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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 – 11TH MAY 2025 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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*

MONDAY 12TH

ST PANCRAS, MARTYR

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
6.30 pm Mass (1962 Missal) – Carthusian Martyrs

Maria Karszina – sick

TUESDAY 13TH

OUR LADY OF FATIMA

No Public Mass today. Private Mass for

Conversion of Russia

WEDNESDAY 14TH

ST MATTHIAS, APOSTLE

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass

Benefactors of Corpus Christi

THURSDAY 15TH

EASTER FERIA

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour

Irene Devitt – Intentions

FRIDAY 16TH

EASTER FERIA

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass

(Friday Abstinence)

Lillian Kay-Kay – sick

SATURDAY 17TH

EASTER FERIA

5.00 pm Exposition
6.00 pm Vigil Mass

Pro Populo

SUNDAY 18TH

✠ FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

*Ps Wk 1
Patrick Slattery RIP
Claus Tenzler 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

THE GOOD SHEPHERD

On this Fourth Sunday of Easter, known as “Good Shepherd Sunday”, the World Day of Prayer for Vocations is celebrated. This year its theme, “Pilgrims of Hope: the Gift of Life”, serves to help us “realise that all of us can be pilgrims of hope if we make our lives a gift”.

The first form of witness that awakens vocation is prayer, as the example of St Monica shows. By humbly and insistently imploring God she obtained the grace of seeing her son Augustine become a Christian. He wrote: “Without uncertainty, I believe and affirm that through her prayers God granted me the intention of not putting first, not desiring, not thinking and not loving, anything other than the achievement of truth”. I therefore invite parents to pray, that the hearts of their children may be open to listening to the Good Shepherd, and that “each tiny seed of a vocation... may... grow into a mature tree, bearing much good fruit for the Church and for all humanity”.

How can we listen to the voice of the Lord and recognise it? In the preaching of the Apostles and of their successors in which Christ's voice rings out, calling us to communion with God and to the fullness of life. As we read today in the Gospel of St John: “My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me; and I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish, and no one shall snatch them out of my hand”. The Good Shepherd alone tends his flock with deep tenderness and protects it from evil, and in him alone can the faithful put absolute trust.

On this day of special prayers for vocations, we encourage the ordained ministries in particular, encouraged by the Holy Year of Jubilee, to feel committed to bearing “a more forceful and incisive witness to the Gospel in today's world”. May they remember that the priest “continues the work of redemption on earth”; may they gladly pause “before the tabernacle”; may they seek to remain “completely faithful to [their] own vocation and mission through the practice of an austere asceticism”; may they make themselves available to listening and to forgiving; may they impart a Christian formation to the people entrusted to them; may they take pains to foster a “priestly fraternity”. May they follow the example of wise and zealous Pastors, as did St Gregory of Nazianzus, who wrote to his fraternal friend and Bishop, St Basil: “Teach us your love for the sheep, your solicitude and your capacity for understanding, your watchfulness... severity in gentleness, serenity and meekness in activity... combats in defence of the flock, victories... won in Christ”.

May God send us many, holy priests!

MASS INTENTIONS

The earliest dates available are now in **August 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.

HABEMUS PAPAM!

Let us pray fervently for His Holiness, Pope Leo XIV. We pray that that by his word and example, he may edify those over whom he has charge, so that together with the flock committed to him, may he attain everlasting life. Ad multos annos!

PRIEST TRAINING FUND

Today 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: 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:** Jan Skubisz, 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,