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CORPUS CHRISTI

THE DIOCESAN SHRINE OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



APRIL – MONTH DEDICATED TO
THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT

✠ HOLY MASS FOR THE WEEK – 19TH APRIL 2026 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

SUNDAY 19TH

✠ 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

*Marian Gapsa & Parents RIP
Vincent Pellegrinon RIP*

MONDAY 20TH

EASTER FERIA

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

Dariusz Gapsa & Family – Intentions

TUESDAY 21ST

ST ANSELM, BISHOP & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

No public Mass today. Private Mass offered for

Lawson Murzello – sick

WEDNESDAY 22ND

EASTER FERIA

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour

Agnieszka Gapsa – Intentions

THURSDAY 23RD

ST GEORGE, MARTYR, PATRON OF ENGLAND

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour

Miguel & Dayanna Orozco – Wedding Anniversary

FRIDAY 24TH

Ss ERKENWALD & MELLITUS

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour

(Friday Abstinence)

Milosz Gapsa – Intentions

SATURDAY 25TH

ST MARK, EVANGELIST

5.00 pm Exposition
6.00 pm Vigil Mass

Janina Gapsa – Intentions

SUNDAY 26TH

✠ FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

Ps Wk 4

Pro Populo

Margaret Hegarty – Intentions

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

THE LORD HAS RISEN INDEED

The Gospel of this Sunday - the Third of Easter - is the famous account of the disciples of Emmaus. It tells the tale of two followers of Christ who, on the day after the Sabbath or the third day after his death, were leaving Jerusalem sad and dejected, bound for a village that was not far off called, precisely, Emmaus. They were joined on their way by the Risen Jesus but did not recognize him. Realizing that they were downhearted, he explained, drawing on the Scriptures, that the Messiah had to suffer and die in order to enter into his glory. Then entering the house with them, he sat down to eat, blessed the bread and broke it; and at that instant they recognized him but he vanished from their sight, leaving them marvelling before that broken bread, a new sign of his presence. And they both immediately headed back to Jerusalem to tell the other disciples of the event.

The locality of Emmaus has not been identified with certainty. There are various hypotheses and this one is not without an evocativeness of its own for it allows us to think that Emmaus actually represents every place: the road that leads there is the road every Christian, every person, takes. The Risen Jesus makes himself our travelling companion as we go on our way, to rekindle the warmth of faith and hope in our hearts and to break the bread of eternal life. In the disciples' conversation with the unknown wayfarer the words the evangelist Luke puts in the mouth of one of them are striking: "We had hoped...". This verb in the past tense tells all: we believed, we followed, we hoped..., but now everything is over. Even Jesus of Nazareth, who had shown himself in his words and actions to be a powerful prophet, has failed, and we are left disappointed. This drama of the disciples of Emmaus appears like a reflection of the situation of many Christians of our time: it seems that the hope of faith has failed. Faith itself enters a crisis because of negative experiences that make us feel abandoned and betrayed even by the Lord. But this road to Emmaus on which we walk can become the way of a purification and maturation of our belief in God. Also today we can enter into dialogue with Jesus, listening to his Word. Today too he breaks bread for us and gives himself as our Bread. And so the meeting with the Risen Christ that is possible even today gives us a deeper and more authentic faith tempered, so to speak, by the fire of the Paschal Event; a faith that is robust because it is nourished not by human ideas but by the Word of God and by his Real Presence in the Eucharist. This marvellous Gospel text already contains the structure of Holy Mass: in the first part, listening to the Word through the Sacred Scriptures; in the second part, the Eucharistic liturgy and communion with Christ present in the Sacrament of his Body and his Blood. In nourishing herself at this two-fold table, the Church is constantly built up and renewed from day to day in faith, hope and charity.

Through the intercession of Mary Most Holy, let us pray that in reliving the experience of the disciples of Emmaus every Christian and every community may rediscover the grace of the transforming encounter with the Risen Lord.

SODALITY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The next Sodality of the Blessed Sacrament Mass will be on **Thursday 7th May at 6.30pm**. This month's guest preacher will be **Fr Tom Lynch**, Parish Priest of Our Ladye Star of the Sea, Greenwich. To find out more about the Sodality, and to become a member, visit sodality.co.uk

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord is a Holy Day of Obligation and this year falls on **Thursday 14th May**. There will be three Masses that day: 8am (1962), 1:05pm (said, English) and 6:30pm (sung, Latin).

DIVINE LITURGY IN THE BYZANTINE-SLAVIC RITE

Fr Diaz will be celebrating the Divine Liturgy according to the Byzantine-Slavic Rite on **Saturday 16th May**, beginning at **10am**. The Liturgy will be sung by the Ss Cyril & Methodius Choir and is a great opportunity to experience the Eastern Catholic Rites for those who never have been before.

CORPUS CHRISTI & EUCHARISTIC OCTAVE

We are delighted to once again be hosting the London Eucharistic Octave this year. The Octave will run from **Saturday 30th May until Sunday 7th 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 Eritrean Gheez 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 4th – Saturday 6th June**. The week will conclude with the Solemnity of Corpus Christi on **Sunday 7th June** beginning at **11am**.

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

70TH ANNIVERSARY OF CONSECRATION

Please put the **11:30am** Mass on **Sunday 18th October** in your diary. **His Grace, the Archbishop** will be celebrating the Mass, marking the 70th Anniversary of the Shrine's Consecration in 1956 by Bishop George Craven.

MASS FOR MATRIMONY

Westminster Cathedral, **Saturday 23rd May, at 2.30pm**. Our Archbishop is inviting to this Mass all couples in the diocese who are celebrating their 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th (and any year over 60) anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2026. Please contact the office if this applies to you.

SEVEN DAY LAMPS

Are available at the back of the church for £6, or online at maidenlane.org.uk/lamps.

CONFESSION

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

MASS INTENTIONS

The earliest dates available are now in **February 2027**. Book intentions online at maidenlane.org.uk/intentions If you have any dates you would like, book them early!

Our sick parishioners and friends: Peter Noakes, 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:** Dan Brown, Diane Bettles, Philip Umunnakwe, Robert Adams, Fr Hubert Bonnet-Eymard SM, Rose Reid, 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