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Elizabeth Howard RIP

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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 – 6<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2021 THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST

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 6<sup>TH</sup>****✠ THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST**

11.00 am Solemn Sung Mass

*Ps. Week 2  
Pro Populo*

**MONDAY 7<sup>TH</sup>****FERIA – VOTIVE MASS OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

1.05 pm Mass

*Ellen Doherty RIP*

NB – No Holy Hour today.

6.30 pm Mass – Extraordinary Form

**TUESDAY 8<sup>TH</sup>****FERIA**

Private Mass. Church open for private prayer.

*Blanche Keaveney – Intentions*

**WEDNESDAY 9<sup>TH</sup>****ST COLUMBA, ABBOT – VOTIVE MASS OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

12 noon Exposition

1.05 pm Mass

*Max Tenzler RIP – Anniversary*

5.00 pm Holy Hour

7.00 pm Corpus Christi Prayer Group

**THURSDAY 10<sup>TH</sup>****FERIA – VOTIVE MASS OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

12 noon Exposition

1.05 pm Mass

*Benefactors of Corpus Christi*

5.00 pm Holy Hour

**FRIDAY 11<sup>TH</sup>**

*(No Friday Abstinence)*

**THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS****DIOCESE CONSECRATED TO THE SACRED HEART ON 17<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 1873**

12 noon Exposition

1.05 pm Mass

*Huguette Hogonnet – sick*

5.00 pm Holy Hour

6.30 pm Sung Mass

*In reparation for sins against the Blessed Sacrament*

**SATURDAY 12<sup>TH</sup>****THE IMMACULATE HEART OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

5.00 pm Exposition

6.00 pm Vigil Mass

*Hamdi & Refika Erzincanli RIP*

**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*

## SWEET SACRAMENT DIVINE

Today, Corpus Christi is being celebrated in England, and in other countries – transferred from its Proper day of last Thursday. It is the Feast of the Eucharist, the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of the Lord, which he instituted at the Last Supper and which is the Church's most precious treasure. The Eucharist is, as it were, the beating heart that gives life to the whole mystical body of the Church: a social organism wholly based on the spiritual yet concrete link with Christ. As the Apostle Paul said: "Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread".

Without the Eucharist the Church quite simply would not exist. Indeed, it is the Eucharist which makes a human community into a mystery of communion that can bring God to the world and the world to God. The Holy Spirit, who transforms the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ, also transforms whoever receives it with faith into a member of the body of Christ so that the Church is truly the sacrament of unity, of human beings with God and among themselves.

In an ever more individualistic culture, such as the one in which we are immersed in western society and which tends to spread throughout the world, the Eucharist constitutes a sort of "antidote" that works in the minds and hearts of believers and continually sows in them the logic of communion, service and sharing, in short, the logic of the Gospel. The first Christians in Jerusalem were a visible sign of this new lifestyle, because they lived in brotherhood and shared their possessions so that no one was in need. What does all this derive from? From the Eucharist, that is, from the Risen Christ, really present in the midst of his disciples and acting with the power of the Holy Spirit.

And also in the following generations, in spite of human limitations and errors, the Church has continued down the centuries to be a force of communion in the world. Let us think especially of the most difficult and trying periods, for example, of what the possibility of gathering together at Sunday Mass meant to countries subjected to totalitarian regimes! As the ancient martyrs of Abitene said: "*Sine Dominico non possumus*" — without "Dominicum" [Sunday], that is, without the Sunday Eucharist we cannot live. But the void produced by false freedom can be equally dangerous, then communion with the Body of Christ is a medicine for the mind and the will, to rediscover the taste for the truth and the common good.

## 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

I would like to thank everyone involved in the Forty Hours' Devotions that concluded yesterday. It has been so wonderful to see so many people coming into the church to spend some time in prayer before Our Lord, and to have so many candles burning before the Altar has been really beautiful. Thank you especially to the singers, the servers, those who have volunteered to spend an hour with the Lord and all those who joined in prayer online. I'd like to say a particular thank you for your patience as we manage our way through the Covid Regulations. There were many kneeling outside on Thursday night, as we could not accommodate any more people inside – so thank you for your understanding and devotion. God bless you all.

## THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

When Our Blessed Lord appeared to St Margaret Mary Alacoque, He specified that it was to take place on "the Friday after the octave of Corpus Christi". For this reason, we will be having a Votive Mass of the Blessed Sacrament every day this week to commemorate the Octave, which was suppressed in 1955. The whole of June is dedicated to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, and the Feast on Friday is a Solemnity (so yes, you can eat meat on Friday!). **There will be a Mass here at 1.05pm and a Sung Mass at 6:30pm** on that day. Heart of Jesus, have mercy upon us!

## 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 taken delivery of a supply of 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.

## 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:** 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