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

### WEEKLY GIVING

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2020  
Loose £532.97  
Envelopes £160.00

*Thank you for your continued  
generous support*

### THE LAMPS ARE BURNING FOR:

#### SANCTUARY LAMPS

Stephen & Luisa Esteli  
Sr Jude & Family Wexford  
Adrienne Gordon-Macleod  
Robert Baxter  
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 – 2<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY 2020 THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

#### SUNDAY 2<sup>ND</sup>

#### ✠ THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

*(Ps Week 4)*

#### CANDLEMAS

9.30am Mass  
11.30am Solemn Latin Mass

*Pro Populo  
Private Intention*

#### MONDAY 3<sup>RD</sup>

#### Ss LAURENCE, DUNSTAN AND THEODORE, ARCHBISHOPS OF CANTERBURY

1.05pm Mass  
6.30pm Mass – Extraordinary Form

*Della Frances Murphy RIP*

#### TUESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup>

#### FERIA

1.05pm Mass *Deceased Family & Friends of Stanes & Perkins Families*

#### WEDNESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup>

#### ST AGATHA, VIRGIN & MARTYR

1.05pm Mass *Fr Tom Creagh-Fuller RIP*

#### THURSDAY 6<sup>TH</sup>

#### ST PAUL MIKI AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

1.05pm Mass *Welfare of S, D & M Wodman-Stanes Family*  
6.30pm **Sodality of the Blessed Sacrament Mass** *Sodality Members*

#### FRIDAY 7<sup>TH</sup>

#### FERIA

1.05pm Mass *MG Bencivenga – Intentions*

#### SATURDAY 8<sup>TH</sup>

#### ST JOSEPHINE BAKHITA

6.00pm Vigil Mass *Pro Populo*

#### SUNDAY 9<sup>TH</sup>

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

*(Ps Week 1)*

9.30am Mass  
11.30am Solemn Latin Mass

*Welfare of A & N Stanes  
Julian England – 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.

## A LIGHT FOR REVELATION TO THE GENTILES

On the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple we are celebrating a mystery of Christ's life linked to the precept of Mosaic Law which prescribed that 40 days after the birth of their first-born child parents should go to the Temple of Jerusalem to offer the infant to the Lord and for the ritual purification of the mother. Mary and Joseph also fulfilled this rite, offering to comply with the law a couple of turtle doves or pigeons. In giving a deeper interpretation to these things we understand that at this moment it is God himself who is presenting his Only-Begotten Son to humanity through the words of the elderly Simeon and the Prophetess Anna. Simeon, in fact, proclaimed Jesus as the "salvation" of humanity, a "light" for all the nations and a "sign that is spoken against", because he would reveal the thoughts of hearts. In the East this Feast was called *Hypapante*, a feast of encounter. In fact, Simeon and Anna, who met Jesus in the Temple and recognized him as the Messiah so long awaited, represent humanity that encounters its Lord in the Church. Subsequently, this Feast also spread to the West, where above all the symbol of light and the procession with candles which gave rise to the term "Candlemas" developed. This visible sign is intended to mean that the Church encounters in faith the One who is "the light of men" and in order to bring this "light" into the world, receives him with the full dynamism of her faith.

Christ comes as a new "merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make expiation for the sins of the people". Thus, we note that mediation with God no longer takes place in the holiness-separation of the ancient priesthood, but in liberating solidarity with human beings. While yet a Child, he sets out on the path of obedience that he was to follow to the very end.

## 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.

## CONFESSION

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 to see if a priest is available.

## 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

## 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 on this coming Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February** and our guest preacher will be **Fr John Scott**, a Father of Westminster Cathedral. 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)

## CORONAVIRUS

As a very simple and practical precaution against the Coronavirus, I'm presently not going to ask you to physically exchange the Sign of Peace at Mass (which as you know, is an optional part of the Rite.) I will, of course, turn to you and offer you the Peace of Christ from the altar.

## 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 and 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.

## Our sick parishioners and friends

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