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Panagiota Stojiljkovic
Kathleen & James Gallagher
A.W. RIP

In Thanksgiving
Private Intentions

LADY CHAPEL

Private Intention

SACRED HEART CHAPEL

Private Intention

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CORPUS CHRISTI THE DIOCESAN SHRINE OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

JUNE – MONTH DEDICATED TO
THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS



✠ HOLY MASS FOR THE WEEK – 1ST JUNE 2025 SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SUNDAY 1ST JUNE

✠ SEVENTH 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
Pro Populo
Ellen Doherty RIP*

MONDAY 2ND

Ss MARCELLINUS & PETER, MARTYRS

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

Pro Populo

TUESDAY 3RD

Ss CHARLES LWANGA & COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

No Public Mass today. Private Mass for

Fr Paul Glennon – Intentions

WEDNESDAY 4TH

EASTER FERIA

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour

Stephen & Felicia Lai – Intentions

THURSDAY 5TH

ST BONIFACE, BISHOP & MARTYR

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
6.30 pm Sodality of the Blessed Sacrament Mass

*June Ivy Ovenden RIP
Sodality Members*

FRIDAY 6TH

ST NORBERT, BISHOP

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour

Stan & Rita Dugan RIP

SATURDAY 7TH

EASTER FERIA

10.00 am Exposition & Confessions
11.00 am Sung Jubilee Mass
5.00 pm Exposition
6.00 pm Vigil Mass

Holy Father's Intentions

Ray Pearce RIP – Anniversary

SUNDAY 8TH

✠ PENTECOST SUNDAY

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

*Ps Wk 2
Margaret Downes RIP
Pro Populo*

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 GLORY OF THE RESURRECTION

The Liturgy around the Ascension narrates of the episode of the final departure of Jesus from his disciples; but it is not an abandonment, because he remains always with them with us but under a new form. St Bernard of Clairvaux explains that Jesus' Ascension into Heaven is accomplished in three steps: "The first is the glory of the Resurrection; the second is the power to judge; and the third is sitting at the right hand of the Father". Such an event is preceded by the blessing of the disciples, whom he prepares to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, in order that salvation is proclaimed everywhere. Jesus himself says to them: "You are witnesses of these things. And behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you".

The Lord draws the gaze of the Apostles our gaze toward Heaven to show how to travel the road of good during earthly life. Nevertheless, he remains within the framework of human history, he is near to each of us and guides our Christian journey: he is the companion of the those persecuted for the faith, he is in the heart of those who are marginalized, he is present in those whom the right to life is denied. We can hear, see and touch our Lord Jesus in the Church, especially through the word and the sacraments.

In this regard, we call on children and young people who during this Easter Season are receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation, to remain faithful to the Word of God and to the doctrine learnt, and also to assiduously approach Confession and the Eucharist, conscious of having been chosen and constituted to witness to the Truth.

Dear Brothers and Sisters, the Lord opening the way to Heaven, gives us a foretaste of divine life already on this earth. A 19th-century Russian author wrote in his spiritual testament: "Observe the stars more often. When you have a burden in your soul, look at the stars or the azure of the sky. When you feel sad, when they offend you... converse... with Heaven. Then your soul will find rest".

ST JOHN'S DAY AT THE ORATORY

The Nativity of St John the Baptist will be kept at the London Oratory on **Tuesday 24th June at 10:15am**. At this Mass, Fr Alan will receive the Cross *Pro Piis Meritis* which has been awarded to him by The Prince & Grand Chancellor of the Order of Malta. All are most welcome at the Mass.

MASS INTENTIONS

The earliest dates available are now in **September 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.

CONFESSION

Confessions are heard for half an hour before all Masses, or upon request. Going to Confession is one of the conditions that need to be fulfilled in order to obtain the Jubilee Plenary Indulgence. More information at maidenlanejubilee.co.uk

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 14th June** from 9am, I would be exceedingly grateful!

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

QUARANT'ORE / FORTY HOURS DEVOTION

The Annual *Quarant'Ore*, or Forty Hours, devotion will run from Thursday 19th – Saturday 21st June. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed from 7am – Midnight during this time. Our guest preacher at the opening Mass on 19th June at 6:30pm, the traditional feast of Corpus Christi, will be Mgr Philip Whitmore, Rector of St James's, Spanish Place. On Friday 20th June at 6:30pm, Fr Mark Elliott-Smith, Rector of Warwick St, will celebrate Mass in the Ordinariate Use.

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 You can also volunteer to spend an hour in church before the Blessed Sacrament through this link.

SOLEMNITY OF SS PETER & PAUL – 29TH JUNE

The Solemnity of Ss Peter & Paul – a Holy Day of Obligation – this year falls on a Sunday, and so there will be the usual Sunday Mass schedule: 9:30am (said, English) and 11:30am (sung, Latin). There will also be a Holy Hour with Vespers, Rosary & Benediction at 5pm.

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:** John Ushe, 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,