

### RECTORY

1 Maiden Lane, Covent Garden,  
LONDON, WC2E 7NB  
020 7836 4700

### THE ACTORS' CHURCH

National Church for Catholic Actors

### RECTOR

Fr Alan I P Robinson  
a.i.p.robinson@btinternet.com

### PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

Alex Dimminger  
maidenlane@rcdow.org.uk

### DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Edward Kay

### SAFEGUARDING

Sabina Leigh  
coventgardensg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk

### PARISH WEBSITE

[www.maidenlane.org.uk](http://www.maidenlane.org.uk)

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

### DONATIONS

[maidenlane.org.uk/  
support](http://maidenlane.org.uk/support)  
or scan the QR Code



*Thank you for your  
kindness and generosity.*

### THE LAMPS ARE BURNING FOR:

**SANCTUARY LAMPS**  
Her Majesty, The Queen

**LADY CHAPEL**  
Euan Woodworth

**SACRED HEART CHAPEL**  
Emma Woodworth

*To have the lamps burning for your intentions,  
visit [maidenlane.org.uk/lamps](http://maidenlane.org.uk/lamps)*

### FIND US ONLINE

 **LIVE STREAM**  
[maidenlane.org.uk/live](http://maidenlane.org.uk/live)

 **FACEBOOK**  
[corpuschristimaidenlane](https://www.facebook.com/corpuschristimaidenlane)

 **INSTAGRAM**  
[@corpuschristishrine](https://www.instagram.com/corpuschristishrine)

 **WEB**  
[maidenlane.org.uk](http://maidenlane.org.uk)



## CORPUS CHRISTI THE DIOCESAN SHRINE OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



MAY – MONTH DEDICATED TO  
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

### ✠ HOLY MASS FOR THE WEEK – 29<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2022 SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**APOLOGIES, BUT THERE WILL BE NO 5 PM HOLY HOUR THIS WEEK.**

#### SUNDAY 29<sup>TH</sup>

#### ✠ SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

9.30 am Mass  
11.30 am Sung Mass in Latin  
N.B. No Holy Hour today. Apologies.

*Ps. Week 3  
Elizabeth Leiv – Intentions  
Janina Sroka RIP*

#### MONDAY 30<sup>TH</sup>

#### EASTER FERIA

12 noon Exposition  
1.05 pm Mass  
N.B. No Holy Hour today. Apologies  
6.30pm Mass – 1962 Missal

*Kaden Jameson – Intentions*

#### TUESDAY 31<sup>ST</sup>

#### THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

No public Mass today. Church open for prayer. *Monica Remedios RIP – Anniversary*

#### WEDNESDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> JUNE

#### ST JUSTIN, MARTYR

12 noon Exposition  
1.05 pm Mass  
7.00 pm Prayer Group

*Ellen Doherty – Anniversary*

#### THURSDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> – BANK HOLIDAY

#### SS MARCELLINUS AND PETER, MARTYRS

NB No public Mass today. Apologies.

*Natercia & Fulvius Fernandes*

#### FRIDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> – BANK HOLIDAY

#### ST CHARLES LWANGA AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

10.00 am Mass

*Nicefra & Simon Nowak*

#### SATURDAY 4<sup>TH</sup>

#### EASTER FERIA

5.00 pm Exposition  
6.00 pm Vigil Mass

*Pro Populo*

#### SUNDAY 5<sup>TH</sup>

#### ✠ PENTECOST SUNDAY

9.30 am Mass  
11.30 am Sung Mass in Latin  
N.B. No Holy Hour today. Apologies.

*Ps. Week 2  
Paul Kiernan – Intentions  
Her Majesty, The Queen*

**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.

## CONVERSE WITH HEAVEN

This past week we celebrated the Ascension of Jesus into Heaven which occurred on the 40th day after Easter. Likewise, on this Sunday we are also celebrating the World Day of Social Communications on the theme: "Listening with the ear of the heart". The Liturgy of Ascension narrates of the episode of the final departure of Jesus from his disciples; but it is not an abandonment, because he remains always with them with us but under a new form. St Bernard of Clairvaux explains that Jesus' Ascension into Heaven is accomplished in three steps: "The first is the glory of the Resurrection; the second is the power to judge; and the third is sitting at the right hand of the Father". Such an event is preceded by the blessing of the disciples, whom he prepares to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, in order that salvation is proclaimed everywhere. Jesus himself says to them: "You are witnesses of these things. And behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you".

The Lord draws the gaze of the Apostles our gaze toward Heaven to show how to travel the road of good during earthly life. Nevertheless, he remains within the framework of human history, he is near to each of us and guides our Christian journey: he is the companion of the those persecuted for the faith, he is in the heart of those who are marginalized, he is present in those whom the right to life is denied. We can hear, see and touch our Lord Jesus in the Church, especially through the word and the sacraments. In this regard, we think particularly of the young people who during this Easter Season are receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. May they remain faithful to the Word of God and to the doctrine learnt, and also to assiduously approach Confession and the Eucharist, conscious of having been chosen and constituted to witness to the Truth.

Dear Brothers and Sisters, the Lord opening the way to Heaven, gives us a foretaste of divine life already on this earth. A 19th-century Russian author wrote in his spiritual testament: "Observe the stars more often. When you have a burden in your soul, look at the stars or the azure of the sky. When you feel sad, when they offend you... converse... with Heaven. Then your soul will find rest".

## SEVEN DAY LAMPS

Are available at the back of the church for £6, 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 available are in July.

## CHANGES TO THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Please be aware that there are several changes to the Mass schedule this week. There will be no 5pm Holy Hour until next Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June. There will be no Mass on this coming Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June, and the Mass on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> is at 10am as it is a Bank Holiday.

## THE RETURN OF THE SUNDAY OBLIGATION

The Sunday Obligation is due to be resumed from the Solemnity of Pentecost – ie **next Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June**. Our fundamental Christian duty is to worship God by participating in the celebration of Mass. The Church has always maintained that those who are unable to attend Mass because of ill health, or some other grave reason, are not bound by the Obligation. However, for the rest of us we have a duty to honour God by being present at Mass.

## 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:** Phil Bawden, Almudena Dagn, 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:** Berenice Roetheli, 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