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Iolanthe Mary Clarke RIP

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Julia Miles Griffiths

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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 – 14TH MAY 2023 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SUNDAY 14TH

✠ 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

9.30 am Said Mass in English

11.30 am Sung Mass in Latin

Apologies – no Holy Hour. Fr Alan preaching at the Willesden May Procession.

*Ps. Week 2
Patrick Slattery RIP – Anniversary
Pro Populo*

MONDAY 15TH

EASTER FERIA

12 noon Exposition

1.05 pm Mass

6.30 pm Mass – 1962 Missal

Doris Little – Anniversary

TUESDAY 16TH

EASTER FERIA

No public Mass today. Private Mass offered for

Nicefra & Simon Nowak

WEDNESDAY 17TH

EASTER FERIA

12 noon Exposition

1.05 pm Mass

Welfare of S, D & M Woodman-Stanes Family

THURSDAY 18TH

✠ THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

8.00 am Mass – 1962 Missal

12 noon Exposition

1.05 pm Said Mass in English

5.00 pm Holy Hour

6.30 pm Sung Mass in Latin

Claus Tenzler RIP – Anniversary

Pro Populo

Welfare of A & N Stanes

(Friday Abstinence)

FRIDAY 19TH

EASTER FERIA

12 noon Exposition

1.05 pm Mass

5.00 pm Holy Hour

Deceased Family & Friends of Stanes & Perkins Family

SATURDAY 20TH

ST BERNADINE OF SIENA, PRIEST

5.00 pm Exposition

6.00 pm Vigil Mass

Mary Muir RIP

SUNDAY 21ST

✠ 7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

ANNIVERSARY OF THE INSTALLATION OF HIS EMINENCE, VINCENT
CARDINAL NICHOLS, ELEVENTH ARCHBISHOP OF WESTMINSTER (2009)

9.30 am Said Mass in English

11.30 am Sung Mass in Latin

5.00 pm Holy Hour

Ps. Week 3

Private Intention

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, which includes Vespers, Rosary and Benediction

THERE WAS MUCH JOY

The book of the Acts of the Apostles states that after a first violent persecution, the Christian community of Jerusalem, except for the Apostles, spread to the surrounding areas. Philip, one of the deacons, arrived in a city of Samaria. There he preached the Risen Christ, and his proclamation was supported by numerous healings, so that the outcome of the episode was very positive: “there was much joy in that city”.

We are repeatedly impressed in a profound way by this expression, which in essence communicates a sense of hope, as if saying: It is possible! It is possible for humanity to know true joy, because wherever the Gospel comes, life flourishes, just as arid ground, irrigated by rain, immediately turns back to green.

With the strength of the Holy Spirit, Philip and the other disciples accomplished in the villages of Palestine what Jesus had done: They preached the Good News and worked miraculous signs. It was the Lord who acted through them. As Jesus proclaimed the coming of the Kingdom of God, so the disciples proclaimed the Risen Jesus, professing that he is the Christ, the Son of God, baptizing in his name and driving out every illness of body and spirit.

“There was much joy in that city”. Reading this passage, one thinks spontaneously of the healing power of the Gospel, which throughout the centuries has “watered” so many populations, like a beneficent river. Several great men and women saints brought hope and peace to entire cities — we think of Charles Borromeo in Milan at the time of the plague, of St Mother Teresa of Calcutta, and of so many missionaries, whose names are known by God, who have given their lives to bring the proclamation of Christ and make profound joy flower among men. While the powers of this world sought to conquer new territories for political and economic interests, Christ’s messengers went everywhere with the aim of bringing Christ to men and men to Christ, knowing that he alone can give true freedom and eternal life. Today too the Church’s vocation is evangelization: whether it be to populations which have not yet been “irrigated” by the living water of the Gospel, or to those that, though having ancient Christian roots, are in need of new nourishment to bear new fruit and rediscover the beauty and joy of the faith.

Dear friends, St John Paul II was a great missionary. He re-launched the mission *ad gentes* and, at the same time, promoted the new evangelization. Let us entrust both to the intercession of Mary Most Holy. May Christ’s Mother accompany the proclamation of the Gospel always and everywhere, so that the places where men rediscover the joy of living as children of God will multiply and spread in the world.

MASS INTENTIONS

The earliest dates available are now in July 2023. To have a Mass offered for your intentions, use the envelopes at the back of the church or online at maidenlane.org.uk/intentions

CONFESSION

Confessions are heard half an hour before Masses. Do make use of this life-giving Sacrament; we all need it.

MAY PROCESSION AT OUR LADY OF WILLESDEN

Nicoll Road, NW10 9AX. The annual May Procession in honour of Our Lady will take place at the national Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden at **3pm on Sunday 14th May**. The preacher will be Fr Alan Robinson.

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

The Solemnity of the Ascension is on **Thursday 18th May**. It is a Holy Day of Obligation and Mass here will be at 8am (1962), 1:05pm (said, English) and 6:30pm (sung, Latin).

VOCATIONS OPEN EVENING

On **Wednesday 17th May**, there will be an open evening at St James, Spanish Place, for any men interested in learning about or discerning a vocation to priesthood. The regular evening Mass will be at 6.00pm, followed by a gathering downstairs in the Social Centre for a short presentation and informal conversations.

VISIT OF THE MOTHER OF BL CARLO ACUTIS

We are delighted to announce that **Antonia Salzano** – mother of Blessed Carlo Acutis – will be coming to Corpus Christi on **Thursday 1st June** to talk about her son, his life, and his relationship with Our Lord. There will be a sung Mass at **6:30pm**, followed by the talk. All are most welcome to this rare and exciting opportunity to hear from the parent of a soon-to-be saint!

LONDON EUCHARISTIC OCTAVE & QUARANT’ORE 2023

We are delighted to once again be hosting the London Eucharistic Octave this year. The Octave will run from **Saturday 3rd June until Sunday 11th June**. Each weekday that week, at 6:30pm, there will be a Mass according to the various rites and uses of the Catholic Church, including the Dominican Rite, the Coptic (Alexandrian) Rite, the Ukrainian Catholic Divine Liturgy, as well as the Ordinariate Use of the Roman Rite. In the midst of all of this, the annual *Quarant’Ore*, or Forty Hours’ Devotion, will run from Thursday 8th June – Saturday 10th June. The week will conclude with the Solemnity of Corpus Christi on **Sunday 11th June beginning at 11am**, when we will be welcome His Eminence, Cardinal Nichols to celebrate Mass and lead a procession around Covent Garden. To conclude, the Annual Corpus Christi Procession through London departs from Warwick Street heading to Spanish Place at 3pm. For full details of the Octave, visit catholiclondon.org

INFANT OF PRAGUE

By now you will have noticed that the statue of the Infant of Prague is missing. Don’t worry – he will return in a few weeks! He has gone away to be restored and for a much-needed fresh coat of paint. If you would like to make a donation towards his restoration, please speak to Fr Alan or write ‘Infant of Prague’ at the top of one of the yellow envelopes in the pews.

COOK NEEDED IN PECKHAM

The Norbertine Priory in Peckham is looking for a lunchtime cook to shop, cook and serve lunch, and clear afterwards 5 days a week, for resident clergy and periodic guests. More details and how to apply at catholicpeckham.org.uk/parish-cook

SEVEN DAY LAMPS

Are available at the back of the church for £6, or online at maidenlane.org.uk/lamps.

Our sick parishioners and friends: Natalie Williams, Douglas Adams, Norma Stanes, 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:** Eugene Owen Monahan, Thomas Hunt, Joy Fleischmann, George Cardinal Pell, Pope Benedict XVI, Veronica Davies, Vivien May Adams, Irene Walters, Gerard Joseph Waddingham KGCHS, Fr Sir Charles Dilke, Bt, Fr Jeremy Davies, Crispin Harrison CR, HM Queen Elizabeth II, Edie Moran, Sr Marie Louise OCarm, Louise Gusmaroli, Berenice Roetheli, Sheila Szymczak,