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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 – 27TH APRIL 2025 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER – LOW SUNDAY

SUNDAY 27TH

✠ SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER – LOW SUNDAY

Ps Wk 2

9.30 am Said Mass in English

Tipwangpan Family – Intentions

11.30 am Sung Mass in Latin

James William Lyon RIP – Anniversary

5.00 pm Holy Hour

MONDAY 28TH

ST GEORGE, MARTYR, PATRON OF ENGLAND

12 noon Exposition

1.05 pm Mass

Benjamin Fuentes Sr RIP

5.00 pm Holy Hour

6.30 pm Mass (1962 Missal) – St George

TUESDAY 29TH

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

No Public Mass today. Private Mass for

Carmen Novaes Suzzara RIP

WEDNESDAY 30TH

ST PIUS V, POPE

12 noon Exposition

1.05 pm Mass

Honesto Gualvez RIP

5.00 pm Holy Hour

THURSDAY 1ST MAY

ST JOSEPH THE WORKER

12 noon Exposition

1.05 pm Mass

Rodrigo's Intentions

6.30 pm Sodality of the Blessed Sacrament Mass

Sodality Members

FRIDAY 2ND

ST ATHANASIUS, BISHOP & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

12 noon Exposition

1.05 pm Mass

Vincent Masterson RIP

5.00 pm Holy Hour

(Friday Abstinence)

SATURDAY 3RD

Ss PHILIP & JAMES, APOSTLES

10.00 am Exposition & Confessions

11.00 am Sung Jubilee Mass

The Election of a Pope

5.00 pm Exposition

6.00 pm Vigil Mass

Pro Populo

SUNDAY 4TH

✠ THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Ps Wk 3

9.30 am Said Mass in English

Kathleen Carter RIP

11.30 am Sung Mass in Latin

Kurt Tenzler RIP – Anniversary

5.00 pm Holy Hour

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

PEACE BE WITH YOU

This Sunday concludes the Octave of Easter. It is a unique day “made by the Lord”, distinguished by the outstanding event of the Resurrection and the joy of the disciples at seeing Jesus. Since antiquity this Sunday has been called *in albis* from the Latin name, *alba*, which was given to the white vestments the neophytes put on for their Baptism on Easter night and took off eight days later, that is, today. Pope St John Paul II entitled this same Sunday “Divine Mercy Sunday” on the occasion of the canonisation of Sr Mary Faustina Kowalska in 2000.

The Gospel passage from St John is full of mercy and divine goodness. It recounts that after the Resurrection Jesus visited his disciples, passing through the closed doors of the Upper Room. St Augustine explains that “the shutting of doors presented no obstacle to the matter of that body, wherein the Godhead resided. He indeed could enter without their being opened, by whose birth the virginity of his mother remained inviolate”; and St Gregory the Great added that after his Resurrection the Redeemer appeared with a Body by its nature incorruptible and tangible, but in a state of glory. Jesus showed the signs of his Passion even to the point of allowing Doubting Thomas to touch him; but how can a disciple possibly doubt? Actually God’s indulgence enables us to profit even from Thomas’ disbelief, as well as from the believing disciples. Indeed, in touching the Lord’s wounds, the hesitant disciple not only heals his own diffidence but also ours.

The visit of the Risen One is not limited to the space of the Upper Room but goes beyond it, to the point that all can receive the gift of peace and life with the “creative Breath”. In fact Jesus said twice to his disciples, “Peace be with you”. And he added, “As the Father has sent me, even so I send you”. Having said this he breathed on them, saying “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained”. This is the mission of the Church, eternally assisted by the Paraclete: to bear the Good News, the joyful reality of God’s merciful love, in order, as St John says, “that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in his name”.

In the light of these words we should all be encouraged to follow the example of the holy Curé d’Ars, who “in his time... was able to transform the hearts and the lives of so many people because he enabled them to experience the Lord’s merciful love. Our own time urgently needs a similar proclamation and witness to the truth of Love”. In this way we shall make increasingly familiar and close the One whom our eyes have not seen but of whose infinite Mercy we are absolutely certain.

CONFESSION

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

OUR LADY OF WILLESDEN MAY PROCESSION

The annual May Procession in honour of Our Lady will take place at the Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden on Sunday, 11th May, at 3pm at which the Preacher will be the Rt Rev Hugh Allan, O.Praem.

POPE FRANCIS RIP

It was very moving to offer a Requiem Mass for Pope Francis on the same day that he died. Thank you to all those who came out at such short notice; the church was packed. A recording of the Mass is on our YouTube page for those who missed it. Let us continue to pray for the happy repose of his soul.

MISSA PRO ELIGENDO ROMANO PONTIFICE

There will be a Mass for the Election of a Roman Pontiff on **Monday 5th May at 6:30pm** according to the Missal of 1962. The music will be by the Southwell Consort. Please do come and pray for the election of a good and holy Pope.

SODALITY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The next Sodality of the Blessed Sacrament Mass with Adoration and Benediction will be on **Thursday 1st May at 6:30pm**, the feast of **St Joseph the Worker**. To find out more about the Sodality, and to become a member, visit sodality.co.uk

2025 – HOLY YEAR OF JUBILEE

On the **first Saturday of the month at 11am**, there will be a particular sung Jubilee Mass here, the next being **Saturday 3rd May**. These are a fantastic opportunity to obtain the Plenary Indulgence on offer during this year. For more information about the Jubilee and what’s on here, visit maidenlanejubilee.co.uk

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

The Ascension falls on **Thursday 29th May** and is a Holy Day of Obligation. There will be three Masses here on that day: 8am (1962), 1:05pm (said, English) and 6:30pm (sung, Latin).

THE LONDON EUCHARISTIC OCTAVE 2025

We are delighted to once again be hosting the London Eucharistic Octave this year. The Octave will run from **Saturday 14th until Sunday 22nd 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 Byzantine-Slavonic 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 19th – Saturday 21st June**. The week will conclude with the Solemnity of Corpus Christi on **Sunday 22nd June** beginning at **11am**, when we will be welcoming the Abbot of Farnborough, Dom Cuthbert Brogan OSB 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

MASS INTENTIONS

The earliest dates available are now in **July 2025**. Book intentions online at maidenlane.org.uk/intentions The nearest Sunday Masses available, however are now in October.

SEVEN DAY LAMPS

Are available at the back of the church for £6, or online at maidenlane.org.uk/lamps. If you’d like to have the Sanctuary Lamps lit for a particular intention, you can get all seven for £30.

Our sick parishioners and friends: Alain de Jager, Mieko Madenokoji, Douglas Adams, Norma Stanes, Phil Bawden, Sheena Colman, Christos Hana, Christopher Bronne, Sandra Jones, Velrich Fernandes, Kee Ow Peng, Maria Jessiman, Marilyn Bruce-Mitford, Peter Noakes, Tony Pearce, David Jordan, Christopher Browne, Margaret Griffith, Pascal James, Brian Keenan, Sid Shepherd, Nicholas Pollock, Fr Patrick Hayward, Traute Pollock, **Of your charity – please pray for those who have died recently:** Pope Francis, Ann Luff, Sr Patricia of the Presentation, Alan Bettles, Fr David Barnes, Evelyn Watkin, Holly Armstrong, Fr Michael Gallagher O.Praem., Lola Pinagli, Sydney Byrne, Sr Carmel of Jesus, Fr Francis Wahle, Fr John Warnaby, Fr Michael Daley, Ann Slater, Ann Christine Leece, Johanna Sophia Pretorius, Pauline