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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 – 4TH MAY 2025 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

SUNDAY 4TH

✠ THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

*Ps Wk 3
Kathleen Carter RIP
Kurt Tenzler RIP – Anniversary*

MONDAY 5TH – BANK HOLIDAY

EASTER FERIA

10.00 am Mass *William & Amy Mulvoy RIP*
6.30 pm Mass (1962 Missal) – Missa pro Eligendo Romano Pontifice

TUESDAY 6TH

EASTER FERIA

No Public Mass today. Private Mass for *Elizabeth & Joseph O'Beirne RIP*

WEDNESDAY 7TH

EASTER FERIA

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass *Nancy McWilliams RIP*
5.00 pm Holy Hour

THURSDAY 8TH

EASTER FERIA

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass *Eva Wiesinger RIP*
5.00 pm Holy Hour

FRIDAY 9TH

EASTER FERIA

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass *Rosalind Mary Quaije RIP – Anniversary*
5.00 pm Holy Hour
6.30 pm Mass (1962 Missal) – St Gregory Nazianzen

(Friday Abstinence)

SATURDAY 10TH

ST JOHN OF AVILA, PRIEST & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

5.00 pm Exposition
6.00 pm Vigil Mass *King Louis XV RIP – Anniversary*

SUNDAY 11TH

✠ FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

9.30 am Said Mass in English
11.30 am Sung Mass in Latin
Apologies – no Holy Hour today

*Ps Wk 4
Pro Populo
Claire Ferrill 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: Prayer Group each Wednesday 7pm in Church with Eucharistic Adoration and Rosary. Contact Annette: ccpguk@gmail.com

STRENGTHEN YOUR BRETHREN

During the Easter Season, the Church presents to us, Sunday after Sunday, some passages from the preaching with which, after Easter, the Apostles, particularly Peter, invited Israel to have faith in Jesus Christ, the Risen One, thereby founding the Church.

In today's reading, the Apostles stand before the Sanhedrin - before that institution which, having sentenced Jesus to death, could not tolerate that this same Jesus was now beginning to be active again through the Apostles' preaching. They could not tolerate that his saving power was once more making itself felt and that his Name was attracting people who believed in him as the promised Redeemer. They accused the Apostles. Their accusation is: "You want to make us responsible for that man's blood".

Peter, however, reacted to this accusation with a brief catechesis on the essence of Christian faith: "No, we do not want to make you responsible for his blood. The effect of the death and Resurrection of Jesus is quite different. God has exalted him as 'Head and Saviour' of all, and of you, too, his People of Israel". And where will this "Head" lead us? What does this "Saviour" bring?

He leads us, St Peter tells us, to conversion - creates for us the leeway and opportunity to mend our ways and repent, begin again. And he offers us forgiveness for our sins: he introduces us into the proper relationship with God, hence, into the proper relationship of each individual with himself or herself and with others.

Peter's brief catechesis did not only apply to the Sanhedrin. It speaks to us all, for Jesus, the Risen One, is also alive today. And for all generations, for all men and women, he is the "Head" who shows us the way and the "Saviour" who straightens out our lives.

The two terms: "conversion" and "forgiveness of sins", which correspond to the titles of Christ "Head", *archegōs* in Greek, and "Saviour", are the key words of Peter's catechesis, words intended to move our hearts too, here and now. And what do they mean?

The path we must take - the path that Jesus points out to us - is called "conversion". But what is it? What must we do? In every life conversion has its own form, because every human being is something new and no one is merely a copy of another. But in the course of history, the Lord has sent us models of conversion to whom we can look to find guidance. We could thus look at Peter himself to whom the Lord said at the Last Supper: "When you have turned again, strengthen your brethren".

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.

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.

PRIEST TRAINING FUND

Next Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday, the day we pray for priests and for vocations to the priesthood. The annual collection for the Priest Training Fund will also take place next weekend. This fund pays for the priestly formation of men for the Catholic priesthood. There are currently **50** men studying at Allen Hall seminary, **13** of whom are from our own Diocese. 2 of these are deacons for Westminster. We also have 2 seminarians at the Royal English College in Valladolid. Last year 3 deacons who studied at Allen Hall were ordained priests. This fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. Your generous donation helps ensure we can support these men who are called to be like Christ the Good Shepherd. Donation envelopes are available in the back of the church. You can make your donation online at rcdow.org.uk/donations. Thank you for your generosity.

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).

SODALITY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The next Sodality of the Blessed Sacrament Mass with Adoration and Benediction will be on **Thursday 5th June at 6:30pm**, and the guest preacher will be **Fr Anthony Doe**, Spiritual Director at Allen Hall Seminary. 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 7th June**. 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 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

Our sick parishioners and friends: Jan Skubisz, 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, 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 Lewis, Michael O'Toole, John Hughes, Fr Mark James Leenane, William Blake, Eve Schreiber,