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Private Intention CW

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In Thanksgiving

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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 – 24TH MAY 2026 PENTECOST SUNDAY

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

MONDAY 25TH – BANK HOLIDAY

MAY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

10.00 am Mass
6.30 pm Mass (1962 Missal) – Pentecost Monday

Nikki Smith – sick

TUESDAY 26TH

ST PHILIP NERI, PRIEST

No public Mass today. Private Mass offered for

Peter Moore RIP

WEDNESDAY 27TH

ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, BISHOP

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour

Octaviano & Auta Rodrigues – Intentions

THURSDAY 28TH

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, THE ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour

de Burgh Family Deceased RIP

FRIDAY 29TH

ST PAUL VI, POPE

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour

(Friday Abstinence)

Patricia Church RIP

SATURDAY 30TH

FERIA

9.00 am Church cleaning
5.00 pm Exposition
6.00 pm Sung Vigil Mass opening the Octave

Private Intentions

SUNDAY 31ST

✠ THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

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

Ps Wk 1

Pro Populo

Tadusz 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

THE LORD, THE GIVER OF LIFE

The Solemnity of Pentecost which we are celebrating today concludes the liturgical season of Easter. In fact, the paschal mystery — the passion, death and resurrection of Christ and his ascension into Heaven — finds its fulfilment in the powerful outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles gathered together with Mary, Mother of the Lord, and the other disciples. It was the “baptism” of the Church, baptism in the Holy Spirit. As the Acts of the Apostles recount, on the morning of the feast of Pentecost, a noise as of wind burst into the Upper Room and tongues of fire, as it were, came to rest upon each of the disciples. St Gregory the Great commented: “Today, the Holy Spirit has come down upon the disciples with an unexpected sound and changed the minds of carnal beings within his love; and while he appeared externally in tongues of fire, their hearts blazed within them, because in receiving God in the vision of fire, they burned gently with love”. God’s voice divinized the human language of the Apostles who were enabled to proclaim the one divine Word in a “polyphonic” manner. The breath of the Holy Spirit fills the universe, generates faith, leads to truth, and predisposes people to unity. “At this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in his own language” of “the mighty works of God”. Bl. Antonio Rosmini explained that “on the day of Christian Pentecost God promulgated... his law of love, writing it through the Holy Spirit not on stone but in the hearts of the Apostles, and through the Apostles, subsequently communicating it to the entire Church”. The Holy Spirit, “who is the Lord and Giver of life” — as we say in the Creed — is joined to the Father through the Son and completes the revelation of the Blessed Trinity. He comes from God like a breath from his mouth and has the power of sanctifying, abolishing divisions, dispelling the confusion due to sin. Incorporeal and immaterial, he lavishes divine goods upon living beings and sustains them so that they may act in conformity with the good. As an intelligible Light he gives meaning to prayer, vigour to the evangelizing mission, he makes the hearts of those who listen to the happy message burn and inspires Christian art and liturgical music.

Dear friends, the Holy Spirit who creates faith within us at the moment of our Baptism enables us to live as children of God, aware and consenting, in accordance with the image of the Only-Begotten Son. The power to forgive sins is also a gift of the Holy Spirit; in fact, in appearing to the Apostles on the evening of Easter Day, Jesus breathed upon them and said: “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven”. Let us entrust the Church to the Virgin Mary, temple of the Holy Spirit, so that she may always live by Jesus Christ, by his word, by his commandments and, under the perennial action of the Spirit Paraclete, proclaim to one and all that “Jesus is Lord!”.

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!

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!

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

QUARANT’ORE DEVOTIONS (FORTY HOURS)

The Annual *Quarant’Ore*, or Forty Hours, devotion will run from **Thursday 4th – Saturday 6th June**. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed from 7am – Midnight during this time. Our guest preacher at the opening Mass on 19th June at 6:30pm, the traditional feast of Corpus Christi, will be Mgr Philip Whitmore, Rector of St James’s, Spanish Place. On Friday 5th June at 6:30pm, Fr Mark Elliott-Smith, Rector of Warwick St, will celebrate Mass in the Ordinariate Use.

You can buy candles to burn for your intentions during the Forty Hours, or submit your own prayer intentions, on our website at maidenlane.org.uk/forty You can also volunteer to spend an hour in church before the Blessed Sacrament through this link.

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.

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.

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. Donate online at maidenlane.org.uk/donate

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