

SHRINE & PARISH OF OUR LADY OF WILLESDEN,

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> CORPUS CHRISTI SUNDAY

Sanctuary Lamp intentions this week.

Sacred Heart Lamp - Newly ordained Deacons Blessed Sacrament Lamp 1 - Theresa Walls RIP Shrine Lamp – Those about to be ordained Priest.

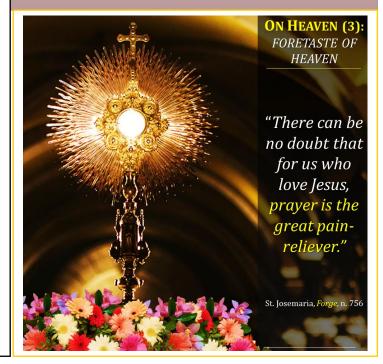
Mass intentions from Saturday 10th June 2023

6pm: Alina Gai – RIP **Sunday 9am:** Elizabeth Walls - Anniversary **11am:** Steven DeSouza- First Anniversary 5.30pm: Pro Populo Mon 10am: John Connor- RIP 7pm: Holy Souls OLM **Tues: 10am:** November Dead List 2022 7pm: Bill Johnson –Int. Wed 10am: Joseph Sylvester -Anniversary **7pm:** November Dead List 2022 Thursday: 10am: Mary Caffrey – Birthday Int. **7pm:** Holy Souls OLM Friday 10am: Alana Masterson - Int. 7pm: November Dead List 2022 Saturday 10am: November Dead List 2022 6pm: Anna O'Beirne-Werminski – Birthday Int. **Sunday 9am:** Theresa Walls – Anniversary 11am: Pro Populo 5.30pm: Adam Janczak - Anniversary

Masses<u>& Sanctuary Lamp intentions</u> can be booked online: willesden@rcdow.org.uk or by phone 02089654935 MASS INTENTIONS ARE AVAILABLE FROM 19th JUNE and SANCTUARY LAMPS *from next weekend*!

USUAL MASS TIMES:

Saturday **6pm** (Anticipated said Mass for Sunday) **SUNDAY 9am** (simple said: Livestreamed) **11am** (Solemn Mass with Choir) **5.30pm** – (Traditional Latin) Monday to Saturday **10am**, Monday - Friday: **7pm**. (No evening Mass on Bank Holidays) Confessions: Tue 6.15-6.45pm & Sat.10.30-11.30am & 5-5.45pm.



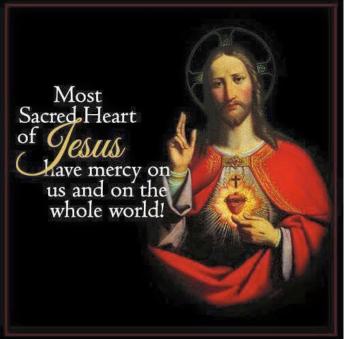
CORPUS ET SANGUIS CHRISTI~ THE BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST

St Josemaria Escriva, who visited this Shrine on a number of occasions, spoke of the gift of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament in this way when preaching one Holy Thursday:

"Any words we might use to explain the mystery of Holy Thursday are inadequate. But it is not hard to imagine the feelings of Jesus' heart on that evening, his last evening with his friends before the sacrifice of Calvary.

Think of the human experience of two people who love each other, and yet are forced to part. They would like to stay together forever, but duty — in one form or another — forces them to separate. They are unable to fulfil their desire of remaining close to each other, so man's love — which, great as it may be, is limited — seeks a symbolic gesture. People who make their farewells exchange gifts or perhaps a photograph with a dedication so ardent that it seems almost enough to burn that piece of paper. They can do no more, because a creature's power is not so great as its desire.

What we cannot do, our Lord is able to do. Jesus Christ, perfect God and perfect man, leaves us, not a symbol, but a reality. He himself stays with us. He will go to the Father, but he will also remain among men. He will leave us, not simply a gift that will make us remember him, not an image that becomes blurred with time, like a photograph that soon fades and yellows, and has no meaning except for those who were contemporaries. Under the appearances of bread and wine, he is really present, with his body and blood, with his soul and divinity."



THIS WEEK: IN CHURCH:

Weekday Rosary: in the Shrine at 10.30am.
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Tuesdays & Saturdays between the masses.
Shrine Prayers: Tuesdays after the 7pm Mass
Coffee and Bible Study: Thursday after 10am Mass
Legion of Mary: Sundays, 12.30pm – 2pm in the Presbytery Church Cleaning: Wed 8.30am-10am.
Ghanaian Catholic Association: First Sunday of the Month after the 11am Mass, in the Marian Hall.
Nigerian Catholic Association: Third Sunday of the Month after the 11am Mass, in the Marian Hall.
1,000 Hail Mary's: First Saturdays, after 10am Mass, in the Shrine Chapel

ONLINE:

Children's Liturgy: <u>https://www.themark10mission.co.uk/</u> <i>Mass: <u>https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/willesden</u> or the <i>Willesden Shrine-RC Church Facebook Page. 9am on Sundays. <u>Sign up to e-alerts from the Parish</u> to receive news, updates and the weekly Newsletter directly to your email! Go to the parish website: <u>https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/willesden</u>

<u>Parish Offerings</u>: Weekend of 3rd /4th June £1,992.39; Shrine Restoration £38.69; Organ Fund: £320.00. *Many thanks to all who support us.*

<u>THE REPOSITORY</u> will now in addition to Sunday's also be OPEN Mon – Thursday after the 10am Mass. We have a selection of Holy Communion and Confirmation Cards along with Rosaries and other Religious gifts.

First Holy Communion. Certificates will be presented on Corpus Christi. All those who have made their First Communion in the past 2 weeks are asked to wear their Communion Clothes to the 11am Mass on Sunday11th June. They will lead the Blessed Sacrament Procession at the end of Mass, and then be presented with their certificates. Children at S. Joseph's School will also be asked to wear their Communion outfits on Thursday 8th June for their school celebration Mass.



<u>This weekend we thank, in partiocular, those members of our Community who act as Catechists</u>, and prepare people for Baptism, Holy Communion and Confirmation. They give freely of their time to help us all, priests, family, and parishioners, to hand on the Catholic Faith. Please kep them in your prayers. After Mass today they will be sharing Lunch as a Thanks for all that they do.

This weekend we will be keeping the transferred Solemnity of Corpus Christi at the 6pm, 9 and 11am Masses. The Solemn Mass at 11am will conclude with a Procession of the Blessed Sacrament outside the church, and Benediction.

<u>Organ Works</u>. On Monday organ builders will be visiting the church in preparation for the next part in the works to install the organ. There are due to be two weeks of organ building works beginning at the start of July.

Parish Finance Committee meets this Tuesday, 13th, at 5pm in the Presbytery.

<u>Next Sunday 18th June is the Day for Life</u>. The Novena for Life has begun, and the prayers can be found at: <u>www.cbcew.org.uk/novenaforlife</u> <u>There will be a Second Collection for the Day for Life at the end of all masses next weekend.</u>

Southern Diocese Environment Network, Great Big Green Week event, Monday 12th June, 12.45-2pm Scan Poster at the back of church.

<u>Refreshments after the 9am Sunday Mass</u> will usually now be weekly until October. Also after the 11am Mass on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. Come, and join us!