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CORPUS CHRISTI THE DIOCESAN SHRINE OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



APRIL – MONTH DEDICATED TO
THE MOST HOLY EUCHARIST

✠ HOLY MASS FOR THE WEEK – 21ST APRIL 2024 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SUNDAY 21ST

✠ FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

*Ps Wk 4
Pro Populo
Margaret Hegarty – Birthday Intentions*

MONDAY 22ND

EASTER FERIA

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
6.30 pm Mass (1962 Missal)

Gill Midmer RIP

TUESDAY 23RD

ST GEORGE, MARTYR, PATRON OF ENGLAND

No public Mass today. Private Mass offered for

Holy Souls in Purgatory

WEDNESDAY 24TH

Ss ERKENWALD & MELLITUS

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass

Welfare of Caroline White

THURSDAY 25TH

ST MARK, EVANGELIST

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass

Paddy Quinlan RIP

FRIDAY 26TH

EASTER FERIA

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass

Joseph Paddy Ahji RIP

SATURDAY 27TH

EASTER FERIA

5.00 pm Exposition
6.00 pm Vigil Mass

Pro Populo

SUNDAY 28TH

✠ FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

9.30 am Said Mass in English
11.30 am Sung Mass in Latin

*Ps Wk 1
Benjamin Fuentes & Grace Espinosa RIP
Adrian Woodworth – 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, which includes Vespers, Rosary and Benediction

Eucharistic Prayer Group: Young Adults Prayer Group each Wednesday 7pm in Church with Eucharistic Adoration and Rosary. Contact Annette: ccpguk@gmail.com

THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Today is known as Good Shepherd Sunday, when we pray for vocations to the Sacred Priesthood. Let us thank God for the gift of the priesthood: a sign of his faithful and provident love for the Church! And let us pray that all young people may listen to the voice of God who speaks in the depths of their hearts and calls them to leave everything to serve him.

This is the purpose of today's World Day of Prayer for Vocations. In fact, the Lord is always calling but all too often we do not listen. We are distracted by many things, by other, more superficial voices; and then we are afraid to listen to the Lord's voice because we think he might take away our freedom.

In fact, each one of us is the fruit of love: of our parents' love of course, but more profoundly, of God's love. The Bible says: even if your own mother does not want you, I want you because I know and love you. The moment I realize this my life changes. It becomes a response to this love, greater than any other, and in this way my freedom is completely fulfilled. The young men who are ordained priests today are no different from other young men, except that they were deeply moved by the beauty of God's love and could not but respond with their whole life. How did they find God's love? They found it in Jesus Christ: in his Gospel, in the Eucharist and in the community of the Church. In the Church we discover that every person's life is a love story. Sacred Scripture clearly shows us this and the witness borne by the saints confirms it to us.

St Augustine's words are an example of this. Addressing God, he says in his Confessions: "Too late I loved you, O Beauty of ancient days, yet ever new! Too late I loved you! And behold, you were within and I abroad.... You were with me, but I was not with you... But you called and shouted and burst through my deafness".

Dear friends, let us pray for the Church, for every local community, that it may be like a watered garden in which all the seeds of vocation that God scatters in abundance sprout and ripen. Let us pray that this garden may be cultivated everywhere, with the joy of feeling that we are all called, in the variety of our gifts.

May families in particular be the first environment in which we "breathe" the love of God that provides us with inner strength in the midst of the difficulties and trials of life. Those who experience God's love in the family receive a priceless gift which, with time, bears fruit. May the Blessed Virgin Mary – a model of free and obedient acceptance of the divine call and Mother of every vocation in the Church – obtain this for us.

MASS INTENTIONS

The earliest dates available are now in **July**. To book a Mass, you can use the envelopes at the back of the church or online at maidenlane.org.uk/intentions

CONFESSION

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PRIEST TRAINING FUND

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 49 men studying at Allen Hall seminary, **13** of whom are from our own Diocese. We also have one seminarian in Valladolid and one at the Beda. The Priest Training 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. Donation envelopes are available at the back of the church, or visit rcdow.org.uk/donations. Thank you for your generosity.

NO HOLY HOUR THIS WEEK

Apologies - there will be no Holy Hour this week.

SODALITY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The next Sodality of the Blessed Sacrament Mass is on **Thursday 2nd May at 6:30pm**. This month's guest preacher will be **Fr Antonio Ritaccio**, Pastoral Formator, Allen Hall Seminary, and a former Parish Priest of Corpus Christi. Mass will conclude as usual with a period of Adoration and Benediction. To find out more about the Sodality, and to become a member, visit sodality.co.uk

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

The Solemnity of the Ascension is on **Thursday 9th 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).

LONDON EUCHARISTIC OCTAVE 2024

We are delighted to once again be hosting the London Eucharistic Octave this year. The Octave will run from **Saturday 25th May until Sunday 2nd 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 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 30th May – Saturday 1st June**. The week will conclude with the Solemnity of Corpus Christi on **Sunday 2nd June** beginning at **11am**, when we will be welcome His Excellency, Archbishop Miguel Maury Buendía, Apostolic Nuncio to Great Britain, to celebrate Mass. To conclude, the Annual Corpus Christi Procession through London will depart from here at the end of Mass, to Warwick Street, where there will be a period of Adoration and the opportunity to purchase lunch locally, before departing Warwick Street heading to Spanish Place at 3:30pm. For full details of the Octave, visit catholiclondon.org

RADIO MARIA FUNDRAISER

Join Radio Maria England on **Tuesday, 23rd April at 7:30pm at the London Oratory**, Brompton Road for an evening of music, with award-winning pianist Rachael Shipard and singer Christian Jenkins. For tickets, please visit tinyurl.com/Dreams-April-2024

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: Mieko Madenokoji, 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:** Fr John Warnaby, Fr Michael Daley, Ann Slater, Ann Christine Leece, Johanna Sophia Pretorius, Pauline Lewis, Michael O'Toole, John Hughes, Fr Mark James Leenane, William Blake, Eve Schreiber, Soumaya Tabet, Eugene Owen Monahan, Thomas Hunt, Joy Fleischmann, George Cardinal Pell, Pope Benedict XVI, Veronica Davies, Vivien May Adams, Irene