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WEEKLY GIVING

Sunday 2nd February 2020
Loose £657.62
Envelopes £90.00

*Thank you for your continued
generous support*

THE LAMPS ARE BURNING FOR:

SANCTUARY LAMPS

Sonia Maloney
Sheelagh Wilson
Robert Baxter
Mary Monica McNally
Emma, Euan & Ethan Woodworth

LADY CHAPEL

Actors Living and Dead

SACRED HEART CHAPEL

Private Intention

*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

FEBRUARY – MONTH DEDICATED TO
THE HOLY FAMILY

✠ HOLY MASS FOR THE WEEK – 9TH FEBRUARY 2020 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 9TH

✠ 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9.30am Mass
11.30am Solemn Latin Mass

*(Ps Week 1)
Welfare of A & N Stanes
Julian England – Intentions*

MONDAY 10TH

ST SCHOLASTICA, VIRGIN

1.05pm Mass
6.30pm Mass – Extraordinary Form

Barry Rose – sick

TUESDAY 11TH

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

1.05pm Mass

Welfare of Family & Friends of Stanes Family

WEDNESDAY 12TH

FERIA

1.05pm Mass

Azriel Seab & Victoria Neob – Intentions

THURSDAY 13TH

FERIA

1.05pm Mass
7.00pm St John Paul II Prayer Group

Benefactors of Corpus Christi

FRIDAY 14TH

Ss CYRIL, MONK & METHODIUS, BISHOP, PATRONS OF EUROPE

1.05pm Mass
6.30pm Mass – Extraordinary Form

*(Friday Abstinence)
Austin Lloyd – Anniversary
Good Counsel Network*

SATURDAY 15TH

FERIA

6.00pm Vigil Mass

Donnelly Family

SUNDAY 16TH

✠ 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9.30am Mass
11.30am Solemn Latin Mass

*(Ps Week 2)
Pro Populo
Private Intention*

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT*:

weekdays at 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! 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 IS NEAR!

It is only a couple of weeks before Lent begins – that time of prayer, fasting and abstinence ahead of Our Lord's Passion and Resurrection. How will you spend those forty days? I'm sure many of you might be thinking of things to give up – alcohol, chocolate, meat... But what about taking something up instead? Here at Corpus Christi on **Fridays** in Lent, there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 5pm, followed by Stations of the Cross at 6pm. On **Saturdays** we will have a Holy Hour again from 5pm – 6pm, just before the Vigil Mass. Why not come and spend some extra time with the Lord, Truly Present in the Most Blessed Sacrament? Perhaps bring some spiritual reading with you as well? If you're not sure what to read, come and talk to me – I can give you lots of suggestions!

ASH WEDNESDAY – 26TH FEBRUARY

There will be four Masses – **8am (EF), 12.05pm, 1.05pm and 6.30pm (Solemn Sung)**. There will be a priest in the confessional throughout the lunchtime Masses, and remember Confession is available half an hour before all Masses, and outside of these times, I will happily hear your Confession if I'm available. Just ring the Presbytery bell.

33 DAY ACT OF CONSECRATION TO OUR LADY

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 free 33 Days to Consecration books at the back of the church. If you **begin on 21st February**, you will make your act of Consecration on 25th March – the **Solemnity of the Annunciation**. On that day 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!

COME AND VISIT JESUS

I just wanted to remind you of the times when you can find Our Blessed Lord Exposed here at Corpus Christi: Monday to Friday (excluding Tuesday), 7.30am – 8.30am, 12.00noon until 12.55pm; Saturdays in Lent 5.00pm -5.55pm

Of course, the church is open each day, 7.30am until 7.30pm, so that you can come and pray before our Blessed Lord, present in the Tabernacle of this Shrine Church. I remember Archbishop Arthur Roche saying, that he was taught as a young boy, "If the church is open, NEVER pass by, without calling in to speak with Jesus." Great advice.

THRONES... AND NOT A GAME OF....

Those of you who come to Corpus Christi regularly will have noticed a new piece of furniture in the sanctuary. It's a new **legilium**: a name which comes from the Latin "legere - to read", and is the place where the Holy Scriptures are enthroned and from where they are proclaimed. This beautiful and worthy liturgical piece of furniture was made for us by our friends at Serpone in Naples. It's rather appropriate that we have received it now, as we are celebrating and thinking about the Year of the Word. We have also ordered from them a **thabor**; this is a small throne on which the monstrance containing the Blessed Sacrament is placed during Exposition.

Both of these pieces are about enthroning the precious things of God: Word and Sacrament, both of which feed us, help us to become more like God, and draw us closer to him. As we use these things, God wishes us to make our hearts the place where both Word and Sacrament are enthroned within us. Each week, let us come to the Mass well prepared: ready to listen attentively to the Word of God and to receive Our Lord in Eucharistic Food. Then we can enthrone Him in our hearts and take Him out into the waiting world.

SODALITY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The next Sodality Mass is at **6.30pm 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

THE GOLDEN PORCH

The next thing on our restoration list is the Entrance Porch of this Shrine. Thanks to the kindness and generosity of just one of our friends and Benefactors of Corpus Christi, the ceiling is going to be enhanced by the addition of a gold mosaic. If you look at the Restoration Notice Board, next to the statue of St Mary Magdalene, you'll see an artist's representation of what the finished work will look like.

We are most grateful to our Benefactor for his continued support and encouragement to us here at Corpus Christi. This work is due to begin later this month, and to be begun in the coming weeks. Keep your eyes open – and please pray for our generous donor.

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 on a regular basis.

MASS CARDS

We have some beautiful Mass Cards, hand printed by the monks at Farnborough Abbey. They cost £2 each 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.

Our sick parishioners and friends

Rita Lobo, Marilyn Bruce-Mitford, Sean Brennan, 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, Colin Folan, Ann Gorman, Janet Seeley, **Of your charity – please pray for those who have died recently:** 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 Gaeton, Jean Teresa