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CORPUS CHRISTI

THE DIOCESAN SHRINE OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



APRIL – MONTH DEDICATED TO
THE HOLY EUCHARIST

✠ HOLY MASS FOR THE WEEK – 24TH APRIL 2022 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER – LOW SUNDAY

SUNDAY 24TH

✠ SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER – LOW SUNDAY

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

*Ps. Week 2
The Braddick Family
Pro Populo*

MONDAY 25TH

ST MARK, EVANGELIST

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour
6.30pm Mass – 1962 Missal

Victoria Adekoya – Intentions

TUESDAY 26TH

ST GEORGE, MARTYR, PATRON OF ENGLAND

No public Mass today. Church open for prayer.

Holy Souls in Purgatory

WEDNESDAY 27TH

EASTER FERIA

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

Blanche Keaveney – Intentions

THURSDAY 28TH

ST LOUIS M GRIGNION DE MONTFORT, PRIEST

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour

Ofelia Gomez RIP

FRIDAY 29TH

ST CATHERINE OF SIENA, VIRGIN & DOCTOR

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour

(Friday abstinence)

John Ren RIP

SATURDAY 30TH

ST PIUS V, POPE

5.00 pm Exposition
6.00 pm Vigil Mass

Pro Populo

SUNDAY 1ST MAY

✠ THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

*Ps. Week 3
Nicefra & Simon Nowak
Guy Finnis RIP*

Confessions: Confessions are heard for half an hour before all Masses, or by making an appointment with the Rector.

Exposition & Benediction: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place each weekday, except Tuesdays from 12noon – 1pm, and every day, except Tuesdays, from 5pm – 6pm.

YOU MAY HAVE LIFE IN HIS NAME

This Sunday concludes the Octave of Easter. It is a unique day "made by the Lord", distinguished by the outstanding event of the Resurrection and the joy of the disciples at seeing Jesus. Since antiquity this Sunday has been called in albis from the Latin name, alba, which was given to the white vestments the neophytes put on for their Baptism on Easter night and took off eight days later, that is, today. Pope St John Paul II entitled this same Sunday "Divine Mercy Sunday" on the occasion of the canonization of Sr Mary Faustina Kowalska on 30 April 2000.

The Gospel passage from St John is full of mercy and divine goodness. It recounts that after the Resurrection Jesus visited his disciples, passing through the closed doors of the Upper Room. St Augustine explains that "the shutting of doors presented no obstacle to the matter of that body, wherein the Godhead resided. He indeed could enter without their being opened, by whose birth the virginity of his mother remained inviolate"; and St Gregory the Great added that after his Resurrection the Redeemer appeared with a Body by its nature incorruptible and tangible, but in a state of glory. Jesus showed the signs of his Passion even to the point of allowing Doubting Thomas to touch him; but how can a disciple possibly doubt? Actually God's indulgence enables us to profit even from Thomas' disbelief, as well as from the believing disciples. Indeed, in touching the Lord's wounds, the hesitant disciple not only heals his own diffidence but also ours.

The visit of the Risen One is not limited to the space of the Upper Room but goes beyond it, to the point that all can receive the gift of peace and life with the "creative Breath". In fact Jesus said twice to his disciples, "Peace be with you". And he added, "As the Father has sent me, even so I send you". Having said this he breathed on them, saying "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained". This is the mission of the Church, eternally assisted by the Paraclete: to bear the Good News, the joyful reality of God's merciful love, in order, as St John says, "that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in his name".

In the light of these words all are encouraged, Pastors in particular, to follow the example of the holy Curé d'Ars, who "in his time... was able to transform the hearts and the lives of so many people because he enabled them to experience the Lord's merciful love. Our own time urgently needs a similar proclamation and witness to the truth of Love". In this way we shall make increasingly familiar and close the One whom our eyes have not seen but of whose infinite Mercy we are absolutely certain. Let us ask the Virgin Mary, Queen of Apostles, to sustain the Church's mission and invoke her exulting with joy.

SEVEN DAY LAMPS

Are available at the back of the church for £5, or online at maidenlane.org.uk/lamps You can also have the lamps that hang in the Sanctuary burn for a particular intention of yours.

CONCERT FOR UKRAINE

On **Thursday 5th May at 7:30pm**, Wigmore Hall presents an evening of fundraising and music at its neighbour, the **Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral**, featuring special guest artists at the invitation of John Gilhooly, including Ailish Tynan, Mark Padmore and Elizabeth Kenny. All ticket sale proceeds from this event will go to direct aid partners on the ground, a network including Catholic charities and the British Red Cross. There will also be the opportunity to donate on the night. We are very grateful to all participating artists who are kindly donating their fees for this concert, so that all ticket sales can go directly to supporting those who need it most. More information and tickets available at bit.ly/3rvuM7w

SODALITY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The next Sodality of the Blessed Sacrament Mass, followed by Adoration and Benediction, will be on **Thursday 5th May at 6:30pm**. This month our guest preacher will be **Fr John Hemer**, who is one of the lecturers at Allen Hall seminary. All are most welcome, whether a Sodality member or not. To find out more, sodality.co.uk

MISSALS

One Catholic custom which has slowly faded away over the years is owning a pew Missal. It is a very good thing to own a Missal of your own, to allow you to reflect on the texts at Mass more deeply and to pray the Mass along with the priest. If you do not have one presently, the CTS sells these for as little as £8, and they are printed in both English and Latin. You can find them at bit.ly/3vDKn6k

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

Over the last little while, I've seen a number a number of people who've wanted to talk about their spiritual lives. I've been so impressed by some of the stories I've heard and the levels of commitment people have to the Catholic Faith and their relationship with God. There are many Catholics who are truly wanting to develop their intimate relationship with the Lord and we were very pleased to welcome two of them into the Church at the Easter Vigil this year. Deo gratias! If you'd like to come and talk about your spiritual life, as a one-off, or a possibly ongoing relationship, please have a word with me. *Fr Alan Robinson*

MASS INTENTIONS

To have a Mass offered for your intentions, use the envelopes at the back of the church or visit the website at maidenlane.org.uk/intentions The earliest dates available are in May.

CONFESSION Confessions are heard for half an hour before all Masses, or upon request. The Precepts of the Church say that Catholics must confess serious sin at least once a year. *See the Catechism of the Catholic Church, Article 2041*

RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

During the Triduum we had two people who tried to walk away with the Blessed Sacrament concealed in their hand – and a few incidents where the Sacred Host almost ended up on the floor. If you wish to receive Holy Communion in the hand, put one hand flat upon the other, **not like a book**, and please consume the Sacred Host as soon as you have received it... and without moving or walking away from the altar rail.

Our sick parishioners and friends: Berenice Roetheli, Brona Lynch, Sheena Colman, Christos Hana, Philip Barney, Donna Webb, Christopher Bronne, Sandra Jones, Velrich Fernandes, Kee Ow Peng, Maria Jessiman, 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, John Lynch, Ann Gorman, Janet Seeley
Of your charity – please pray for those who have died recently: Muriel Jane Humphries, Sr Jolanta, OCarm., Heather Bashford, Fr David Irwin, Jose Antonio & Bertha, Sir David Amess, Richard Canon Hearn, Amarilde Pellegrini, Concetta Wager, Nellie Goodwin, Marlis Okeke, Paul Colman, Nancy McWilliams, Virginia Maria Vaz, Fr Kidane Lebasi, Mgr Mark Langham, Mary Quinlan, Larinka Wright, Claus Tenzler, Mgr Frederick Canon Miles, Christiane Brown