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*This parish is part of the WRCDT
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WEEKLY GIVING

Sunday 1st September 2019
Loose £347.48
Envelopes £40.00

*Thank you for your continued
generous support*

THE LAMPS ARE BURNING FOR:

SANCTUARY LAMPS

Actors Living & Dead
Andrew Sullivan & Siblings RIP
Thanksgiving
Schoolchildren
Emma Woodworth
Euan Woodworth
In Reparation

LADY CHAPEL

Christiane Brown 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

SEPTEMBER - MONTH DEDICATED TO
THE SEVEN SORROWS OF OUR LADY

✠ HOLY MASS FOR THE WEEK – 8TH SEPTEMBER 2019 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 8TH

✠ 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

(Ps Week 3)

9.30am Mass

Pro Populo

11.30am Sung Mass in Latin

David Canon Bagstaff – Intentions

MONDAY 9TH

ST PETER CLAVER, PRIEST

1.05pm Mass

Fr Mark Reilly – Anniversary of Ordination

6.30pm Mass – Extraordinary Form

TUESDAY 10TH

FERIA

1.05pm Mass

Arthur Ernest Robinson – RIP

WEDNESDAY 11TH

FERIA

1.05pm Mass

Edna May Giles – RIP

THURSDAY 12TH

THE MOST HOLY NAME OF MARY

1.05pm Mass

Josephine, Sean & Margaret Regan – RIP

N.B. – No St John Paul II Prayer Group this month

FRIDAY 13TH

(Friday Abstinence)

ST JOHN CHRYSOSTOM, BISHOP & DOCTOR

1.05pm Mass

Benefactors of Corpus Christi

6.30pm Mass – Extraordinary Form

Good Counsel Network

SATURDAY 14TH

THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

9.00am Church Cleaning

6.00pm Vigil Mass

Foundation Mass

SUNDAY 15TH

✠ 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

(Ps Week 4)

9.30am Mass

Derek Riches – RIP

11.30am Sung Mass in Latin

Pro Populo

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.

VISIT OF HIS EMINENCE, CARDINAL BURKE

On **Monday 16th September at 6.30pm**, the Latin Mass Society will be hosting a Pontifical Low Mass, celebrated by His Eminence, Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke here at Corpus Christi. All are most welcome to this Mass and to hear the homily of one of the great Cardinals resident in Rome.

O CRUX, AVE SPES UNICA!

This week ends with the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, and would normally be followed by the Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows, were it not a Sunday this year. These two liturgical celebrations can be summed up visually in the traditional image of the Crucifixion, which portrays the Virgin Mary at the foot of the Cross, according to the description of the Evangelist John, the only one of the Apostles who stayed by the dying Jesus.

But what does exalting the Cross mean? Is it not maybe scandalous to venerate a shameful form of execution? The Apostle Paul says: "We preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles". Christians, however, do not exalt just any cross but the Cross which Jesus sanctified with his sacrifice, the fruit and testimony of immense love. Christ on the Cross pours out his Blood to set humanity free from the slavery of sin and death.

Therefore, from being a sign of malediction, the Cross was transformed into a sign of blessing, from a symbol of death into a symbol par excellence of the Love that overcomes hatred and violence and generates immortal life. "O Crux, ave spes unica! O Cross, our only hope!". Thus sings the liturgy.

The Evangelist recounts: Mary was standing by the Cross. Her sorrow is united with that of her Son. It is a sorrow full of faith and love. The Virgin on Calvary participates in the saving power of the suffering of Christ, joining her "fiat", her "yes", to that of her Son.

Let us also renew our "yes" to God who chose the Way of the Cross in order to save us. This is a great mystery which continues and will continue to take place until the end of the world, and which also asks for our collaboration.

MASS INTENTIONS

Envelopes are at the back of the Church. Return them ASAP, especially if you require a particular date! Please don't leave it until the last moment – the date may well be taken.

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.

CONFESSIONS are heard for half an hour before all Masses – but if you can't make it then, please ring the doorbell of the Rectory. If there is a priest around he'll be very happy to hear your Confession. Each Confession heard is a precious soul reunited with God, and given the hope and possibility of Heaven. Don't stay away – examine your conscience and come frequently to the sacrament: we ALL need it so much!

SODALITY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The next Sodality Mass is at **6.30pm Thursday 3rd October** and our guest preacher will be **Fr Rupert McHardy, Cong. Orat.**, a Father of the London Oratory. 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

OUT WITH THE OLD, IN WITH THE NEW

Those of you who come here regularly we notice that the old and broken-down disabled lift has been removed from the church during the last week. We now eagerly await the arrival and installation of the new one. It has been ordered, but we are still about £3,000 short. I'd be most grateful if you could help with the last push to pay for this – all payment methods and currencies accepted, and donations can be made online through our website too. Thank you!

COME AND JOIN US!

September is a great time for us to take new and enthusiastic steps in our faith. Perhaps some of the regular events here may help you in your relationship with the Lord.

After the Saturday Vigil Mass there is a **Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour**. Books are provided, and you'd be most welcome. Each Monday evening, at 6.30pm, is **Mass in the Extraordinary Form** – just come along, and bring your 1962 Missal if you have one. This Mass has been celebrated here for over 50 years without a break, following the Second Vatican Council. On Wednesdays at 7.00pm is our **Eucharistic Prayer Group**: the format is First Wednesday, Rosary and Mass, the other Wednesdays, Rosary and Adoration. This is a prayerful oasis in the middle of the week. The First Thursday of each month, at 6.30pm, is Solemn Mass, Adoration and Benediction for the **Sodality of the Blessed Sacrament**, with a guest preacher each month. This is a Roman Catholic Confraternity, based in this Shrine, dedicated to the promotion of devotion to Jesus Christ, truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. You can find more information and if you wish, join the Sodality online at sodality.co.uk. On the 2nd Thursday each month is the **St John Paul II Prayer Group** – Mass with Benediction and blessing with a First Class relic of St. John Paul.

And of course, each day there are two **Holy Hours**, 7.30am – 8.30am and Exposition from 12.00noon onwards, with Confessions at 12.30pm and Mass at 1.05pm. For full details of what's happening, look at the weekly newsletter. It's all here for you to come and take part.

MY LIFE FOR GOD

Have you completed all the appropriate Sacraments for your life as a Catholic Christian? First Confession, First Holy Communion, Confirmation? Are you considering Religious Life (male or female) or the Sacred Priesthood? Are you considering becoming a Catholic? Please do contact me if you'd like to discuss any of these things.

Our sick parishioners and friends

Sean Brennan, 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, Fr Patrick Hayward, 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: Fr Tom Quinn, Essi Tamaddom, Ruth Nicol, Christiane Brown, Fr Denis Patrick Watters, Mrs Anne Mary Youde DHS, 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, Rosa Silvester, Fr James Minogue, Marie Fe Lorenzo Ruiz,