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### THE LAMPS ARE BURNING FOR:

#### SANCTUARY LAMPS

McGrory & McGee Family Ints.  
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Kathleen & Derik RIP  
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Blanche

#### LADY CHAPEL

Euan Woodworth

#### SACRED HEART CHAPEL

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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 – 8<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2022 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

#### SUNDAY 8<sup>TH</sup>

#### ✠ 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*

#### MONDAY 9<sup>TH</sup>

#### EASTER FERIA

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

*Natercia & Fulvius Fernandes*

#### TUESDAY 10<sup>TH</sup>

#### ST JOHN OF AVILA, PRIEST & DOCTOR

No public Mass today. Church open for prayer. *Liam Bell RIP – Anniversary*

#### WEDNESDAY 11<sup>TH</sup>

#### EASTER FERIA

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

*Beverley Shian Ward RIP – 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary*

#### THURSDAY 12<sup>TH</sup>

#### ST PANCRAS, MARTYR

12 noon Exposition  
1.05 pm Mass  
5.00 pm Holy Hour

*Tadeusz Sroka RIP*

#### FRIDAY 13<sup>TH</sup>

#### OUR LADY OF FATIMA

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

*(Friday abstinence)*

*Conversion of Russia*

*Good Counsel Network*

#### SATURDAY 14<sup>TH</sup>

#### ST MATTHIAS, APOSTLE

5.00 pm Exposition  
6.00 pm Vigil Mass

*Thanksgiving – Neville D'mello*

#### SUNDAY 15<sup>TH</sup>

#### ✠ FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

*Ps. Week 1*

*Patrick Slatter RIP – Anniversary  
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.

## LOVE FOR YOUR SHEEP

On this Fourth Sunday of Easter, known as "Good Shepherd Sunday", the World Day of Prayer for Vocations is celebrated. The first form of witness that awakens vocation is prayer, as the example of St Monica shows. By humbly and insistently imploring God she obtained the grace of seeing her son Augustine become a Christian. He wrote: "Without uncertainty, I believe and affirm that through her prayers God granted me the intention of not putting first, not desiring, not thinking and not loving, anything other than the achievement of truth". I therefore invite parents to pray, that the hearts of their children may be open to listening to the Good Shepherd, and that "each tiny seed of a vocation... may... grow into a mature tree, bearing much good fruit for the Church and for all humanity".

How can we listen to the voice of the Lord and recognize it? In the preaching of the Apostles and of their successors in which Christ's voice rings out, calling us to communion with God and to the fullness of life. As we read today in the Gospel of St John: "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me; and I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish, and no one shall snatch them out of my hand". The Good Shepherd alone tends his flock with deep tenderness and protects it from evil, and in him alone can the faithful put absolute trust.

On this day of special prayers for vocations, we pray that the ordained ministries in particular feel committed to bearing "a more forceful and incisive witness to the Gospel in today's world". May they remember that the priest "continues the work of redemption on earth"; may they gladly pause "before the tabernacle"; may they seek to remain "completely faithful to [their] own vocation and mission through the practice of an austere asceticism"; may they make themselves available to listening and to forgiving; may they impart a Christian formation to the people entrusted to them; may they take pains to foster a "priestly fraternity". May they follow the example of wise and zealous Pastors, as did St Gregory of Nazianzus, who wrote to his fraternal friend and Bishop, St Basil: "Teach us your love for the sheep, your solicitude and your capacity for understanding, your watchfulness... severity in gentleness, serenity and meekness in activity... combats in defence of the flock, victories... won in Christ".

## 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 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*

## 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](http://maidenlane.org.uk/intentions) The earliest dates are in June.

## PRIEST TRAINING FUND

This Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday and our second collection will support the Priest Training Fund. This fund pays for the priestly formation of men for the Catholic priesthood. There are currently 58 men studying at Allen Hall seminary, 17 of whom are from our own Diocese, and two men are studying in Rome, also from our Diocese. Last year four men who studied at Allen Hall were ordained to the priesthood to serve as our future priests. The fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. Your gift ensures we can provide training for these men responding to Christ's call to dedicate their lives to serve God's people. Please be as generous as you can. Please also pray for vocations and for all our priests. If you do not have a donation envelope, plenty are still available at the back of the church. You can use the QR code to make your donation online or visit [rcdow.org.uk/donations](http://rcdow.org.uk/donations). Thank you for your generosity.

## LONDON EUCHARISTIC OCTAVE / QUARANT'ORE 2022

Following the success of last year's Eucharistic Octave, we are pleased to be hosting a similar week of celebrations centred on the Blessed Sacrament this year. The week will run from **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June**, and will include our annual *Quarant'Ore* celebrations and the Corpus Christi Procession. The week will include celebrations of the Liturgy in the various rites and uses of the Catholic Church, showing the richness of our faith and honouring Our Lord in the Sacrifice of the Altar.

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup>:** 6pm – Opening Mass

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup>:** 9:30am & 11:30am Masses

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup>:** 6:30pm – Mass in the Dominican Rite

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup>:** 6:30pm – Holy Qurbana (Syro-Malabar Rite), celebrated by Bishop Joseph Srampickal

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>:** 6:30pm – Ukrainian Divine Liturgy, celebrated by Bishop Kenneth Nowakowski

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>:** 6:30pm – Mass of Corpus Christi, opening the annual *Quarant'Ore*. Exposition until Midnight.

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup>:** 7am – Midnight: Exposition. 6:30pm: Mass in the Ordinarite Use of the Roman Rite

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup>:** 7am – 6pm: Exposition. 6:00pm: Mass closing *Quarant'Ore*

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup>:** 11am Pontifical Mass of Corpus Christi, followed by a Eucharistic Procession, celebrated by **Archbishop Claudio Gugerotti**, Apostolic Nuncio. *There will only be one Mass this Sunday.*

**There is no 9:30am Mass this day.**

To volunteer to watch an hour during the *Quarant'Ore* or to submit a prayer intention/have a lamp burning before Our Lord, visit [maidenlane.org.uk/forty](http://maidenlane.org.uk/forty)

For full details about the Eucharistic Octave, visit [catholiclondon.org](http://catholiclondon.org)

## FR ALAN'S SILVER JUBILEE

This year, Fr Alan celebrates 25 years since his Ordination to the Sacred Priesthood. To mark this milestone, there will be a Sung Mass on **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June at 6:30pm** – the Vigil of Ss Peter and Paul. There will be a reception afterwards with drinks and nibbles. Parishioners old and new, as well as visitors to the Shrine, are warmly invited to celebrate with him. (Clergy: choir dress)

**Our sick parishioners and friends:** Almudena Dagn, 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, 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