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Dr Timothy I Young RIP

#### LADY CHAPEL

Irene Lee RIP

#### SACRED HEART CHAPEL

Doreen Smith

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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 – 19<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2024 PENTECOST SUNDAY

#### SUNDAY 19<sup>TH</sup>

#### ✠ PENTECOST SUNDAY

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

*Ps Wk 3  
Patrick Slattery RIP  
Pro Populo*

#### MONDAY 20<sup>TH</sup>

#### MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

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

*Intentions of GM*

#### TUESDAY 21<sup>ST</sup>

#### ST CHRISTOPHER MAGALLANES, PRIEST, & COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

No public Mass today. Private Mass offered for

*Cheryl – sick*

#### WEDNESDAY 22<sup>ND</sup>

#### ST RITA OF CASCIA, RELIGIOUS

12 noon Exposition  
1.05 pm Mass  
5.00 pm Holy Hour

*Doreen Smith RIP*

#### THURSDAY 23<sup>RD</sup>

#### OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, THE ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST

12 noon Exposition  
1.05 pm Mass  
5.00 pm Holy Hour

*Luis Vergara & Lauren Gomez – Intentions*

#### FRIDAY 24<sup>TH</sup>

#### FERIA

12 noon Exposition  
1.05 pm Mass  
5.00 pm Holy Hour

*(Friday Abstinence)*

*Lily Flynn RIP*

#### SATURDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> – OPENING OF THE LONDON EUCHARISTIC OCTAVE 2024

#### ST BEDE THE VENERABLE, PRIEST & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

5.00 pm Exposition  
6.00 pm Sung Vigil Mass

#### SUNDAY 26<sup>TH</sup>

#### ✠ THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

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

*Ps Wk 4  
Pro Populo  
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, which includes Vespers, Rosary and Benediction

## REMINDER – SUNDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> JUNE – ONE MASS ONLY!

A reminder that on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June there will only be **one Mass at 11am** which will be celebrated by the Apostolic Nuncio.

## VENI SANCTE SPIRITUS

Today the Church throughout the world is reliving the Solemnity of Pentecost, the mystery of her birth, her own "Baptism" in the Holy Spirit which occurred in Jerusalem 50 days after Easter, precisely on the Jewish Feast of Pentecost. The Risen Jesus had told his disciples: "Stay in the city, until you are clothed with power from on high". This actually happened in the Upper Room, while they were all gathered in prayer with Mary, the Virgin Mother.

As we read in the Acts of the Apostles, that place was suddenly filled with the rush of a mighty wind and tongues as of fire settled on each one of those present. The Apostles then went out and began to proclaim in different languages that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, dead and risen. The Holy Spirit, who with the Father and the Son, created the universe, who guided the People of Israel through history and spoke through the Prophets, who in the fullness of time cooperated in our redemption, came down at Pentecost upon the nascent Church and made her missionary, sending her out to proclaim to all peoples the victory of divine love over sin and death.

The Holy Spirit is the soul of the Church. Without him what would she be reduced to? She would certainly be an important movement in history, a complex and solid social institution, perhaps a sort of humanitarian agency. And to tell the truth she is considered such by those who do not see her from a perspective of faith. Yet, the reality is that in her true nature and also in her authentic presence in history, the Church is ceaselessly formed and guided by the Spirit of her Lord. She is a living body, whose vitality is, precisely, the fruit of the invisible divine Spirit.

Dear friends, this year the Solemnity of Pentecost occurs in the month of May, which ends with the feast of the Visitation. This fact invites us to let ourselves be inspired and, as it were, instructed by the Virgin Mary, who was the protagonist of both these events. In Nazareth she received the announcement of her unique motherhood and, immediately after conceiving Jesus by the power of the Holy Spirit, she was impelled by the same Spirit of love to go and help her elderly kinswoman Elizabeth, who had reached the sixth month of a pregnancy that was also miraculous. The young Mary who is carrying Jesus in her womb and, forgetting herself, hurries to the help of her neighbour, is a wonderful image of the Church in the perennial youthfulness of the Spirit, of the missionary Church of the incarnate Word called to bring him to the world and to witness to him especially in the service of charity. Let us therefore invoke the intercession of Mary Most Holy, so that she may obtain for the Church of our time that she be powerfully strengthened by the Holy Spirit. In particular, may the ecclesial communities that are suffering persecution in Christ's name feel the comforting presence of the Paraclete.

## CHURCH CLEANING

We are going to have a spring clean of the church ahead of the Eucharistic Octave and our Titular Feast of Corpus Christi. If you are able to come and help with a bit of dusting or sweeping on **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May from 9am**, I would be exceedingly grateful!

## 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.

## SODALITY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The next Sodality of the Blessed Sacrament Mass with Adoration and Benediction will be on **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June at 6:30pm**. This month's guest preacher will be Fr Michael Jarmulowicz, Parish Priest of Paddington & Harrow Road. [sodality.co.uk](http://sodality.co.uk)

## 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).

## MASS INTENTIONS

The earliest dates available are now in **August**. 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)

## CONFESSION

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

**Our sick parishioners and friends:** Dr Adel Isaak, 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 Francis Wahle, 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