

IF YOU PICK THIS SHEET UP, PLEASE DO NOT PUT IT BACK. TAKE IT AWAY WITH YOU!

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*This parish is part of the WRCDT
Registered Charity Number 233699*

WEEKLY GIVING

Sunday 15th March 2020
Loose £585.16
Envelopes £100.00

Thank you for your continued support.

THE LAMPS ARE BURNING FOR:

SANCTUARY LAMPS

Nicholas, Peter & Giles Leigh

LADY CHAPEL

Emma, Euan & Ethan Woodworth

*To have the lamps burning for your intentions,
use an envelope at the back of the church or
visit the website.*



CORPUS CHRISTI

THE DIOCESAN SHRINE OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

MARCH – MONTH DEDICATED TO ST JOSEPH

✠ HOLY MASS FOR THE WEEK – 22ND MARCH 2020

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT – LAETARE SUNDAY

PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE ARE NO PUBLIC MASSES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. MASSES WILL CONTINUE TO BE SAID IN PRIVATE AND ALL MASS INTENTIONS WILL STILL BE OFFERED ON THE ASSIGNED DATES.

THE CHURCH CONTINUES TO BE OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER. PLEASE KEEP AN EYE ON THE PARISH WEBSITE, FACEBOOK PAGE AND INSTAGRAM FEED FOR ALL UPDATES.

FACEBOOK: FB.COM/CORPUSCHRISTIMAIDENLANE

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SUNDAY 22ND

✠ 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT – LAETARE SUNDAY

(Ps Week 4)

Pro Populo

MONDAY 23RD

LENT FERIA (ST TURIBIUS OF MOGROVEJO, BISHOP)

Giles Leigh – Ints.

TUESDAY 24TH

LENT FERIA

Peter Leigh – Ints.

WEDNESDAY 25TH

THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

Bishop Robert Byrne – Ints.

THURSDAY 26TH

LENT FERIA

Christiane Brown – RIP

FRIDAY 27TH

LENT FERIA

Siobhan Hills – Ints.

(Friday Abstinence)

SATURDAY 28TH

LENT FERIA

Matt Kavanagh – RIP

SUNDAY 29TH

✠ 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT – PASSION SUNDAY

(Ps Week 1)

Pro Populo

REGULAR PARISH GROUPS:

Sodality of the Blessed Sacrament: First Thursday of the Month, 6:30pm, Mass, Adoration and Benediction with a different guest preacher each month. All welcome! More info and membership at www.sodality.co.uk

Mass in the Extraordinary Form (Missal of 1962): Mondays & Bank Holidays 6.30pm; Second Friday of the month 6:30pm
Contact Latin Mass Society Tel: 020 7404 7284 Web: www.lms.org.uk

Eucharistic Prayer Group: Young Adults Prayer Group each Wednesday 7pm in Church with Eucharistic Adoration and Rosary - Mass first Wednesday of the Month. Contact Annette: ccpguk@gmail.com

CaAPA (The Catholic Association for Performing Arts) www.caapa.org.uk Email: secretary@caapa.org.uk

St. John Paul II Prayer Group (Fraternity of St. Genesius) 7.00pm on 2nd Thursday of each month – Mass, Benediction and Blessing with First Class Relic of Pope St. John Paul II.

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Saturday evening after the Vigil Mass.

SO WHAT NOW?

On Friday, like many clergy, I offered my last public Mass for the time being. The next one will be when the present situation with the Covid-19 virus is over, or significantly improved. The decision of when to allow you to attend the celebration of Holy Mass and to receive Holy Communion again will be made by the Bishops of England and Wales. If you were seriously ill and in danger of death, you would of course be able to receive Viaticum, i.e. the food for the journey from this world to the next. But in the circumstances in which we presently find ourselves, you cannot attend Mass or receive Holy Communion. I realise that for many, many Catholics, this is a most distressing situation. So what can I say to you?

Mass will be celebrated each day – **8.00am Monday to Saturday and 9.30am on Sunday**. We will be live streaming the Masses, so that you can take part. You can also make a Spiritual Communion: not just during the Mass but at any time during the day. The Shrine will then open for prayer after the Mass, and will be open all day.

From Monday to Friday there will be **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 12.00noon – 1.30pm**. During this time it will also be possible to make your **Confession** – or on call at other times.

Every day there will be **Rosary and Exposition 5.00pm – 6.00pm** – this too will eventually live streamed. If you would like us to pray for any particular situation during this time of prayer, please let us know.

MASS INTENTIONS AND SANCTUARY LAMPS

The Masses you have requested we will of course continue to offer on their requested dates – though we will now only have one Sunday Mass, so some of those requests may need to be moved to a later date.

You can continue to request Mass intentions by going on our website at maidenlane.org.uk/intentions

The same is true for the Sanctuary Lamps. Our Lord remains in the tabernacle and the lamps before Him continue to burn. Have them burn for your intentions by visiting maidenlane.org.uk/lamps

MONEY...

I don't like saying this but we, like so many, will be financially affected by the present situation. Unlike many parishes, we have no investments and no property that we collect rent from. We rely almost entirely on the generosity of visitors / tourists for our income – and there aren't any! So, we'd be most grateful if you could continue to help support us. You can make your weekly offering online by visiting maidenlane.org.uk/support All the info on Gift Aid, standing orders etc. is there.

We may need to amend these arrangements as time goes on, but we'll keep you posted on:
Facebook: [fb.com/corpuschristimaidenlane](https://www.facebook.com/corpuschristimaidenlane),
Instagram: [@corpuschristishrine](https://www.instagram.com/corpuschristishrine)
and the parish website: www.maidenlane.org.uk
So please keep looking.

I realise some of you may feel rather isolated and alone: please be aware that we are here for you. You are very much in the daily prayers of the Shrine – and you can contact us at any time, by telephone or email. We're not going away! Don't worry – just contact us.

Please keep safe, and with prayers and blessings from the Shrine
Fr Alan

FOLLOWING THE MASS EACH DAY

Obviously, as you can not physically get to Mass, the Bishops have dispensed the Obligation. You will not be in mortal sin if you do not attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days. However – Sundays are still holy days – the Sabbath. Please keep the Sabbath. Say your prayers, follow the Masses online, spend some time in quiet and prayer. Perhaps you might want to set up a little Shrine at home, with holy images, where you can focus on the Lord and try to tune out of the every day world.

It would be wise for each person to have their own Missal so that they can follow the prayers and readings at Mass, even from home. These can be ordered from **CTS Books** or simply download the **Universalis** app to your phone.

You will be unable to receive Sacramental Communion, but you can always make a Spiritual Communion from wherever you are, as often as you like. (words below).

In Spiritual Communion, we express our fervent desire to receive Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament and to be united with Him. The Church teaches that if you are in a State of Grace and make a Spiritual Communion, you will receive the fruits of the Sacrament.

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION:

My Jesus, I most firmly believe that You are really present in the Blessed Sacrament. I place my whole confidence in You, and I love You above all things. Oh that I had never offended You! I ardently desire to be united to You, my loving Saviour, and never to be separated from You. What have I in heaven, and besides you what do I desire upon earth! Veni, Domine Jesu!

A PRAYER AGAINST PLAGUE *A prayer from the 17th Century...*

Grant, we beseech you, almighty God, that we who in your name seek the grace of your protection, through the intercession of Blessed Mary ever Virgin, your saints Sebastian, Adrian, Anthony, Roch, Benno and of all the saints, having been freed from plague, and sudden death, may serve you with untroubled minds. Amen.

Our sick parishioners and friends: Sue Wingfield, Marilyn Bruce-Mitford, Sean Brennan, Peter Noakes, Tony Pearce, Mgr Frederik Miles, 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, Jack Ward, Traute Pollock, Noël Tobin, Geoff Smale, David Michael Barrett, Christopher Browne, John Lynch, Colin Folan, Ann Gorman, Janet Seeley

Of your charity – please pray for those who have died recently: Collette Nevens, Fred and Cathy Payne, Archbishop Peter Smith, Rita Lobo, Bill Tomlinson, Mgr John Klyberg, Mgr. Anthony George Stark KCHS, Mgr. Wolfgang Nastainczyk, Fr Bernard James Crowe, Fr Peter Stevens, Susan Elliott-Smith, Jim Ryan, Archbishop Michael Bowen, Fr Barry Ffrench, Bernard (Bunny) France KC*HS, Fr Tom Quinn, Essi Tamaddom, Ruth Nicol, Christiane Brown, Fr Denis Patrick Watters, Mrs Anne Mary Youde DHS, Martin King, Mary Muir, Gedeon Egbert Woodworth, Anthony Pearce