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*This parish is part of the WRCDT  
Registered Charity Number 233699*

**WEEKLY GIVING**

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2019

Offertory Loose Plate £515.82  
Offertory Envelopes £90.00

*Thank you for your continued  
generous support*

**THE LAMPS ARE BURNING FOR:****SANCTUARY LAMPS**

Vocation of  
Rodolfo Mendez-Lindo

**LADY CHAPEL**

Private Intention

*To have the lamps burning for your intentions,  
use an envelope at the back of the church or  
visit the website.*

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED  
SACRAMENT: WEEKDAYS\***

7:30am – 8:30am

12:00pm – 1:00pm

**SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION:**

30 mins before Mass\*

\* except Tuesdays



# CORPUS CHRISTI

## THE DIOCESAN SHRINE OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

MARCH - MONTH DEDICATED TO  
SAINT JOSEPH

**✠ HOLY MASS FOR THE WEEK – 10<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2019****✠ 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT****SUNDAY 10<sup>TH</sup>****✠ 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT**

9.30am Mass  
11.30am Solemn Mass in Latin (OF)

*(Ps. Week – 1)  
Sheila Gaeton – RIP  
Pro Populo*

**MONDAY 11<sup>TH</sup>****LENT FERIA**

1.05pm Mass  
6.30pm Mass – Extraordinary Form

*Richard Louis Brown & Family – Ints.*

**TUESDAY 12<sup>TH</sup>****LENT FERIA**

1.05pm Mass

*Paul Jennings – RIP*

**WEDNESDAY 13<sup>TH</sup>****LENT FERIA****ANNIVERSARY OF THE ELECTION OF POPE FRANCIS (2013)**

1.05pm Mass

*Kearns, Howdle, Lake, Webster Families*

**THURSDAY 14<sup>TH</sup>****LENT FERIA**

1.05pm Mass  
7.00pm St. John Paul II Prayer Group

*Anthony Shanagher – RIP*

**FRIDAY 15<sup>TH</sup>****LENT FERIA**

1.05pm Mass  
5.00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
6.00pm Stations of the Cross

*(Friday Abstinence)*

*Welfare of Ronnie England*

**SATURDAY 16<sup>TH</sup>****LENT FERIA**

9.00am Church Cleaning – *all welcome!*  
6.00pm Vigil Mass

*Pro Populo*

**SUNDAY 17<sup>TH</sup>****✠ 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT**

9.30am Mass  
11.30am Solemn Mass in Latin (OF)

*(Ps. Week – 2)  
Mick Ryan – RIP  
Richard Lange – RIP*

**REGULAR PARISH GROUPS:**

**Sodality of the Blessed Sacrament:** First Thursday of the Month, 6:30pm, Mass, Adoration and Benediction with a different guest preacher each month. All welcome!

**Mass in the Extraordinary Form (Missal of 1962):** 6.30pm Mondays & Bank Holidays; 6:30pm Second Friday of the month (Contact Latin Mass Society Tel: 020 7404 7284)

**Eucharistic Prayer Group:** Young Adults Prayer Group each Wednesday 7pm in Church with Eucharistic Adoration and Rosary - Mass first Wednesday of the Month. Contact Annette: ccpguk@gmail.com

**CaAPA** (The Catholic Association for Performing Arts) 020 7240 1221

**St. John Paul II Prayer Group (Fraternity of St. Genesius)** 7.00pm on 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month – Mass, Benediction and Blessing with First Class Relic of Pope St. John Paul II.

**Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour** Saturday evening after the Vigil Mass.

## LENT HAS BEGUN!

Last Wednesday, with the penitential Rite of Ashes we began Lent, a Season of spiritual renewal in preparation for the annual celebration of Easter. But what does it mean to begin the Lenten journey? The Gospel for this First Sunday of Lent illustrates it for us with the account of the temptations of Jesus in the desert. The Evangelist St Luke recounts that after receiving Baptism from John, "Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan, and was led by the Spirit for forty days in the wilderness, tempted by the devil". There is a clear insistence on the fact that the temptations were not just an incident on the way but rather the consequence of Jesus' decision to carry out the mission entrusted to him by the Father to live to the very end his reality as the beloved Son who trusts totally in him. Christ came into the world to set us free from sin and from the ambiguous fascination of planning our life leaving God out. He did not do so with loud proclamations but rather by fighting the Tempter himself, until the Cross. This example applies to everyone: the world is improved by starting with oneself, changing, with God's grace, everything in one's life that is not going well.

Lent is like a long "retreat" in which to re-enter oneself and listen to God's voice in order to overcome the temptations of the Evil One and to find the truth of our existence. It is a time, we may say, of spiritual "training" in order to live alongside Jesus not with pride and presumption but rather by using the weapons of faith: namely prayer, listening to the Word of God and penance. In this way we shall succeed in celebrating Easter in truth, ready to renew our baptismal promises. May the Virgin Mary help us so that, guided by the Holy Spirit, we may live joyfully and fruitfully this Season of grace.

## AUNTIE GLENDA WRITES...

I trust you all made a good start to Lent by going to Mass and receiving the Blessed Ashes as a sign of your penitence at the beginning of Lent. It was very encouraging to see so many people at Mass in my own parish. Well it's easy to be enthusiastic for one day, but now the work really begins. Something I want to commend to all of you is the Sacrament of Confession. I certainly don't know anyone who doesn't need this Sacrament in their lives – except Jesus and Our Blessed Lady! I'm afraid all the rest of us are fallen creatures. But God has given us the remedy to heal and save us. With Confession, we can be **certain** that our sins have been forgiven. There is no other way. So, if you've fallen away from this Sacrament, if you've given up on Confession, if you don't know what to do... please do speak to your parish priest: he'll be delighted to help you. Standing still is not an option for any of us. Remember – Jesus Himself is waiting for you to come and offer your sins to Him – then He can replace them with His love.

Have a good week – more next Sunday. God bless you.  
*Auntie Glenda*

## SUNDAY HOMILIES FOR LENT 2019

In Lent I usually try to follow and expand on a theme through the whole season. It means there is time to enter more deeply on one topic. This year, I'm asking myself and all of you a very simple question, "Do I really want to go to Heaven?" It's an important question – and we all want to know how to make this possible. So let's think about this together. *Fr Alan Robinson*

## SODALITY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The next Sodality Mass is at **6.30pm Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April** and our guest preacher will be **Fr Daniel Humphreys**, Sub-Administrator of Westminster Cathedral. The confraternity meets on a monthly basis for Mass, Adoration and Benediction, adoring Jesus truly present in the Blessed Sacrament and the Mass is offered for the intentions of members. Leaflets containing application forms are available at the back of the church, or you can join online at [sodality.co.uk](http://sodality.co.uk)

## HEARING AID LOOP SYSTEM

If you use a hearing aid, please switch it to "I" when you're at Mass. You should hear things much more clearly.

## SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

If you'd like to come and talk about your spiritual life, as a one-off or a possibly ongoing relationship, please have a word with Fr Alan, or send him an email: he'd be delighted to hear from you.

## A GIFT FOR BISHOP ROBERT BYRNE

As you know, Bishop Robert Byrne has been appointed by the Holy Father as Bishop of Hexham and Newcastle. His installation is on 25<sup>th</sup> March – the Annunciation. Bishop Byrne has been a very good friend of this Shrine for many years and those of you who come here regularly will know him well by now. We would like to give him a gift of a precious mitre in gratitude for all he has done for us over the years. If you would like to contribute to the cost of this mitre, please make a donation in the retiring collection as you leave after Mass today, or contact the Parish Office, or Father Alan directly.

## SEVEN DAY LAMPS

Seven Day Lamps are available from the Presbytery for £5 or after Sunday Masses. You can also have the Sanctuary Lamps burning for a particular intention of yours. Envelopes are at the back of the church.

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR 2019

If you'd like us to offer a Mass for an intention on a particular day, please... don't leave it until the last minute! The book is filling up fast...

## AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED

Next weekend we will be joined by Jonathan Stevens from Aid to the Church in Need who will be making an appeal for the excellent work they do. ACN was founded in 1947 by Pope Pius XII and now works in over 140 countries around the world, providing on the ground support and assistance to persecuted and oppressed Catholics, as well as helping to teach the faith to many who otherwise would go without. For more information about the remarkable work they do, have a look at their website at [acnuk.org](http://acnuk.org) Please be as generous as you are able.

## Our sick parishioners and friends

Collette Nevens, Peter Noakes, Tony Pearce, Mgr Frederik Miles, Francis Bodis, David Jordan, Bill Tomlinson, Christopher Browne, Margaret Griffith, Pascal James, Jean Bernard, Brian Keenan, Sid Shepherd, Terry Miles, John Hughes, Warren Peterson, Nicholas Pollock, Jack Ward, Traute Pollock, Noël Tobin, Geoff Smale, David Michael Barrett, Christopher Browne, John Lynch, Peter Georgeson, Colin Folan, Ann Gorman, Janet Seeley, Margaret Hopley DGCHS  
**Of your charity – please pray for those who have died recently:** Anthony Shanagher, Mgr Edwin Barnes, Fr Adrian Walker, Sheila Gaeton, Jean Teresa Wadsworth, Sebastian Jeans, Maureen Goodey, Mark Gregory Kay, Maria-Stella Ngombe, Bishop Friedrich Ostermann, Fr George Dangerfield, Rosaleen Hunt, Craig, Fr. Michael Durand, Fr Philip Mathias, Jean-Louis Cardinal Tauran, Rosa Silvester, Fr James Minogue, Marie Fe Loreno Ruiz, Fr Patrick Sammon, Dennis