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Registered Charity Number 233699*

WEEKLY GIVING

Sunday 21st April 2019
Easter Collection £1,398.16
Holy Places £263.00
Lenten Alms £271.64

*Thank you for your continued
generous support*

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

Fr Louis Odudu – RIP
Fr Arturo Rene Pozo Sampaz – RIP
Gérard Anjiangwe – RIP
Fr Ícmar Arturo Orta – RIP
Fr Victor Luke Odhiambo SJ – RIP
Fr Blaise Mada – RIP
Fr Celestine Ngoumbango – RIP

LADY CHAPEL

Patricia Sowa – 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

APRIL - MONTH DEDICATED TO
THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

✠ HOLY MASS FOR THE WEEK – 28TH APRIL 2019**✠ SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER – LOW SUNDAY****SUNDAY 28TH****✠ SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER – LOW SUNDAY**

9.30am Mass *(Ps. Proper)*
11.30am Solemn Mass in Latin (OF) *Martin King – sick*
Mary Grady & Audrey Gunn – RIP

MONDAY 29TH**ST CATHERINE OF SIENA, VIRGIN & DOCTOR, PATRON OF EUROPE**

1.05pm Mass *Ian Brewster RIP*
6.30pm Mass – Extraordinary Form

TUESDAY 30TH**ST GEORGE, MARTYR, PATRON OF ENGLAND**

1.05pm Mass *Conversion of England*

WEDNESDAY 1ST MAY**ST JOSEPH THE WORKER**

1.05pm Mass *Foundation Mass*

THURSDAY 2ND**ST ATHANASIUS, BISHOP & DOCTOR**

1.05pm Mass *Karen Bennett – Sick*
6.30pm **Sodality of the Blessed Sacrament Mass** *Members of the Sodality*

FRIDAY 3RD**SS PHILIP AND JAMES, APOSTLES**

1.05pm Mass *(Friday Abstinence)*
MC Bencivenga – Ints.

SATURDAY 4TH**THE ENGLISH MARTYRS**

9.00am Church Cleaning
6.00pm Vigil Mass *Foundation Mass*

SUNDAY 5TH**✠ THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

9.30am Mass *(Ps Week 3)*
11.30am Solemn Mass in Latin (OF) *Pro Populo*
Holy Souls

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT*:

7.30am – 8.30am & 12noon – 1pm

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.

DOUBTING THOMAS...

This Sunday concludes the Octave of Easter. It is a unique day "made by the Lord", distinguished by the outstanding event of the Resurrection and the joy of the disciples at seeing Jesus. Since antiquity this Sunday has been called *in albis* from the Latin name, *alba*, which was given to the white vestments the neophytes put on for their Baptism on Easter night and took off eight days later, that is, today.

The Gospel passage from St John is full of mercy and divine goodness. It recounts that after the Resurrection Jesus visited his disciples, passing through the closed doors of the Upper Room. St Augustine explains that "the shutting of doors presented no obstacle to the matter of that body, wherein the Godhead resided. He indeed could enter without their being opened, by whose birth the virginity of his mother remained inviolate"; and St Gregory the Great added that after his Resurrection the Redeemer appeared with a Body by its nature incorruptible and tangible, but in a state of glory. Jesus showed the signs of his Passion even to the point of allowing Doubting Thomas to touch him; but how can a disciple possibly doubt? Actually God's indulgence enables us to profit even from Thomas' disbelief, as well as from the believing disciples. Indeed, in touching the Lord's wounds, the hesitant disciple not only heals his own diffidence but also ours.

The visit of the Risen One is not limited to the space of the Upper Room but goes beyond it, to the point that all can receive the gift of peace and life with the "creative Breath". In fact Jesus said twice to his disciples, "Peace be with you". And he added, "As the Father has sent me, even so I send you". Having said this he breathed on them, saying "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained". This is the mission of the Church, eternally assisted by the Paraclete: to bear the Good News, the joyful reality of God's merciful love, in order, as St John says, "that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in his name".

In the light of these words I encourage all to follow the example of the holy Curé d'Ars, who "in his time... was able to transform the hearts and the lives of so many people because he enabled them to experience the Lord's merciful love. Our own time urgently needs a similar proclamation and witness to the truth of Love". In this way we shall make increasingly familiar and close the One whom our eyes have not seen but of whose infinite Mercy we are absolutely certain.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR 2019

The book fills up fast, so if you would like a Mass offered for a particular intention and on a particular date, please get in touch ASAP!

A HUGE THANK YOU

I'd like to thank all of you here at Corpus Christi, for your involvement in the life of this Shrine during Lent, through to Easter. So many of you helped tremendously – musicians, servers, readers, cleaners. It was because of your involvement that we were able to have such a marvellous celebration of these most important weeks in the life of the Church. So thank you – each and every one of you for your contribution.

SODALITY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The next Sodality Mass is at **6.30pm on this coming Thursday 2nd May** and our guest preacher will be **Mgr. John Armitage**, Rector of the Minor Basilica of Our Lady of Walsingham. 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 visit sodality.co.uk

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.

I trust you've all had a great week, and celebrated each day as if it were Easter Sunday. We must continue to give thank and to pray for all those who received various Sacraments at Easter, with particular prayers for those who were Received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church. When the shine wears off, and the going gets tough, just keep at it. I'm afraid that my life is going to be very busy for the next few months, so I have to press on with things in my own parish. I'd just ask you to pray for me, and to keep the Faith; and I will pray for you. God bless you all at Corpus Christi. *Auntie Glenda*

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 to arrange this 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.

CORPUS CHRISTI CELEBRATIONS 2019

This week we were delighted to announce that **His Eminence, Francis Cardinal Arinze** will be coming from Rome to celebrate a Pontifical High Mass of Corpus Christi in the Extraordinary Form on **Thursday 20th June at 7pm**. This Mass will open our annual Forty Hours Devotion which will run until the closing Mass on **Saturday 22nd at 12noon**, celebrated by **Bishop Michael Campbell**, Bishop Emeritus of Lancaster. The Solemnity of Corpus Christi will be kept on **Sunday 23rd June at 11am**, followed by a Procession of the Blessed Sacrament around Covent Garden. Everyone is most welcome at all the Masses. More details nearer the time.

Our sick parishioners and friends

Bunny France, 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: Mary Muir, Gedeon Egbert Woodworth, Anthony Pearce, 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, 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 Gunn, Bishop Francis Walmsley, Sergio Alves