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

WEEKLY GIVING

Sunday 17th March 2019
Offertory Loose Plate £511.20
Offertory Envelopes £133.00
Aid to the Church in Need £603.65
*Thank you for your continued
generous support*

THE LAMPS ARE BURNING FOR:

SANCTUARY LAMPS

Annette Baxter
Jed

Fr Joseph Désiré Angbabata – RIP
Fr Walter Osmin Vásquez – RIP
Fr Etienne Nsengiyumva – RIP
Fr Rubén Alcántara Díaz – RIP
Fr Juan Miguel Contreras García –
RIP

LADY CHAPEL

Fr Bernardin Brou Aka Daniel – RIP
*To have the lamps burning for your intentions,
use an envelope at the back of the church or
visit the website.*



CORPUS CHRISTI

THE DIOCESAN SHRINE OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

MARCH - MONTH DEDICATED TO
SAINT JOSEPH

✠ HOLY MASS FOR THE WEEK – 24TH MARCH 2019

✠ 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

SUNDAY 24TH

✠ 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

9.30am Mass *(Ps. Week – 3)*
11.30am Solemn Mass in Latin (OF) *Special Intention – Edie*
Maria Isabella Chiaravalloti – Intentions

MONDAY 25TH

THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

1.05pm Mass *Bishop Robert Byrne – Intentions*
6.30pm Mass – Extraordinary Form

TUESDAY 26TH

LENT FERIA

1.05pm Mass *Christiane Brown – Intentions*

WEDNESDAY 27TH

LENT FERIA

1.05pm Mass *Brian Wigglesworth RIP*

THURSDAY 28TH

LENT FERIA

1.05pm Mass *Ivie Esangbedo & Family – Intentions*

FRIDAY 29TH

LENT FERIA

1.05pm Mass *(Friday Abstinence)*
Eric Pollock RIP

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

SATURDAY 30TH

LENT FERIA

9.00am Church Cleaning – *all welcome!*
6.00pm Vigil Mass *Paddy & Joan McGinty – RIP*

SUNDAY 31ST

✠ 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

9.30am Mass *(Ps. Week – 4)*
11.30am Solemn Mass in Latin (OF) *Pro Populo*
Harry Davenport RIP

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: WEEKDAYS*

7:30am – 8:30am & 12:00pm – 1:00pm

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION:

30 mins before Mass*

* except Tuesdays

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 2nd 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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

In today's Gospel passage, Jesus is questioned on certain distressing events: the killing of several Galileans in the temple, on the orders of Pontius Pilate, and the collapse of a tower on some passers by. In the face of the easy conclusion of considering evil as an effect of divine punishment, Jesus restores the true image of God who is good and cannot desire evil. And guarding us against believing that misfortunes are the immediate effect of the personal sins of those whom they afflict, says: "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered thus? I tell you, No; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish". Jesus asks us interpret these events differently, putting them in the perspective of conversion: misfortunes, sorrowful events must not awaken curiosity in us or the quest for presumed sins; instead they must be opportunities for reflection, in order to overcome the illusion of being able to live without God and to reinforce, with the Lord's help, the commitment to change our way of life. With regard to sin, God shows himself to be full of mercy and never fails to remind sinners to avoid evil, to grow in love for him and to offer practical help to our neighbour in need, to live the joy of grace and not to go towards eternal death. However, the possibility of conversion demands that we learn to read the events of life in the perspective of faith, animated, that is, by holy fear of God. In the presence of suffering and bereavement, the true wisdom is to let ourselves be called into question by the precarious state of existence and to see human history with the eyes of God who, desiring always and only the good of his children, through an inscrutable design of his love sometimes permits us to be tried by suffering in order to lead us to a greater good. Dear friends, let us pray to Mary Most Holy, who accompanies us on our Lenten journey, that she may help every Christian to return to the Lord with his whole heart. May she sustain our firm decision to renounce evil and to accept the will of God in our lives with faith.

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.

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; he'd be delighted to hear from you.

CHANGE OF TIME

Next Sunday morning the clocks "spring" forward **ONE HOUR**. Don't forget – or you'll be very late to Mass.

A PRAYER FOR TODAY O God, author of every mercy and of all goodness, who in fasting, prayer and almsgiving have shown us a remedy for sin, look graciously on this confession of our lowliness, that we, who are bowed down by our conscience, may always be lifted up by your mercy.

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?" This week, "How to move nearer to Heaven."

AUNTIE GLENDA WRITES...

Auntie Glenda was received into the Catholic Church in 1994 and has devoted her retirement since then to reading and writing about the Catholic Faith. She serves as a catechist in her home parish.

On Monday we celebrate the Feast of the Annunciation, that moment when *the Angel of the Lord appeared to Mary*. We know those words so well, for they are the beginning of the Angelic Salutation, i.e. the Angelus. Traditionally, the Angelus is recited at 6.00am, 12.00noon and 6.00pm each day (often the timing of the first recitation, for practical reasons, is moved to 8.00am!). We do this to remember and to give thanks for the humility of God, who became Man for us. Jesus took our flesh so that he could offer it on the Cross and redeem our lives. This first part of the Angelus reminds us of the moment that the Angel appeared to Our Blessed Lady and asked her to do this. God, through the visit of the Angel, asked Mary to offer herself in such a manner that Jesus could be born through her. God was given the pure flesh of Mary, so that He might become Man. Of course; each one of us has been called by God, and He asks us to offer ourselves to Him, and by virtue of our Baptism, become vessels filled with "God-ness" which we take out into the waiting world. As this Feast of the Annunciation draws near, let us ask Mary to pray for us – that we might respond to God's call to each and every one of us with pure and open hearts, eager to do His will in all things. Have a good week – more next Sunday. God bless you. *Auntie Glenda*

SODALITY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The next Sodality Mass is at **6.30pm Thursday 4th 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

PAYING FOR VOTIVE CANDLES

The votive candles in the church are not free: they cost **25p each**. You can light as many as you like – if you pay for them.

We have to buy them – so do you. Lighting candles and not paying for them is theft, i.e. it's sinful - and as such means your prayers will not be answered. There is a Big Issue seller who comes into the church every day to light a candle – and he always pays for it! If you really can't afford to pay 25p for a candle - please come and talk with me.

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...

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 Lorenzo Ruiz, Fr Patrick Sammon, Dennis