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

**WEEKLY GIVING**

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018  
Offertory Loose Plate **£247.87**  
Offertory Envelopes **£200.00**  
Easter Collection **£741.12**  
Holy Places **£175.87**

*Thank you for your continued  
generous support*

**THE LAMPS ARE BURNING FOR:**

**SANCTUARY LAMPS**

Reparation for sins against the  
Blessed Sacrament

**LADY CHAPEL**

John Rogers



# CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC CHURCH

APRIL – MONTH DEDICATED TO  
THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

**✠ HOLY MASS FOR THE WEEK – SUNDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2018  
✠ 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**SUNDAY 8<sup>TH</sup>**

**✠ 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**

9.30am Mass *(Ps. Week 2)*  
11.30am Solemn Mass *Elizabeth Pearce – Anniv.*  
*Margaret, Denis & Eileen O'Donoghue – RIP*

**MONDAY 9<sup>TH</sup>**

**THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD**

1.05pm Mass *Foundation Mass*  
6.30pm Mass – Extraordinary Form

**TUESDAY 10<sup>TH</sup>**

**EASTER FERIA**

1.05pm Mass *Private Intention*

**WEDNESDAY 11<sup>TH</sup>**

**ST. STANISLAUS, BISHOP & MARTYR**

1.05pm Mass *Norbert Karbe - RIP*

**THURSDAY 12<sup>TH</sup>**

**EASTER FERIA**

1.05pm Mass *Benefactors of Corpus Christi*  
7.00pm Fraternity of St. Genesius

**FRIDAY 13<sup>TH</sup>**

**EASTER FERIA**

1.05pm Mass *(Friday Abstinence)*  
6.30pm Mass – Extraordinary Form *Resi Achterfelt - RIP*  
*Good Counsel Network*

**SATURDAY 14<sup>TH</sup>**

**EASTER FERIA**

9.00am onwards – Church Cleaning  
6.00pm Vigil Mass *Mary Bridget Keane – RIP*

**SUNDAY 15<sup>TH</sup>**

**✠ 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**

9.30am Mass *(Ps. Week 3)*  
11.30am Solemn Mass *Eric Pollock - RIP*  
*Pro Populo*

**EXPOSITION & ADORATION:** Weekdays 12pm – 1pm, except Tuesdays  
**SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION:** 30 mins before each 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)

**Youth Prayer Group:** Young Adults Prayer Group each Wednesday 7pm in Church with Eucharistic Adoration and Rosary - Mass first Wednesday of the Month

**CaAPA** (The Catholic Association for Performing Arts) 020 7240 1221

**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.

## HISTORIC NEWS FOR US AND THE ARCHDIOCESE

I'm delighted to tell you, that HE the Cardinal has declared that Corpus Christi is to be raised to the status of the **Diocesan Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament**. He will formally do this when he is with us at the 11.00am Mass on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June: the Solemnity of Corpus Christi. This is a great honour for us, and an historic event in life of the Archdiocese. Cardinal Manning opened this church as "a shrine of the Blessed Sacrament" in 1874: to be the place where the Lord might be found and Eucharistic catechesis be promoted. Following the extensive restoration, Cardinal Nichols is going to formally designate this church as the Eucharistic Shrine Cardinal Manning intended. Let us pray that this Shrine may become a place of prayer and pilgrimage, where many from far and wide will find and love the Eucharistic Lord.

If you don't live here but would like to be part of the life of this Shrine, including Mass being celebrated each month for your intentions, then why not consider joining **the Sodality of the Blessed Sacrament**? For details see [www.sodality.co.uk](http://www.sodality.co.uk)

So, on this Easter Sunday, rejoice with us and the Church at this wonderful news, and the fulfilment of Cardinal Manning's vision for this place over 140 years ago.

### THE FINAL PUSH

We are now carrying out the final work on the restoration of the interior of Corpus Christi – and the complete re-ordering of the sacristy. It's been a very long haul, but we're almost there. Deo gratias!

As you can imagine, the work we've already carried out has cost a great deal of money – but that is money we have successfully raised. Now, we need to look at what goes **INSIDE** this restored shrine church. And I'd like to ask whether you can help with this. Particularly, as we are a Shrine Church dedicated to Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, we need to purchase some new vestments for the celebration of the Mass: the greatest gift of God to the Church and the world. We need to obtain both ferial and festive sets in each colour.

These vestments will cost between **Euro 450 to 750** a set. It's a marvellous opportunity to have a set of vestments made and used for the celebration of the Mass, in memory of a departed loved one of yours. Each set will have in the lining the name of the person in whose memory the vestments have been purchased: asking each priest who wears them, to remember the deceased or living person at the altar. This is a beautiful way in which our relatives and friends can be brought close to the Eucharistic Lord.

If you would you like to make an offering in this manner, please contact us in the Parish Office, by email or telephone, and we can discuss this with you. Please do not buy us vestments; we have a special offer with a Roman tailor and so we are just looking for donations at this stage. Thank you!

## EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

While the building work was taking place, it wasn't really possible for us to have Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. But, as from Monday next, we'll be back to our usual program, with Exposition at 12.00non. We will, of course, be looking to extend the periods of Exposition. More of that very soon. (PS NOT Friday 13<sup>th</sup> - Fr Alan will be at Minster Abbey)

### SODALITY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The next Mass is **6.30pm on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May**, and the preacher will be **Fr. Stephen Willis**, Rector of the Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden. Following the article in the Catholic Herald last week, another 50 plus people joined the Sodality within 24 hours. Were YOU one of them? Each month Mass is offered for the intentions of the members. The confraternity meets on a monthly basis for Mass, Adoration and Benediction, adoring Jesus truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. Leaflets containing application forms are available at the back of the church, or you can join online at [sodality.co.uk](http://sodality.co.uk)

### THE GRAND RE-OPENING WEEK

So that you can get things into your diaries, this is the program of events leading up to the visit of His Eminence, Cardinal Nichols on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June.

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> May at 6.30pm:** Votive Mass of the Blessed Sacrament and opening of the 40 Hours Devotion. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until midnight.

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> May:** Blessed Sacrament is exposed at 7am and remains exposed until midnight.

**Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> May at 7.00pm:** Pontifical High Mass at the Faldstool in the Extraordinary Form closing the 40 Hours Devotion. Celebrant: Abbot Hugh Allan, O.Praem.

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June at 7.00pm:** Solemn Erection of the new Stations of the Cross.

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> June:**

**3.30pm** Solemn Pontifical Vespers: Celebrant Bishop Robert Byrne, Cong.Orat.

**6.00pm** Pontifical Vigil Mass of Corpus Christi: Celebrant Bishop Robert Byrne, Cong.Orat.

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June at 11.00am:** Pontifical High Mass at the Throne of Corpus Christi and procession of the Blessed Sacrament. Celebrant: H.E Vincent Cardinal Nichols

### CHURCH CLEANING

At present, now the dirty building work is complete, the church is clean and looking like a church. Alleluia. But, of course, like our homes, we need to keep on top of the cleaning, or it will get out of hand. Ideally: we need a few people who are prepared to keep the church looking spick and span. Would you be prepared to help on a regular basis please?

### MASS INTENTIONS

To avoid disappointment, especially with our new Shrine status, request your Masses as soon as possible to guarantee a date. Envelopes are available at the back of the church – please post through the Presbytery door.

If you use these envelopes to request a Mass or Sanctuary Lamp, PLEASE make sure we can read your writing. Best to use CAPITAL LETTERS.

### Our sick parishioners and friends

David Jordan, Bill Tomlinson, Fr. Michael Durand, Christopher Browne, Margaret Griffith, Pascal James, Jean Bernard, Brian Keenan, Sid Shepherd, Terry Miles, John Hughes, Warren Peterson, Nicholas Pollock, 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:** Dennis Gunn, Bishop Francis Walmsley, Joan Cook, Sergio Alves, Julia Teresa Morgan, Fr Norman Brown, Monsignor Augustine Hoey, Fr. John Bruce Elliott, Mary Josephine (Maisie) Rebello DCHS, Carlo Cardinal Caffara, James Johnson.