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CORPUS CHRISTI THE DIOCESAN SHRINE OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



MAY – MONTH DEDICATED TO
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

✠ HOLY MASS FOR THE WEEK – 1ST MAY 2022 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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 Finniss RIP*

MONDAY 2ND – BANK HOLIDAY

ST ATHANASIUS, BISHOP & DOCTOR

10.00 am Mass
6.30pm Mass – 1962 Missal

Thomas Law Doss – Intentions

TUESDAY 3RD

Ss PHILIP AND JAMES, APOSTLES

No public Mass today. Church open for prayer.

Our Lady's Intentions

WEDNESDAY 4TH

THE ENGLISH MARTYRS

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

Kurt Tenzler RIP – Anniversary

THURSDAY 5TH

EASTER FERIA

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
6.30 pm Sodality of the Blessed Sacrament Mass

*John Delaney RIP
Sodality Members*

FRIDAY 6TH

EASTER FERIA

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour

Maria King – Intentions

SATURDAY 7TH

EASTER FERIA

5.00 pm Exposition
6.00 pm Vigil Mass

Eva Wiesinger RIP – Anniversary

SUNDAY 8TH

✠ FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

*Ps. Week 4
Nancy McWilliams RIP
Pro Populo*

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.

CAST THE NET

Today we hear part of the account of the third appearance of the Risen One to the disciples, on the shores of the Sea of Tiberias, which tells of the miraculous catch.

After the "scandal" of the Cross, the disciples had returned to their land and their work as fishermen, to the activities they had carried out before they met Jesus. They had returned to their previous life and this suggests the atmosphere of dispersion and bewilderment that prevailed in their communities.

It was difficult for the disciples to understand what had happened. But while everything seemed to have ended, once again, as on the road to Emmaus, it was Jesus who came to his friends. This time he met them by the lake, a place that evokes the trials and tribulations of life; he met them when day was breaking, after a futile night-long effort.

Their nets were empty. In a certain way, this seems to sum up their experience with Jesus: they had known him, they had been beside him, and he had promised them so many things. Nevertheless, they found themselves with empty nets and no fish.

Yet, here at dawn Jesus comes to meet them, even though they do not immediately recognize him. "Daybreak" in the Bible often points to God's extraordinary interventions. In the Book of Exodus, for example, it was "in the morning watch" that the Lord intervened "in the pillar of fire and of cloud" to save his people in the flight to Egypt. And again it was dawn when Mary Magdalene and the other women who had hastened to the tomb met the Risen Lord.

In the Gospel passage on which we are meditating, night had also passed and the Lord said to the disciples, exhausted by their efforts and disappointed at having caught no fish: "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some". Fish usually fall into the net at night when it is dark and not in the morning, by which time the water is transparent. Yet the disciples trusted Jesus and the result was a miraculously abundant catch with such a quantity of fish that they were unable to haul in the net.

At this point John, enlightened by love, turned to Peter and said: "It is the Lord!". The perceptive look of the disciple whom Jesus loved - an image of the believer - recognized the Teacher present on the lake shore. "It is the Lord!": his spontaneous profession of faith is also an invitation to us to proclaim that the Risen Christ is the Lord of our life.

Dear brothers and sisters, may the Church repeat constantly with John's enthusiasm: Jesus Christ "is the Lord!".

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.

CONFESSION Confessions are normally 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, usually during the Easter Season. *See the Catechism of the Catholic Church, Article 2041*

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

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.

ROSARY SHRINE CELEBRATIONS

The Master of the Dominican Order is coming to England to celebrate the 800th anniversary of the arrival of the Dominican friars in England, and he will join the Rosary Shrine in Haverstock Hill for some special events to mark the close of this year of 800th anniversary celebrations.

On **Saturday 21 May at 7:30pm**, there will be a concert performed by the award-winning choir Cappella Nova, who will be performing choral pieces written by Sir James MacMillan CBE, who is regarded as the greatest living Catholic composer. Sir James himself will be in attendance at this concert, and after the concert he will be interviewed about his music and connections to the Order. Tickets for the concert (£15) or concert + wine reception and interview (£25) are available online, or on the door on the night. To buy a ticket visit bit.ly/3EZUiYg

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.

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. 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*

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: Sheila Szymczak, Fr Tony Brunning, Muriel Jane Humphries, Sr Jolanta, OCarm., Heather Bashford, Fr David Irwin, Jose Antonio & Bertha, Sir David Amess, Richard Canon Hearn, Amarilde Pellegrini, Concetta Wager, Marlis Okeke, Paul Colman, Nancy McWilliams, Virginia Maria Vaz, Fr Kidane Lebasi, Mgr Mark Langham, Mary Quinlan, Larinka Wright, Claus Tenzler, Christiane Brown