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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 – 3<sup>RD</sup> MAY 2026 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

#### ✠ FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

9.30 am Said Mass in English  
11.30 am Sung Mass in Latin

*Ps Wk 1  
James Cranford RIP  
Andreas Weiler RIP*

### MONDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> – BANK HOLIDAY

#### THE ENGLISH MARTYRS

10.00 am Mass  
6.30 pm Mass (1962 Missal) – 40 English Martyrs

*Kurt Tenzler RIP – Anniversary*

### TUESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup>

#### EASTER FERIA

No public Mass today. Private Mass offered for

*Hugh Thirlway RIP*

### WEDNESDAY 6<sup>TH</sup>

#### EASTER FERIA

12 noon Exposition  
1.05 pm Mass

*Elizabeth O'Beirne RIP – Anniversary*

### THURSDAY 7<sup>TH</sup>

#### EASTER FERIA

12 noon Exposition  
1.05 pm Mass

*Nancy McWilliams RIP*

**6.30 pm Sodality of the Blessed Sacrament Mass**

*Sodality Members*

### FRIDAY 8<sup>TH</sup>

#### EASTER FERIA

#### ANNIVERSARY OF THE ELECTION OF POPE LEO XIV

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

*Eva Wiesinger RIP*

*Good Counsel Network*

### SATURDAY 9<sup>TH</sup>

#### EASTER FERIA

5.00 pm Exposition  
6.00 pm Vigil Mass

*Maeva KIELTY RIP – Anniversary*

### SUNDAY 10<sup>TH</sup>

#### ✠ SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

*Ps Wk 2  
Jan Skubisz 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

**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 WAY, THE TRUTH & THE LIFE

The Gospel of this Sunday, the Fifth of Easter, proposes a twofold commandment of faith: to believe in God and to believe in Jesus. In fact, the Lord said to his disciples: "Believe in God, believe also in me". They are not two separate acts but one single act of faith, full adherence to salvation wrought by God the Father through his Only-begotten Son.

The New Testament puts an end to the Father's invisibility. God has shown his face, as Jesus' answer to the Apostle Philip confirms: "He who has seen me has seen the Father". With his Incarnation, death and Resurrection, the Son of God has freed us from the slavery of sin to give us the freedom of the children of God and he has shown us the face of God, which is love: God can be seen, he is visible in Christ.

St Teresa of Avila wrote: "the last thing we should do is to withdraw from our greatest good and blessing, which is the most sacred humanity of Our Lord Jesus Christ". Therefore, only by believing in Christ, by remaining united to him, may the disciples, among whom we too are, continue their permanent action in history: "Truly, truly, I say to you," says the Lord, "he who believes in me will also do the works that I do".

Faith in Jesus entails following him daily, in the simple actions that make up our day. "It is part of the mystery of God that he acts so gently, that he only gradually builds up his history within the great history of mankind; that he becomes man and so can be overlooked by his contemporaries and by the decisive forces within history; that he suffers and dies and that, having risen again, he chooses to come to mankind only through the faith of the disciples to whom he reveals himself; that he continues to knock gently at the doors of our hearts and slowly opens our eyes if we open our doors to him".

St Augustine says that "it was necessary for Jesus to say: 'I am the way, the truth, and the life' because once the way was known, the end remained to be known", and the end is the Father. For Christians, for each one of us, hence, the way to the Father is to allow ourselves to be guided by Jesus, by his word of truth, and to receive the gift of his life. Let us make St Bonaventure's invitation our own: "Open, therefore, your eyes, lend your spiritual ear, open your lips and dispose your heart, so that you will be able to see, hear, praise, love, venerate, glorify, honour your God in all creatures".

Dear friends, the commitment to proclaim Jesus Christ, "the way, the truth, and the life", is the main task of the Church. Let us invoke the Virgin Mary that she may always assist the Pastors and those in the different ministries to proclaim the Good News of salvation, that the Word of God may be spread and the number of disciples multiplied.

## SECOND COLLECTION – BUILDING FUND

These second collections help us with the maintenance of the Shrine building, which are an on-going cause for concern with a building this old. At the moment we need to raise **£15k** to tank the cellar to stop it from flooding, as well as **£50k** to do essential repairs to the brickwork and masonry on the front of the building. All help gratefully received!

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## 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