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Guadalupe Ortiz: Masses of Thanksgiving

Guadalupe Ortiz will be beatified on 18 May 2019 in Madrid. Masses of Thanksgiving for the new Blessed will be held in some cities in Britain.

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18 May 2019: 12 noon: Holy Rood Catholic Church, Abingdon Rd, Oxford OX1 4LD

LONDON

25 May 2019: 12 noon: St Thomas More Church, Maresfield Gardens, Swiss Cottage, London NW3 5SU.
Confessions from 11.30am.

Guadalupe Ortiz will become the first lay member of Opus Dei to be beatified. She was born in Madrid, Spain, on 12 December 1916.

Resilient and courageous by nature, she gained a doctorate in chemistry and was among the first women in Opus Dei. Guadalupe set up projects to help young people, professionals, and mothers with children. Between 1950 and 1956 she began Opus Dei's apostolate with women in Mexico, setting up several halls of residence for students, a training school for women agricultural workers, and a mobile medical dispensary.

People who knew her remember her as always happy, with a habitual smile and a capacity for spreading

joy and optimism around her. She loved everyone, and her open, friendly approach filled others with confidence and inspired them to seek friendship with Christ.

Guadalupe died in Pamplona, Spain, on 16 July 1975, with a reputation for holiness. Her mortal remains rest in the Oratory of Caballero de Gracia, at Calle Caballero de Gracia 5, Madrid 28013, Spain.

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