic fervour.

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.

DAY FOR LIFE 2021

There will be a second collection today for the annual **Day for Life Appeal**. This day, inaugurated by Saint John Paul II, presents an opportunity to pray for the gift of life from conception to natural death, to raise awareness of the precious gift of life, and to support the work of protecting life in its most vulnerable stages through the annual collection. This assists pro-life organisations who raise awareness, engage in parliamentary work and pastoral outreach. For more information, visit dayforlife.org

NO HOLY HOUR UNTIL THURSDAY

Please be aware that there is no Holy Hour this week until Thursday. The church remains open during the day for private prayer as usual.

SOLEMNITY OF SAINTS PETER & PAUL

Next week **Tuesday 29th June** is the Solemnity of Ss Peter & Paul – usually a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass on that day will be at **8am (EF), 1.05pm & 6.30pm (Solemn Sung)**. There will be the annual Dedication of England to St Peter, Prince of the Apostles after the 6:30pm Mass. There will be no Holy Hour on that day, however.

SODALITY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The next Sodality Mass will be at **6:30pm on Thursday 8th July**. This will be a First Mass of **Fr Gildas Parry, O.Praem.** of the Norbertines in Chelmsford, and so will bring with it the extra graces of a newly ordained priest. Please note that this is the second Thursday of the month – not the first. We've had to move it as the first Thursday clashes with the Canada Day celebrations at the pub opposite us – and Maiden Lane is usually not overly accessible on that day...

YOUR OFFERINGS TO THE CHURCH

We have returned 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 11th 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

At the back of the church after Mass, there are books on the life of Blessed Carlo Acutis – the young Eucharistic beatus, who died at the age of 15. 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.

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