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WEEKLY GIVING

Sunday 12th May 2019
Loose £636.05
Envelopes £80.00
Priest Training Fund £394.68

*Thank you for your continued
generous support*

THE LAMPS ARE BURNING FOR:

SANCTUARY LAMPS

Nicholas Leigh

LADY CHAPEL

Emma Woodworth

*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

MAY - MONTH DEDICATED TO
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

✠ HOLY MASS FOR THE WEEK – 19TH MAY 2019

✠ FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SUNDAY 19TH

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(Ps Week 1)

9.30am Mass *Nicholas Leigh – Intentions*
11.30am Solemn Mass in Latin (OF) *Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI – Intentions*

MONDAY 20TH

ST BERNARDINE OF SIENA, PRIEST

1.05pm Funeral Mass *Martin King RIP*
6.30pm Mass – Extraordinary Form

TUESDAY 21ST

ST CHRISTOPHER MAGALLANES, PRIEST, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS ANNIVERSARY OF THE INSTALLATION OF VINCENT CARDINAL NICHOLS, ELEVENTH ARCHBISHOP OF WESTMINSTER (2009)

1.05pm Mass *MG Bencivenga – Intentions*

WEDNESDAY 22ND

ST RITA OF CASCIA, RELIGIOUS

1.05pm Mass *Trisha Byrne – sick*

THURSDAY 23RD

EASTER FERIA

1.05pm Mass *Private Intention*

FRIDAY 24TH

EASTER FERIA

(Friday Abstinence)

1.05pm Mass *Henry Nicholls – Anniversary*

SATURDAY 25TH

ST BEDE THE VENERABLE, PRIEST & DOCTOR

9.00am Church Cleaning
6.00pm Vigil Mass *Conversion of England*

SUNDAY 26TH

✠ SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

(Ps Week 2)

9.30am Mass *Pro Populo*
11.30am Solemn Mass in Latin (OF) *In Reparation – Blessed Sacrament*

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.

LOVE ONE ANOTHER AS I HAVE LOVED YOU

Today we hear Jesus speaking these words above. When we look at them in context, it may appear rather strange to hear them at this point in time. Jesus has just sent Judas out of the Upper Room, to go and do his worst, i.e. to make his betrayal of Jesus, which will lead to His death. But this Gospel is very important – for it links Holy Week, Eastertide and the Ascension. Here we see the man who will betray Jesus, and enable His crucifixion; but that action will enable Jesus to die for us and to lead us to life eternal. The Crucifixion of Jesus is seen as the first step in His Ascension to the Father. That same eternal life we experience and enter through our Catholic Life within the Church – and when we die, we too have the hope of our own personal Ascension into the Kingdom of the Father. To do this, we must live and love in the way of Jesus: with hearts full of forgiveness and love for others and for ourselves. So: keep at it until the end! We will think about this in the Homily today. *Fr Alan Robinson*

MARTIN KING – RIP

I'm sorry to have to tell you that Martin King, a dear friend of this parish, has died at the age of 86. He was suffering from cancer of the stomach, which had spread to his liver, and his illness progressed very quickly. I'm sorry to drop this bombshell, but Martin wanted to keep this very quiet – so I'm sorry if it's a bit of a shock to you, but, as many of you will know, Martin was a very private man. We will miss his beautiful voice reading the scriptures at Mass, and his gentle but warm personality. Please do pray for him: it's the best we can do when anyone dies.

Martin's funeral will be on **this coming Monday 20th May at 1.05pm**, here at Corpus Christi. It would be lovely if as many of you who knew him could attend and join us as we pray for the repose of his soul.

ANOTHER WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY FROM GOD

The month of May is dedicated to The Blessed Virgin Mary. This gives us the whole of May to consider the place of the Blessed Virgin Mary in our lives and our dedication to Her. For none of us can live our Catholic lives without the involvement of Our Blessed Lady; the Mother of Jesus who was given to be our Mother too. If the Rosary is not part of our lives, this month gives each one of us the perfect opportunity to start afresh with this great devotion. Many of the great popes and saints were hardly ever seen without a Rosary in their hand: asking the intercession of the Blessed Virgin in all that needed doing that day. Why don't we all try it during this month – putting Our Lady at the heart of our lives, alongside Her Son.

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.

ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

Thursday 30th May is the Solemnity of the Ascension of Our Lord. This is a **Holy Day of Obligation** and Mass here will be at 8.00am (EF), 12.05pm, 1.05pm and 6.30pm (Solemn Sung). Lots of Masses to help you fulfil your obligation!

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

We all need to make plans for life – and we also need to make plans for death. A very good thing to have is called a **Letter of Wishes**. A Letter of Wishes is a document that accompanies our Wills. It is not legally binding but can guide our executors and trustees to ensure our personal wishes are carried out. We must take care that a Letter of Wishes does not contain anything that could conflict with our Wills. The Letter of Wishes can advise on anything – but for a Catholic, can be used to ensure that we receive the type of Requiem/Funeral that we would like. It can be used to advise those who will be making the funeral arrangements after we have died, with regard to music, readings, who does what during the Funeral, the priest to celebrate, the preacher... and many other things. I'm going to draw up a sheet to help all of us to think about these arrangements. If you would like to come and talk with me about these things, then please do ask me. Don't leave it! *Fr Alan Robinson*

SODALITY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The next Sodality Mass is at **6.30pm Thursday 6th June** and our guest preacher will be **Fr David Barnes**, Parish Priest of our neighbouring parish of Ss Anselm & Caecilia in Holborn. 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

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. Pick up a flyer at the back of the church.

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.

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!

Our sick parishioners and friends

Bunny France, Collette Nevens, Peter Noakes, Tony Pearce, Mgr Frederik Miles, 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: Martin King, 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 Lorenzo Ruiz, Fr Patrick Sammon, Dennis Gunn, Bishop Francis Walmsley, Sergio Alves