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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 – 17TH MAY 2026 SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SUNDAY 17TH

✠ 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
Patrick Slattery RIP
Pro Populo*

MONDAY 18TH

EASTER FERIA

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
6.30 pm Mass (1962 Missal) – St Venantius

Claus Tenzler RIP – Anniversary

TUESDAY 19TH

EASTER FERIA

No public Mass today. Private Mass offered for

Veronica Murphy RIP

WEDNESDAY 20TH

ST BERNARDINE OF SIENA, PRIEST

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour

Irena Kupis – Birthday Intentions

THURSDAY 21ST

ST CHRISTOPHER MAGALLENES, PRIEST, & COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour

Berenice – Sick

FRIDAY 22ND

ST RITA OF CASCIA, RELIGIOUS

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour

(Friday Abstinence)

Katerina Carlsson RIP

SATURDAY 23RD

EASTER FERIA

5.00 pm Exposition
6.00 pm Vigil Mass

Edward Przydrozny RIP

SUNDAY 24TH

✠ PENTECOST SUNDAY

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

*Ps Wk 4
Pro Populo
Janina Sroka 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

RETURN TO THE FATHER

Today, the Sunday after the Ascension, we continue to contemplate the mystery of faith which the Acts of the Apostles places 40 days after the Resurrection – ie last Thursday. After the Ascension, the first disciples remained together in the Upper Room gathered around the Mother of Jesus, fervently awaiting the gift of the Holy Spirit, promised by Jesus. On this Sunday in May, the month of Mary, we too relive this experience, feeling Mary's spiritual presence more intensely.

In his farewell discourses to the disciples, Jesus stressed the importance of his "return to the Father", the culmination of his whole mission: indeed, he came into the world to bring man back to God, not on the ideal level - like a philosopher or a master of wisdom - but really, like a shepherd who wants to lead his sheep back to the fold. This "exodus" toward the heavenly Homeland which Jesus lived in the first person, he faced solely for us. It was for our sake that he came down from Heaven and for our sake that he ascended to it, after making himself in all things like men, humbling himself even to death on a cross and after having touched the abyss of the greatest distance from God. For this very reason the Father was pleased with him and "highly exalted" him, restoring to him the fullness of his glory, but now with our humanity. God in man – man in God: this is even now a reality, not a theoretical truth. Therefore, Christian hope, founded on Christ, is not an illusion but, as the Letter to the Hebrews says, "we have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul", an anchor that penetrates Heaven where Christ has gone before us.

And what does the human person in every epoch need other than this: a firm anchorage in life? Here once again is the wonderful meaning of Mary's presence among us. Turning our gaze to her, like the first disciples, we are immediately directed to the reality of Jesus: the Mother points to the Son who is no longer physically among us but awaits us in the Father's house. Jesus invites us not to linger looking upwards, but to be united in prayer together, to invoke the gift of the Holy Spirit. Indeed, only those who are "born from on high", that is, from God's Spirit, have access to the Kingdom of Heaven, and the first to be "born from on high" was, precisely, the Virgin Mary. To her, therefore, let us turn in the fullness of Easter joy.

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! If you are able to Gift Aid your donation, please do as it helps us raise an extra 25% on your donations. This is especially important since the Government ended the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme, which made repairs such as these more affordable for us. Donate online at maidenlane.org.uk/donate

HEARING AID T-LOOP

Our hearing aid loop has given up the ghost. We hope it will be repaired soon. Sincere apologies in the meantime!

CHURCH CLEANING

We will be cleaning the church on **Saturday 30th May from 9am** ahead of the Corpus Christi celebrations. If you are able to come and lend a hand, I'd be very grateful!

STANDING IN THE PRESENCE

Fr Alan is having a bit of leg trouble at the moment, so kneeling and genuflecting are proving rather painful and difficult. Please don't think he's lost his faith in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament!

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, the Ukrainian Catholic Divine Liturgy, as well as the Ordinariate Use of the Roman Rite. There will also be a Requiem Mass for Pope Benedict XVI on the Tuesday, followed by a talk by Prof. Jacob Phillips on Benedict's Devotion to the Eucharist. 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

SODALITY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The next Sodality of the Blessed Sacrament Mass will be on **Thursday 4th June at 6.30pm**, at which we will open the Annual *Quarant'Ore* Devotions. To find out more about the Sodality, and to become a member, visit sodality.co.uk To have your intentions remembered during the Forty Hours, or to buy a lamp to burn before Our Lord, visit maidenlane.org.uk/forty

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!

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.

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