

RECTORY

1 Maiden Lane, Covent Garden,
LONDON, WC2E 7NB
020 7836 4700

THE ACTORS' & POLICE CHURCH

National Church for Catholic Actors
& the London Catholic Police Guild

RECTOR

Fr Alan I P Robinson
alanrobinson@rcdow.org.uk

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

Alex Dimminger
maidenlane@rcdow.org.uk

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Edward Kay

SAFEGUARDING

Sabina Leigh
coventgardensg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk

PARISH WEBSITE

maidenlane.org.uk

*This parish is part of the WRCDT
Registered Charity Number 233699*

DONATIONS

maidenlane.org.uk/
support
or scan the QR Code



*Thank you for your
kindness and generosity.*

THE LAMPS ARE BURNING FOR:

SANCTUARY LAMPS

Nigel Stewart Wright RIP

LADY CHAPEL

Private Intention

SACRED HEART CHAPEL

Private Intention

*To have the lamps burning for your intentions,
visit maidenlane.org.uk/lamps*

FIND US ONLINE

LIVE STREAM

maidenlane.org.uk/live



FACEBOOK

[corpuschristimaidenlane](https://www.facebook.com/corpuschristimaidenlane)



INSTAGRAM

[@corpuschristishrine](https://www.instagram.com/corpuschristishrine)



WEB

maidenlane.org.uk



CORPUS CHRISTI

THE DIOCESAN SHRINE OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

NOVEMBER – MONTH DEDICATED TO
THE HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY



✠ HOLY MASS FOR THE WEEK – 9TH NOVEMBER 2025 THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

SUNDAY 9TH – REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

✠ THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

Ps Wk 4

9.30 am Said Mass in English *Maureen Goodey RIP – Anniversary*
11.30 am Sung Requiem Mass in Latin *Faithful Fallen in Battle*
5.00 pm Holy Hour

MONDAY 10TH

ST LEO THE GREAT, POPE & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass *Holy Souls in Purgatory*
5.00 pm Holy Hour
6.30 pm Mass (1962 Missal) – Requiem Mass *Catholic Military Association*

TUESDAY 11TH

ST MARTIN OF TOURS, BISHOP

No Public Mass today. Private Mass for *Holy Souls in Purgatory*

WEDNESDAY 12TH

ST JOSAPHAT, BISHOP & MARTYR

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass *Holy Souls in Purgatory*

THURSDAY 13TH

FERIA

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass *Benefactors of Corpus Christi*

FRIDAY 14TH

FERIA

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass *Holy Souls in Purgatory*

6.30 pm Mass (1962 Missal)

SATURDAY 15TH

ST ALBERT THE GREAT, BISHOP & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

5.00 pm Exposition
6.00 pm Vigil Mass *Pro Populo*

SUNDAY 16TH

✠ 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9.30 am Said Mass in English *Ps Wk 1*
11.30 am Sung Mass in Latin *Bridget Walsh RIP*
Anna Milewska 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

MOTHER OF ALL THE CHURCHES

The liturgy today has us celebrate the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica, called the “mother and head of all the Churches of the Urbe and Orbe”. Actually, this Basilica was the first to be built after the Edict of the Emperor Constantine who, in 313, conceded to Christians the freedom to practice their religion.

The same Emperor gave Pope Miltiades the ancient estate of the Laterani family and had the Basilica, the Baptistry and the Patriarchate built for him, the latter being the Bishop of Rome’s residence, where Popes resided until the Avignon era. The dedication of the Basilica was celebrated by Pope Silvester in about 324 and the temple was dedicated to the Most Holy Saviour; only after the 6th century were the names of Sts John the Baptist and John the Evangelist added, from which came its common name.

This occasion initially only involved the city of Rome; then, from 1565 onwards, it extended to the entire Church of the Roman rite. Hence, honouring the holy building is meant as an expression of love and veneration for the Roman Church “which”, as St Ignatius of Antioch affirms, “presides in charity” over the entire Catholic communion.

The Word of God during this Solemnity recalls an essential truth: the stone temple is the symbol of the living Church, the Christian community, that the Apostles Peter and Paul had, in their Letters, already understood as a “spiritual building”, constructed by God with the “living stones” that are the Christians, upon the one foundation that is Jesus Christ, who is in turn compared to the “cornerstone”. “Brethren,... you are God’s building”, St Paul writes, and he adds, “God’s temple is holy, and you are that temple”.

The beauty and the harmony of churches, destined to render praise to God, invites us human beings too, though limited and sinful, to convert ourselves to form a “cosmos”, a well-ordered construction, in close communion with Jesus, who is the true Holy of Holies. This reaches its culmination in the Eucharistic liturgy, in which the “ecclesia” that is, the community of baptized finds itself again united to listen to the Word of God and nourish itself on the Body and Blood of Christ. Gathered around this twofold table, the Church of living stones builds herself up in truth and in love and is moulded interiorly by the Holy Spirit, transforming herself into what she receives, conforming herself ever more to her Lord Jesus Christ. She herself, if she lives in sincere and fraternal unity, thus becomes a spiritual sacrifice pleasing to God.

Dear friends, today’s feast celebrates an ever-current mystery: that God desires to build himself a spiritual temple in the world, a community that adores him in spirit and truth. But this occasion reminds us also of the importance of the concrete buildings in which the community gathers together to celebrate God’s praises. Every community therefore has the duty to carefully guard their holy structures, which constitute a precious religious and historical patrimony.

CONFESSION

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

JOAN RODRIGUES RIP

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Mrs Joan Rodrigues, who died on 23rd September, the feast of St Pio of Pietrelcina, to whom she had a great devotion. Joan was a regular face at the 1962 Mass here each Monday evening for many years. A devout Catholic and staunch defender of the faith – who had a great spirit and a twinkle in her eye. She will be missed by many. Please pray also for her husband.

NOVEMBER HOLY SOULS

Throughout November, we will be offering at least three Masses a week for the Holy Souls in Purgatory. You can have your departed relatives and friends remembered at the Altar at these Masses by adding their names to the list by simply filling out the form on our website, or one of the forms at the back of the church. Visit maidenlane.org.uk/holysouls to make your offering today!

BYRON CONSORT OF HARROW SCHOOL & NATIVITY SCENE

We are pleased to be welcoming back the Byron Consort of Harrow School to sing for the Vigil Mass of the First Sunday of Advent on **Saturday 29th November at 6pm**. Following the Mass, they will give a free concert of Sacred Music. This will also be the first outing of our Nativity Scene for this year!

SODALITY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The next Sodality of the Blessed Sacrament Mass, concluding with Adoration and Benediction will be on **Thursday 4th December at 6:30pm**, which will be a Requiem Mass for deceased Sodality members. 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 6th December**. 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

CAROL SERVICE

Advanced notice: The Maiden Lane Carol Service will take place on **Wednesday 10th December at 6:30pm**, concluding with Benediction.

BUILDING APPEAL

This week, work began on repairing the church roof above the Sanctuary, where we’ve had some quite severe leaks in the rains. We still need to raise **£70k** to carry out all the work that needs doing, which will involve some rather complex scaffolding in the street to reach the bits that the builders will need to access. If you are able to help in any way, please donate either in church on the machines (selecting the Building Fund option) or at maidenlane.org.uk/donate

MASS INTENTIONS

The earliest dates available are now in **May 2026**. Book intentions online at maidenlane.org.uk/intentions

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, Nicholas Pollock, Traute Pollock **Of your charity – please pray for those who have died recently:** Joan Rodrigues, Molly Steele, Sarah Burke, Fr Patrick Hayward CRL, John O’Riordan, William Taor, Roy Truman, 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