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*This parish is part of the WRCDT
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WEEKLY GIVING

Sunday 23rd February 2020
Loose £407.18
Envelopes £100.00

Thank you for your continued support.

THE LAMPS ARE BURNING FOR:

SANCTUARY LAMPS

Emma, Euan & Ethan Woodworth

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.*

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT*:

weekdays: 7:30am-8:30am
& 12noon – 1pm

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION:

30 mins before Mass*

* except Tuesdays



CORPUS CHRISTI

THE DIOCESAN SHRINE OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

MARCH – MONTH DEDICATED TO
ST JOSEPH

✠ HOLY MASS FOR THE WEEK – 1ST MARCH 2020 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

SUNDAY 1ST

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9.30am Mass
11.30am Solemn Latin Mass

*(Ps Week 1)
Foundation Mass
Pro Populo*

MONDAY 2ND

LENT FERIA

1.05pm Mass
6.30pm Mass – Extraordinary Form

Keith Thompson – sick

TUESDAY 3RD

LENT FERIA

1.05pm Mass

Foundation Mass

WEDNESDAY 4TH

LENT FERIA (ST CASIMIR)

1.05pm Mass

Yvonne Kirby – RIP

THURSDAY 5TH

LENT FERIA

1.05pm Mass
6.30pm Sodality of the Blessed Sacrament Mass

*Sofia Foyo – sick
Sodality Members*

FRIDAY 6TH

LENT FERIA

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

Thomas Crowe – Ints.

SATURDAY 7TH

LENT FERIA (SS PERPETUA & FELICITY, MARTYRS)

5.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
6.00pm Vigil Mass

Henry Gryko – RIP

SUNDAY 8TH

✠ 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

9.30am Mass
11.30am Solemn Latin Mass

*(Ps Week 2)
Mick Ryan
Pro Populo*

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! More info and membership at www.sodality.co.uk

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

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) www.caapa.org.uk Email: secretary@caapa.org.uk

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.

LENT HAS BEGUN!

I hope that you're all firmly on track with your Rule of Life for Lent, which began on Ash Wednesday. If not, here are some things to think about...

Do you have a good spiritual book to use each day? You can easily find one in St Paul's bookshop or online at CTS or Amazon. What about saying the Rosary each day? You could say some of the Divine Office – perhaps Morning and / or Evening Prayer. You don't need to go and buy anything – you can just download the free "Universalis" app onto your phone. It's very easy to use and you can conveniently carry it around in your pocket. Do you go to Weekday Mass at all? If not, perhaps you could, if only one day a week. Or what about Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament – or just calling into your church and spending a few minutes each day before the Tabernacle? **Here at Corpus Christi on Fridays in Lent, there is Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 5pm, followed by Stations of the Cross at 6pm. On Saturdays we will have a Holy Hour from 5pm – 6pm, just before the Vigil Mass.** And all of us need to ask ourselves whether we need to go to Confession more often. When you've thought about all of these things, and made your decision, write down your Rule on a piece of paper. Tell God that this is your Rule for Lent, and the manner in which you are offering your life to Him during the next six weeks. Then place this in your prayer book, so that you see it every day; so that it reminds you of the commitment you have promised to God. I know it sounds like a lot of work, but why not? Lent is that yearly season when each one of us tries very hard to change our lives and enter more deeply into the life of the Lord.

LENTEN ALMSGIVING

Cardinal Nichols thanks you for your generous support for the Cardinal's Lenten Appeal. Your donations help fund initiatives in parishes, schools and charities in three mission areas. **Marriage and Family Life:** enriching and supporting marriages, the essential building block of society and the Church. **Youth and Evangelisation:** supporting young people, the future of the Church, as they grow in their relationship with God and deepen their Catholic faith. **The Church's Service in Society:** putting our faith into action by serving poor, lonely and marginalised people. This year, the Cardinal is asking us to think about families who are struggling to put food on the table, even though they may be in work. Sadly, poverty is deepening across our Diocese and more people are turning to foodbanks for help. For children who get free meals at school, the holidays can be a time of hunger because the family budget doesn't stretch to cover three meals a day. One initiative the Cardinal's Lenten Appeal supports is school holiday clubs, where children can have fun, and prepare and eat a healthy meal during the school holidays. Please take a donation leaflet as you leave Mass today and there is a box at the back of the church.

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

Next weekend we will be welcoming the **Little Sisters of the Poor**, who will be making an appeal. The Little Sisters were founded in France in 1839 and their mission is to care for the elderly in the last stages of their earthly life. They have two homes in London and do great work protecting the dignity of human life. Pope Benedict XVI visited their home across the river during his visit to the UK in 2010. Please can I ask you to respond generously to their appeal, and if you are able to, please Gift Aid your donations using the envelopes they will bring with them next weekend. They are trying to raise **£60,000** to upgrade their emergency lighting. Any one of us may find ourselves in need of their care at some point in the future! Thank you.

SODALITY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The next Sodality Mass is at **6.30pm this Thursday 5th March** and our guest preacher will be **Fr Paul Gunter OSB**, a monk of Douai Abbey and the Secretary for the Bishops' Conference's liturgical commission. The Sodality meets on a monthly basis for Mass, Adoration and Benediction, adoring Jesus truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament and the Mass is offered for the intentions of members. Leaflets containing application forms are in the church, or visit sodality.co.uk

REDEDICATION OF ENGLAND AS MARY'S DOWRY

You may be aware that on Sunday 29th March, England will be rededicated to Our Lady as her Dowry. This renews the dedication made by King Richard II in 1381. We are lucky enough to have a statue of Our Lady of Walsingham here in Corpus Christi, so we can truly be united with the prayers at the Basilica in Norfolk!

You can be involved in this by **consecrating yourself** to Our Lady using the 33 Days to Morning Glory books available online. On the **Solemnity of the Annunciation at 6.30pm** we will be welcoming the Society of St John Chrysostom, who will be solemnly singing the **Akathist Hymn to the Mother of God**, a beautiful and ancient hymn from the Orthodox tradition, followed by Compline.

We are an official host of the Rededication, and will be praying the Act of Dedication after the **11.30am Mass on Sunday 29th March**. A Plenary Indulgence is available to all those who take part, under the usual conditions. Let us pray for England – especially in these times!

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

Please do get in touch if you would like to speak to Father about some aspect of your spiritual life – as a one-off or more regularly

MASS CARDS

We have some beautiful Mass Cards, hand printed by the monks at Farnborough Abbey – both for the living and the dead. They cost £2 each, and are available from the Presbytery.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

There are envelopes available at the back of the Church.

Our sick parishioners and friends

Sue Wingfield, Marilyn Bruce-Mitford, Sean Brennan, Collette Nevens, Peter Noakes, Tony Pearce, Mgr Frederik Miles, David Jordan, 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, Colin Folan, Ann Gorman, Janet Seeley

Of your charity – please pray for those who have died recently: Rita Lobo, Bill Tomlinson, Mgr John Klyberg, Mgr. Anthony George Stark KCHS, Mgr. Wolfgang Nastainczyk, Fr Bernard James Crowe, Fr Peter Stevens, Susan Elliott-Smith, Jim Ryan, Archbishop Michael Bowen, Fr Barry Ffrench, Bernard (Bunny) France KC*HS, 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