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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 – 22ND MAY 2022
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

SUNDAY 22ND

✠ SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

*Ps. Week 2
John Moran RIP
Pro Populo*

MONDAY 23RD

EASTER FERIA

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

Julie Ponman RIP

TUESDAY 24TH

EASTER FERIA

No public Mass today. Church open for prayer.

Benefactors of Corpus Christi

WEDNESDAY 25TH

ST BEDE THE VENERABLE, PRIEST & DOCTOR

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

Horgan Families – Intentions

THURSDAY 26TH

✠ THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

8.00 am Mass – 1962 Missal
12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour
6.30 pm Sung Mass in Latin

Edie Moran – Intentions

Pro Populo

Thanksgiving – DC

FRIDAY 27TH

ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, BISHOP

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
N.B. No Holy Hour today. Apologies.

Diego & Maria Teresa Foyo – Wedding Anniversary

(Friday abstinence)

SATURDAY 28TH

EASTER FERIA

5.00 pm Exposition
6.00 pm Vigil Mass

Pro Populo

SUNDAY 29TH

✠ 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 Leiw – Intentions
Janina Sroka 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.

KEEP MY WORD

May is a month beloved and welcomed for many reasons. In our hemisphere, spring comes with a wealth of colourful flowers and normally, the climate is conducive to walks and excursions. For the Liturgy, May is always part of the Easter Season, the time of the "Alleluia", of the revelation of Christ's mystery in the light of the Resurrection and of our Paschal faith; and it is the time of awaiting the Holy Spirit who came down on the nascent Church powerfully at Pentecost. The Church's tradition of dedicating the month of May to the Virgin Mary harmonizes very well with both these contexts, the natural and the liturgical. Indeed, she is the most beautiful flower to have unfolded since the Creation, the "rose" that appeared in the fullness of time when God, by sending his Son, gave the world a new springtime. At the same time she is the humble and discreet protagonist of the first steps taken by the Christian community: Mary is its spiritual heart since her very presence among the disciples is a living memory of the Lord Jesus and a pledge of the gift of his Spirit.

This Sunday's Gospel, taken from Chapter 14 of the Gospel according to St John, gives us an implicit spiritual portrait of the Virgin Mary when Jesus says: "Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him". These words are addressed to the disciples but can be applied to a maximum degree precisely to the One who was the first and perfect disciple of Jesus. Mary, in fact, observed first and fully the words of her Son, showing that she loved him not only as a mother, but first of all as a humble and obedient handmaid. For this reason God the Father loved her and the Most Holy Trinity made its dwelling place in her. Furthermore, when Jesus promises his friends that the Holy Spirit will come to their aid to help them remember and deeply understand his every word, how can we not think of Mary who, in her heart, the temple of the Holy Spirit, pondered and interpreted faithfully all that her Son said and did? Thus already before Easter but especially after it the Mother of Jesus also became the Mother and model of the Church.

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 28th June at 6:30pm** – the Vigil of Sts 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)

SEVEN DAY LAMPS

Are available at the back of the church for £6, 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*

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

This coming Thursday is the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, which is usually a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be at **8am** in the Extraordinary Form, **1:05pm** Said Mass in English, and **6:30pm** as a Sung Mass in Latin. There will also be the usual Holy Hour with Vespers & the Rosary at 5pm.

THE RETURN OF THE SUNDAY OBLIGATION

The Sunday Obligation is due to be resumed from the Solemnity of Pentecost – ie **Sunday 5th 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 11th – Sunday 19th 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 11th: 6pm – Opening Mass

Sunday 12th: 9:30am & 11:30am Masses

Monday 13th: 6:30pm – Mass in the Dominican Rite

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

Wednesday 15th: 6:30pm – Ukrainian Divine Liturgy, celebrated by Bishop Kenneth Nowakowski

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

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

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

Sunday 19th: 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 For full details about the Eucharistic Octave, visit catholiclondon.org

RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

There are copies of Cardinal Nichol's Pastoral Letter of 28th June 2011 available at the back of the church. The topic of this Pastoral Letter is, Receiving Holy Communion. Despite the date, nothing has changed, and it lays out things perfectly. As the **Sunday Obligation** is about to be restored on Pentecost Sunday, I thought it would be a great opportunity for us all to read this, and remind ourselves the importance of meeting with the Lord in Holy Communion, and the manner in which we should do this.

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