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*This parish is part of the WRCDT  
Registered Charity Number 233699*

### WEEKLY GIVING

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2020  
Loose £405.78  
Envelopes £20.00

*Thank you for your support*

### THE LAMPS ARE BURNING FOR:

#### SANCTUARY LAMPS

Carmel O'Beirne  
Amanda Burton & Family  
Private Intention x2  
Emma, Euan & Ethan Woodworth

#### LADY CHAPEL

Actors Living and Dead

#### SACRED HEART CHAPEL

Georgina Wilson's Intentions

*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 – 16<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2020 6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### SUNDAY 16<sup>TH</sup>

#### ✠ 6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9.30am Mass *(Ps Week 2)*  
11.30am Solemn Latin Mass *Pro Populo*  
*Private Intention*

#### MONDAY 17<sup>TH</sup>

#### THE SEVEN HOLY FOUNDERS OF THE SERVITE ORDER

1.05pm Mass *Frances Kantorowitz RIP*  
6.30pm Mass – Extraordinary Form *Bill Tomlinson RIP*

#### TUESDAY 18<sup>TH</sup>

#### FERIA

1.05pm Mass *Church Unity*

#### WEDNESDAY 19<sup>TH</sup>

#### FERIA – VOTIVE MASS OF ST JOSEPH

1.05pm Mass *Baby Frances RIP*

#### THURSDAY 20<sup>TH</sup>

#### FERIA – VOTIVE MASS OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

1.05pm Mass *Intentions of the FSSP*

#### FRIDAY 21<sup>ST</sup>

#### ST PETER DAMIAN, BISHOP & DOCTOR

1.05pm Mass *(Friday Abstinence)*  
*Welfare of Linda Bulf*

#### SATURDAY 22<sup>ND</sup>

#### THE CHAIR OF ST PETER THE APOSTLE

6.00pm Vigil Mass *Sylvia Carter RIP*

#### SUNDAY 23<sup>RD</sup>

#### ✠ 7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9.30am Mass *(Ps Week 3)*  
11.30am Solemn Latin Mass *Pro Populo*  
*Blanche Keaveney – Intentions*

#### 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](http://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](http://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](mailto:ccpguk@gmail.com)

**CaAPA** (The Catholic Association for Performing Arts) [www.caapa.org.uk](http://www.caapa.org.uk) Email: [secretary@caapa.org.uk](mailto:secretary@caapa.org.uk)

**St. John Paul II Prayer Group (Fraternity of St. Genesius)** 7.00pm on 2<sup>nd</sup> 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!

### ASH WEDNESDAY – 26<sup>TH</sup> 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!

### LOVE IS THE FULFILLING OF THE LAW

In this Sunday's Liturgy we continue to read Jesus' so-called "Sermon on the Mount". Jesus proclaims the new Law, his Torah, as our Jewish brothers and sisters call it. In fact, on his coming, the Messiah was also to bring the definitive revelation of the Law and this is precisely what Jesus declares: "Think not that I have come to abolish the Law and the Prophets; I have come not to abolish them but to fulfil them". And addressing his disciples, he adds: "unless your righteousness exceeds that of the Scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the Kingdom of Heaven". But what do this "fullness" of Christ's Law and this "superior" justice that he demands consist in?

Jesus explains it with a series of antitheses between the old commandments and his new way of propounding them. He begins each time: "You have heard that it was said to the men of old...", and then he asserts: "but I say to you"... For example, "You have heard that it was said to the men of old, 'you shall not kill; and whoever kills shall be liable to judgement'. But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother shall be liable to judgement".

And he does this six times. This manner of speaking made a great impression on the people, who were shocked, because those words: "I say to you" were equivalent to claiming the actual authority of God, the source of the Law. The newness of Jesus consists essentially in the fact that he himself "fulfils" the commandments with the love of God, with the power of the Holy Spirit who dwells within him. And we, through faith in Christ, can open ourselves to the action of the Holy Spirit who makes us capable of living divine love. So it is that every precept becomes true as a requirement of love, and all join in a single commandment: love God with all your heart and love your neighbour as yourself. "Love is the fulfilling of the Law", St Paul writes.

### 33 DAY ACT OF CONSECRATION TO OUR LADY

You may be aware that on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> February**, you will make your act of Consecration on 25<sup>th</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup> 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!

### 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.

### SODALITY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The next Sodality Mass is at **6.30pm Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> 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](http://sodality.co.uk)

### 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 INTENTIONS

There are envelopes available at the back of the Church if you wish to arrange a Mass. Get them in quickly if you want a specific date as the book fills up pretty fast...!

### 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, 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:** 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 Gaeton, Jean