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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 – 28<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2024 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### SUNDAY 28<sup>TH</sup>

#### ✠ 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*

### MONDAY 29<sup>TH</sup>

#### ST CATHERINE OF SIENA, VIRGIN & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH, PATRON OF EUROPE

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

*Kurt Tenzler RIP – Anniversary*

### TUESDAY 30<sup>TH</sup>

#### ST PIUS V, POPE

No public Mass today. Private Mass offered for

*Thomas Leigh*

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

#### ST JOSEPH THE WORKER

12 noon Exposition  
1.05 pm Mass

*Rodrigo – Intentions*

### THURSDAY 2<sup>ND</sup>

#### ST ATHANASIUS, BISHOP & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

12 noon Exposition  
1.05 pm Mass  
6.30 pm Sodality of the Blessed Sacrament Mass

*Grace Stedman RIP  
Sodality Members*

### FRIDAY 3<sup>RD</sup>

#### Ss PHILIP & JAMES, APOSTLES

12 noon Exposition  
1.05 pm Mass

*Victoria's Intentions*

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

#### THE ENGLISH MARTYRS

5.00 pm Exposition  
6.00 pm Vigil Mass

*Justin Welford RIP*

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

#### ✠ SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

*Ps Wk 2  
Pro Populo  
Alan Newman 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, 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](mailto:ccpguk@gmail.com)

## WINE TO GLADDEN THE HEART OF MAN

The Gospel today, the fifth Sunday of Easter time begins with the image of the vine. Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser". In the Bible Israel is often compared to the fertile vine when it is faithful to God; but if it distances itself from him, it becomes barren, incapable of producing that "wine to gladden the heart of man", as Psalm 104[103] sings. The true vine of God, true life, is Jesus who with his sacrifice of love gives us salvation, opens to us the way to be part of this vine. And as Jesus remains in the love of God the Father, the disciples too, wisely pruned by the word of the Master, if they remain profoundly united in him, they become fruitful branches that bear an abundant harvest.

St Francis de Sales wrote: "The vine-sprig, united and joined to the stock, brings forth fruit not by its own power but in virtue of the stock. Now we are united by charity unto our Redeemer as members to their head, and hence it is that... good works, drawing their worth from him, merit life everlasting". On the day of our Baptism the Church grafts us, as branches, on to the Paschal Mystery of Jesus, on to his very Person. From this root we receive the precious sap that enables us to share in the divine life. As disciples, with the help of the Pastors of the Church, we too develop in the Lord's vineyard, bound by his love. "If the fruit we are to bear is love, its prerequisite is this 'remaining', which is profoundly connected with the kind of faith that holds on to the Lord and does not let go".

It is indispensable to remain ever united to Jesus, to depend on him, because apart from him we can do nothing. In a letter written to John the Prophet who lived in the desert of Gaza in the fifth century, a faithful asked the following question: how is it possible to combine man's freedom and the inability to do anything without God? And the monk answered: if man inclines his heart towards goodness and asks God for help, he receives the necessary strength to carry out his work. Therefore man's freedom and God's power proceed together. This is possible because goodness comes from the Lord, but it is carried out through his faithful.

True "abiding" in Christ guarantees the effectiveness of prayer, the Cistercian Bl. Gueric of Igny, said: "O Lord Jesus... without you we can do nothing. Indeed you are the true gardener, creator, cultivator and custodian of your garden, which you plan with your word, irrigate with your spirit and cause to grow with your power".

Dear friends, each one of us is like a branch that only lives if its union with the Lord grows every day in prayer, in participation in the Sacraments and in charity. And he who loves Jesus, the true vine, produces fruits of faith for an abundant spiritual harvest. Let us pray to the Mother of God that we may remain firmly grafted onto Jesus and that all our actions may have their beginning and end in him.

## 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](http://maidenlane.org.uk/intentions)

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://sodality.co.uk)

## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

The Solemnity of the Ascension is on **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> May until Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> May – Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June**. The week will conclude with the Solemnity of Corpus Christi on **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://catholiclondon.org)

## QUARANT'ORE / FORTY HOURS DEVOTION

The Annual *Quarant' Ore*, or Forty Hours, devotion will run from **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May – Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June**. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed from 7am – Midnight during this time. Our guest preacher at the opening Mass on 30<sup>th</sup> May at 6:30pm, the traditional feast of Corpus Christi, will be Fr Julian Large, Provost of the Brompton Oratory. On Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May at 6:30pm, Fr Mark Elliott-Smith, Rector of Warwick St, will celebrate Mass in the Ordinariate Use. The guest preacher at the closing Mass at 6:00pm on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June will be Mgr Philip Whitmore, Rector of St James's, Spanish Place.

You can buy candles to burn for your intentions during the Forty Hours, or submit your own prayer intentions, on our website at [maidenlane.org.uk/forty](http://maidenlane.org.uk/forty) You can also volunteer to spend an hour in church before the Blessed Sacrament through this link.

## 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).

## CONFESSION

Confessions are heard for half an hour before all Masses, or upon request.

**Our sick parishioners and friends:** Alain de Jager, 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