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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 – 20TH APRIL 2025 EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION

SUNDAY 20TH

✠ EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION

9.30 am Said Mass in English
11.30 am Sung Mass in Latin
N.B. No Holy Hour today

*Ps Wk 1
Pro Populo
Margaret Hegarty – Intentions*

MONDAY 21ST – BANK HOLIDAY

MONDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

10.00 am Mass
6.30 pm Mass (1962 Missal) – Easter Monday

Dorothy & Ivan Meade RIP

TUESDAY 22ND

TUESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

No Public Mass today. Private Mass for *Ele Miachi & Angelique Omonedo – Ints.*

WEDNESDAY 23RD

WEDNESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour

Erika Felber RIP – Anniversary

THURSDAY 24TH

THURSDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour

Margaret Tan & Eli Chow – sick

FRIDAY 25TH

FRIDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour

(No Friday Abstinence)

Eddie Thipwangpan – Intentions

SATURDAY 26TH

SATURDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

5.00 pm Exposition
6.00 pm Vigil Mass

Pro Populo

SUNDAY 27TH

✠ SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER – LOW SUNDAY

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

*Ps Wk 2
Tipwangpan Family – Intentions
James William Lyon RIP – Anniversary*

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

RESURREXIT, SICUT DIXIT, ALLELUIA!

“Surrexit Christus, spes mea” – “Christ, my hope, has risen”. May the jubilant voice of the Church reach all of you with the words which the ancient hymn puts on the lips of Mary Magdalene, the first to encounter the risen Jesus on Easter morning. She ran to the other disciples and breathlessly announced: “I have seen the Lord!”. We too, who have journeyed through the desert of Lent and the sorrowful days of the Passion, today raise the cry of victory: “He has risen! He has truly risen!”

Every Christian relives the experience of Mary Magdalene. It involves an encounter which changes our lives: the encounter with a unique Man who lets us experience all God’s goodness and truth, who frees us from evil not in a superficial and fleeting way, but sets us free radically, heals us completely and restores our dignity. This is why Mary Magdalene calls Jesus “my hope”: he was the one who allowed her to be reborn, who gave her a new future, a life of goodness and freedom from evil. “Christ my hope” means that all my yearnings for goodness find in him a real possibility of fulfilment: with him I can hope for a life that is good, full and eternal, for God himself has drawn near to us, even sharing our humanity.

But Mary Magdalene, like the other disciples, was to see Jesus rejected by the leaders of the people, arrested, scourged, condemned to death and crucified. It must have been unbearable to see Goodness in person subjected to human malice, truth derided by falsehood, mercy abused by vengeance. With Jesus’ death, the hope of all those who had put their trust in him seemed doomed. But that faith never completely failed: especially in the heart of the Virgin Mary, Jesus’ Mother, its flame burned even in the dark of night. In this world, hope can not avoid confronting the harshness of evil. It is not thwarted by the wall of death alone, but even more by the barbs of envy and pride, falsehood and violence. Jesus passed through this mortal mesh in order to open a path to the kingdom of life. For a moment Jesus seemed vanquished: darkness had invaded the land, the silence of God was complete, hope a seemingly empty word.

And lo, on the dawn of the day after the Sabbath, the tomb is found empty. Jesus then shows himself to Mary Magdalene, to the other women, to his disciples. Faith is born anew, more alive and strong than ever, now invincible since it is based on a decisive experience: “Death with life contended: combat strangely ended! Life’s own champion, slain, now lives to reign”. The signs of the resurrection testify to the victory of life over death, love over hatred, mercy over vengeance: “The tomb the living did enclose, I saw Christ’s glory as he rose! The angels there attesting, shroud with grave-clothes resting”.

Dear brothers and sisters! If Jesus is risen, then – and only then – has something truly new happened, something that changes the state of humanity and the world. Then he, Jesus, is someone in whom we can put absolute trust; we can put our trust not only in his message but *in Jesus himself*, for the Risen One does not belong to the *past*, but is *present* today, alive.

AN AWARD FOR FR ALAN

At a meeting held in Rome on 7th February 2025, His Most Eminent Highness, The Prince and Grand Master, John Dunlap, and the Sovereign Council of the Military Order of Malta, decreed the conferment on Fr Alan of the award of Cross *Pro Piiis Meritis*. For context, this is comparable to the Order of the British Empire awarded by the King in this country.

The award is for his commitment to the charism of the Order, towards the service of Our Lords the Poor and Sick, and the defence of the Faith.

The Investiture, at which he will receive this award, will be held at **10:15am on Tuesday 24th June**, the Solemnity of St John the Baptist, at the **Brompton Oratory**.

ROAD WORKS ON MAIDEN LANE

Westminster Council is working on relaying the pavements along the south side of Maiden Lane (ie outside the church). The church remains open and accessible during these works – you may just have to step through/around the works to get here!

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**. 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

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.

CONFESSION

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

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.

MASS FOR MATRIMONY

The annual Mass for Matrimony will be celebrated in the Cathedral by the Cardinal on **Saturday 17th May at 2.30pm** for couples celebrating significant wedding anniversaries such as 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th (and any year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage. If you would like to attend, please email Alex the details of the husband and wife’s names, wedding date, number of years married, their postal addresses and email (or phone number, if no email).

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

The annual diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes led by Cardinal Nichols will take place from 25th July to 1st August 2025 using Sanctuary’s theme for the Jubilee year ‘With Mary, Pilgrims of Hope’. Registration for the diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes for 2025 is now open at: pilgrimages.rcdow.org.uk

Our sick parishioners and friends: Pope Francis, 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:** 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