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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 – 26<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2026 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### SUNDAY 26<sup>TH</sup>

#### ✠ 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*

### MONDAY 27<sup>TH</sup>

#### EASTER FERIA

12 noon Exposition  
1.05 pm Mass *Marianna & Jan Skowronscy & Kaczmarek Family RIP*  
5.00 pm Holy Hour  
6.30 pm Mass (1962 Missal) – St Peter Canisius

### TUESDAY 28<sup>TH</sup>

#### ST GIANNA BERETTA MOLLA

No public Mass today. Private Mass offered for *Holy Souls in Purgatory*

### WEDNESDAY 29<sup>TH</sup>

#### ST CATHERINE OF SIENA, VIRGIN & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

12 noon Exposition  
1.05 pm Mass *Ewa, Jan & Maria Wyrozumska RIP*  
5.00 pm Holy Hour

### THURSDAY 30<sup>TH</sup>

#### ST PIUS V, POPE

12 noon Exposition  
1.05 pm Mass *Thanksgiving*  
5.00 pm Holy Hour

### FRIDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> MAY

#### ST JOSEPH THE WORKER

12 noon Exposition  
1.05 pm Mass *(Friday Abstinence)*  
5.00 pm Holy Hour *Dominic Ngwoke RIP*

### SATURDAY 2<sup>ND</sup>

#### ST ATHANASIUS, BISHOP & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

5.00 pm Exposition  
6.00 pm Vigil Mass *Pro Populo*

### SUNDAY 3<sup>RD</sup>

#### ✠ 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*

*James Cranford RIP*

*Andreas Weiler 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](mailto:ccpguk@gmail.com)

## THE GOOD SHEPHERD

The Liturgy of the Fourth Sunday of Easter presents to us one of the most beautiful images that has portrayed the Lord Jesus since the earliest centuries of the Church: the Good Shepherd. The Gospel of St John, in chapter 10, describes the special features of the relationship between Christ the Good Shepherd and his flock, a relationship so close that no one will ever be able to snatch sheep from his hand. Indeed, the sheep are united to him by a bond of love and of reciprocal knowledge, which guarantees to them the immeasurable gift of eternal life. At the same time, the flock's attitude to the Good Shepherd, Christ, is presented by the Evangelist with two specific verbs: "to listen" and "to follow". These terms suggest the fundamental characteristics of those who live out the following of the Lord.

First of all by listening to his word, from which faith is born and by which it is nurtured. Only those who are attentive to the Lord's voice can assess in their own conscience the right decisions for acting in accordance with God. Thus the following of Jesus derives from listening; we act as disciples only after hearing and inwardly accepting the Master's teachings in order to put them into practice every day.

On this Sunday, therefore, it comes naturally to remember to God the pastors of the Church and those who are training to become pastors. I therefore invite you to say a special prayer for the bishops, for the parish priests, for all those who have responsibilities in the guidance of Christ's flock, so that they may be faithful and wise in carrying out their ministry. In particular, let us pray for vocations to the priesthood on this World Day of Prayer for Vocations, so that effective workers in the Lord's harvest may never be lacking.

In 1941, Venerable Pius XII established the Pontifical Work for Priestly Vocations. His felicitous insight was based on the conviction that vocations grow and mature in the particular Churches, facilitated by a healthy family background and fortified by a spirit of faith, charity and devotion.

In the Message Pope Leo XIV sent for this World Day, he stressed that "we too must create a space for interior silence in order to hear what the Lord desires for our happiness. This is not a matter of lofty ideas or scholarly learning, but of a personal encounter that transforms one's life."

In these times too, in which the Lord's voice risks being drowned by so many other voices, every ecclesial community is called to promote and to care for vocations to the priesthood and to the consecrated life. Men and women in fact always need God, also in our technological world, and there will always be a need for Pastors who proclaim his Word and bring them to encounter the Lord in the sacraments.

Dear brothers and sisters, strengthened by the joy of Easter and of faith in the Risen One, let us entrust our resolutions and intentions to the Virgin Mary, Mother of every vocation, so that with her intercession she may bring forth and sustain many holy vocations for the service of the Church and of the world.

## SODALITY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The next Sodality of the Blessed Sacrament Mass will be on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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 14<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> May until Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June**. The week will conclude with the Solemnity of Corpus Christi on **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> 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](http://catholiclondon.org)

## 70<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF CONSECRATION

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

## MASS FOR MATRIMONY

Westminster Cathedral, **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May, at 2.30pm**. Our Archbishop is inviting to this Mass all couples in the diocese who are celebrating their 5<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup> (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](http://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](http://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