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SANCTUARY LAMPS

In Thanksgiving

LADY CHAPEL

Private Intention CW

SACRED HEART CHAPEL

In Thanksgiving

SACRED HEART NARTHEX

Mr & Mrs McGinn

*To have the lamps burning for your intentions,
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CORPUS CHRISTI

THE DIOCESAN SHRINE OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

AUGUST – MONTH DEDICATED TO
THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

✠ HOLY MASS FOR THE WEEK – 16TH AUGUST 2026 THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

SUNDAY 16TH

✠ THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Ps Wk 4

9.30 am Said Mass in English

Paddy McCarthy RIP

11.30 am Sung Mass in Latin

June Hasted RIP – Anniversary

MONDAY 17TH

FERIA

12 noon Exposition

1.05 pm Mass

Private Intentions

6.30 pm Missa Cantata (1962 Missal) – St Hyacinth

TUESDAY 18TH

FERIA

No lunchtime Mass today. Private Mass offered for *Antony James Kindell* – Intentions

WEDNESDAY 19TH

ST JOHN EUDES

12 noon Exposition

1.05 pm Mass

Margaret Chan RIP

THURSDAY 20TH

ST BERNARD, ABBOT & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

12 noon Exposition

1.05 pm Mass

Carmen Novaes Suzgara RIP

FRIDAY 21ST

ST PIUS X, POPE

12 noon Exposition

1.05 pm Mass

Kimberly Meyer RIP

SATURDAY 22ND

THE QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

5.00 pm Exposition

6.00 pm Vigil Mass

Pro Populo

SUNDAY 23RD

✠ 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9.30 am Said Mass in English

Ps Wk 1

11.30 am Said Mass in Latin

Brid Slattery RIP

Laura Archard 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 DESTINATION FOR WHICH WE ARE BOUND

In the heart of August Christians of both East and West jointly celebrate the Feast of the Assumption into Heaven of Mary Most Holy. In the Catholic Church the Dogma of the Assumption — as is well known — was proclaimed in the Holy Year of 1950 by the Servant of God Pope Pius XII. The roots of this commemoration, however, are deeply embedded in the faith of the early centuries of the Church.

In the East, it is still known today as the “Dormition of the Virgin”. An ancient mosaic in the Basilica of St Mary Major, Rome, that was inspired precisely by the Eastern image of the “*Dormitio*”, portrays the Apostles, who, alerted by Angels of the end of the earthly life of the Mother of Jesus, gathered at the Virgin’s bedside. In the centre is Jesus, who has a little girl in his arms: she is Mary, who has become “little” for the Kingdom, being taken to Heaven by the Lord.

In the passage of today’s liturgy from St Luke’s Gospel, we read that “in those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a city of Judah”. In those days Mary hastened from Galilee to a little town in the neighbourhood of Jerusalem to go and see her kinswoman Elizabeth. Today we contemplate her going up towards God’s mountain and entering the heavenly Jerusalem, “clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars”.

The biblical passage of the Book of Revelation, which we read in the liturgy of this Solemnity, speaks of a struggle between the woman and the dragon, between good and evil. St John seems to be presenting to us anew the very first pages of the Book of Genesis that recount the dark and tragic event of the sin of Adam and Eve. Our first parents were defeated by the Evil One; in the fullness of time, Jesus, the new Adam, and Mary, the new Eve, were to triumph over the enemy once and for all, and this is the joy of this day! With Jesus’ victory over evil, inner and physical death are also defeated.

Mary was the first to take in her arms Jesus, the Son of God, become a child; she is now the first to be beside him in the glory of Heaven.

Today we are celebrating a great mystery. It is above all a mystery of hope and joy for all of us: in Mary we see the destination for which are bound all who can interpret their life according to the life of Jesus, who are able to follow him as Mary did. This Feast, then, speaks of our future. It tells us that we too shall be beside Jesus in God’s joy and invites us to take heart, to believe that the power of Christ’s Resurrection can also work in us, making us men and women who seek every day to live as risen ones, bringing the light of goodness into the darkness of the evil in the world.

SEVEN DAY LAMPS

Are available at the back of the church for £6, or online at maidenlane.org.uk/lamps. If you’d like to have the Sanctuary Lamps lit for a particular intention, the book is full for this year and next, so it is only possible to buy for the Sacred Heart Lamp in the Narthex or for an individual lamp in a side chapel.

SUMMER BREAK

During August, things wind down for the summer to give everyone a chance of a rest. The musicians are on a break, and sung Masses will resume in September. The 5pm Holy Hours will also be paused during August, resuming in September. I’d like to take this opportunity, however, to thank everyone for so much hard work over the last few months, as we have celebrated the Triduum and Easter, our Titular Feast and so much more. May you all have a well-deserved and restful summer!

VESTMENT SPONSORSHIP

All of the vestments you see at Mass here at the Shrine have been donated by parishioners, visitors, and even people who have never stepped foot in Covent Garden. Embroidered inside each vestment is the name of a loved one in whose memory that particular set has been donated, and every time the priest vests for Mass, he remembers that name especially, and prays for them. In this year of our 70th Anniversary, might you like to sponsor a set of vestments, or contribute towards the costs of a set? If you would, please visit maidenlane.org.uk/vestments for more information, or send Alex an email.

Thank you very much to the generous donor who has given a chasuble this week. If you would like to help make this a full High Mass set with dalmatics and copes, please contact Alex.

LATIN MASS SOCIETY WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE

There will be a Day Pilgrimage to Walsingham on **Saturday 30th August** with a coach departing from Westminster Cathedral at 9.20am. Cost: £30. The day will include High Mass in the traditional Roman Rite and Marian devotions at the Abbey Ruins, as well as time to explore Walsingham. The day pilgrimage forms part of the annual Walking Pilgrimage, with groups travelling from both London and Ely. Further information and booking at lms.org.uk/walsingham

SODALITY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The next Sodality of the Blessed Sacrament Mass with Adoration and Benediction will be on **Thursday 3rd September at 6:30pm**. To join the Sodality, visit sodality.co.uk

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

The annual diocesan pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham, led by the Archbishop, will take place on **Saturday 19th September**. Information at rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages

70TH ANNIVERSARY OF CONSECRATION

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

MASS INTENTIONS

The earliest dates available are now in **April 2027**. Book intentions online at maidenlane.org.uk/intentions

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%

Our sick parishioners and friends: Pam Molyneux, 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:** Dame Ann Widdecombe, Ibolya Keshely, Marygold Turner, Catherine Donner, 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