

## 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

Private Intention

### LADY CHAPEL

Macleod Family

### SACRED HEART CHAPEL

Shiroma Frugniet – Intentions

*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

JULY – MONTH DEDICATED TO  
THE MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD OF OUR LORD

## ✠ HOLY MASS FOR THE WEEK – 24<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2022 17<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### SUNDAY 24<sup>TH</sup>

#### ✠ 17<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

*Ps. Week 1  
Johnny Benson RIP  
Pro Populo*

### MONDAY 25<sup>TH</sup>

#### ST JAMES, APOSTLE

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

*Patrick Pineda – Intentions*

### TUESDAY 26<sup>TH</sup>

#### SS JOACHIM & ANNE, PARENTS OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

No lunchtime Mass today.

*Stephen Mosley RIP*

### WEDNESDAY 27<sup>TH</sup>

#### FERIA

12 noon Exposition  
1.05 pm Mass  
5.00 pm Holy Hour  
Prayer Group resumes in September.

*Norman Khor RIP*

### THURSDAY 28<sup>TH</sup>

#### FERIA

12noon Exposition  
1.05 pm Mass  
5.00 pm Holy Hour

*Andrea Holcombe – Intentions*

### FRIDAY 29<sup>TH</sup>

#### SS MARTHA, MARY AND LAZARUS

12noon Exposition  
1.05 pm Mass  
5.00 pm Holy Hour

*(Friday abstinence)*

*Maria Gilleece RIP*

### SATURDAY 30<sup>TH</sup>

#### ST PETER CHRYSOLOGUS, BISHOP & DOCTOR

5.00 pm Exposition  
6.00 pm Vigil Mass

*Pro Populo*

### SUNDAY 31<sup>ST</sup>

#### ✠ 18<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

*Ps. Week 2  
Pauline McMahon RIP – Anniversary  
Dipre Family Intentions*

**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.

## OUR FATHER

This Sunday's Gospel presents Jesus to us absorbed in prayer, a little apart from his disciples. When he had finished, one of them said to him: "Lord, teach us to pray". Jesus had no objection, he did not speak of strange or esoteric formulas but very simply said: "When you pray, say: 'Father'", and he taught the Our Father, taking it from his own prayer in which he himself spoke to God, his Father. St Luke passes the Our Father on to us in a shorter form than that found in the Gospel according to St Matthew, which has entered into common usage. We have before us the first words of Sacred Scripture that we learn in childhood. They are impressed in our memory, mould our life and accompany us to our last breath. They reveal that "we are not ready-made children of God from the start, but that we are meant to become so increasingly by growing more and more deeply in communion with Jesus. Our sonship turns out to be identical with following Christ".

This prayer also accepts and expresses human material and spiritual needs: "Give us each day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins". It is precisely because of the needs and difficulties of every day that Jesus exhorts us forcefully: "I tell you, ask, and it will be given you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For every one who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened". It is not so much asking in order to satisfy our own desires as, rather, to keep a lively friendship with God who, the Gospel continues, "will give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!". The ancient "Desert Fathers" experienced this, as did contemplatives of all epochs who became, through prayer, friends of God, like Abraham who begged the Lord to spare the few righteous from the destruction of the city of Sodom. St Teresa of Avila addressed an invitation to her sisters with the words: we must "beseech God to deliver us from these perils for ever and to keep us from all evil! And although our desire for this may not be perfect, let us strive to make the petition. What does it cost us to ask it, since we ask it of One who is so powerful?". Every time we say the Our Father our voices mingle with the voice of the Church, for those who pray are never alone. "From the rich variety of Christian prayer as proposed by the Church, each member of the faithful should seek and find his own way, his own form of prayer... each person will, therefore, let himself be led... by the Holy Spirit, who guides him, through Christ, to the Father".

Tomorrow is the Feast of the Apostle St James, known as "the Greater", who left his father and his work as a fisherman to follow Jesus and to give his life for him he was the first of the Apostles to do so. We pray especially for our friends at St. James's, Spanish Place, whose Patronal Feast it is. May the Virgin Mary help us to rediscover the beauty and depth of Christian prayer.

## 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)

## VESTMENTS

As many of you know already, the vestments you see worn at Mass were donated during the course of the Restoration by various donors, most in memory of loved ones who have died. This week we received a parcel from Rome which contained a pair of red dalmatics (the vestments worn by deacons at Solemn Masses) and a red cope, which were kindly given by a benefactor to the Shrine on the occasion of Fr Alan's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination last month. **We are very grateful to the donor – thank you!**

As we continue to build up the sacristy here at the Shrine, another donor has given money towards the cost of one **black dalmatic** in memory of their grandfather. We are now looking to raise £500 - £600 for the matching dalmatic, so that we have a pair. If you feel that this something that you would like to contribute to the Shrine, please contact Alex at [maidenlane@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:maidenlane@rcdow.org.uk) to discuss this in more detail.

## DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

Led by Cardinal Nichols, this year's pilgrimage takes place on the Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham, 24th September. The theme for this year's pilgrimage is 'Mary, Mother of Sorrows, Mother of Joy'. For more details, please contact Elizabeth Uwalaka at [elizabethuwalaka@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:elizabethuwalaka@rcdow.org.uk)

## ST BERNADETTE RELIC TOUR

In September and October this year, the relics of St Bernadette will journey on pilgrimage across England, Scotland, and Wales for the very first time. This very special event will provide an opportunity for people of all ages and backgrounds to experience the special gifts and charisms of Lourdes in a church or cathedral near them. The relics will be in the Diocese of Westminster from Saturday 3rd to Wednesday 7th September, Monday 17th to Tuesday 18th October and Friday 28th to Sunday 30th October. For full details of the tour, visit [stbernadette.org.uk](http://stbernadette.org.uk)

## PILGRIMAGE OF REPARATION & PRAYER FOR LIFE

On Saturday 6th August from 12pm, Bishop Philip Egan will be leading a pilgrimage to Walsingham praying for the cause of life. For more details contact 01858 571 242 or visit [prolifepilgrimage.org](http://prolifepilgrimage.org)

## UNIVERSITY CHAPLAINCY FOR STUDENTS

The University Chaplaincy is calling anyone who will be a student at any of the London universities and colleges, or University of Hertfordshire, this coming year. Based at Newman House, Gower Street, they also have campus-based chaplains at many of the universities and colleges. For any students other than freshers there is also an opportunity to live in at Newman House, a catered lodging with attractive rates and its own chapel. The application form is available on the Chaplaincy website [universitycatholic.net](http://universitycatholic.net)

## CONFESSIONS

Confessions are heard for half an hour before all Masses, or upon request. Please do make use of this life-giving Sacrament.

## 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.

**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:** Sr Marie Louise OCarm, Louise Gusmaroli, Berenice Roetheli, Sheila Szymczak, Fr Tony Brunning, Muriel Jane Humphries, Sr Jolanta, OCarm., Heather Bashford, Fr David Irwin, Sir David Amess, Richard Canon Hearn, Amarilde Pellegrini, Concetta Wager, Marlis Okeke, Paul Colman, Nancy McWilliams, Virginia Maria Vaz, Fr Kidane Lebasis, Mgr Mark Langham, Mary Quinlan, Larinka Wright, Claus Tenzler,