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*This parish is part of the WRCDT  
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### WEEKLY GIVING

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2018

Loose collection £693.10  
Envelopes £145.00

*Thank you for your continued  
generous support*

### THE LAMPS ARE BURNING FOR:

**SANCTUARY LAMPS**  
Private Intention x7

**LADY CHAPEL**  
Conversion of England

*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

DECEMBER - MONTH DEDICATED TO  
THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

### ✠ HOLY MASS FOR THE WEEK – 2<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER 2018

### ✠ FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

#### ✠ 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9.30am Mass  
11.30am Solemn Latin Mass (Ordinary Form)

*(Ps. Week 1)*

*Nicholas Leigh – Ints.  
Pro Populo*

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

#### ST FRANCIS XAVIER, PRIEST

1.05pm Mass  
6.30pm Mass (Extraordinary Form)

*M.G. Bencivenga – Ints.*

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

#### ADVENT FERIA

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

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

#### ADVENT FERIA

1.05pm Mass *Deceased Family & Friends of Stanes & Perkins Families*  
6.30pm Advent Carol Service *hosted by CaAPA – all are welcome*

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

#### ST NICHOLAS, BISHOP

1.05pm Funeral Mass  
6.30pm Sodality of the Blessed Sacrament

*Maureen Goodey – RIP  
Sodality Members*

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

#### ST AMBROSE, BISHOP & DOCTOR

1.05pm Mass

*(Friday Abstinence)*  
*M.G. Bencivenga – Ints.*

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

#### THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

10.00am Mass (Extraordinary Form)  
6.00pm Vigil Mass

*Charles Brett – RIP  
Alberto Fasoli – RIP*

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

#### ✠ 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9.30am Mass  
11.30am Solemn Latin Mass (Ordinary Form)

*(Ps. Week 2)*

*Welfare of Family & Friends of Stanes Family  
Pro Populo*

#### EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

weekdays\* 7:30am – 8:30am; 12pm – 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!

**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)

**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) 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.

## WELCOME BISHOP NICHOLAS

This weekend, the 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> December, we warmly welcome **Bishop Nicholas Hudson** who is carrying out one of his regular Parish Visitations. Bishop Nicholas is the auxiliary bishop who is responsible for the parishes in the Central Area. This is the first Parish Visitation since we have carried out all of the restoration work in the church. The Visitation is an opportunity for Bishop Nicholas to spend some time with us and see us in action! He will preach at all of the Masses, and celebrate the 9.30am Mass on the Sunday morning. So please come along – he'll be delighted to meet you after the Mass.

This same weekend, the **Byron Consort of Harrow School** will be singing at the 6.00pm Saturday Vigil Mass, and then performing a short Concert afterwards. Do please stay after the Vigil Mass and enjoy the singing of this superb choir. Copies of the programme of music can be found at the back of the church

## MAUREEN GOODEY RIP

Many of you will now know that dear Maureen's Requiem Mass will be held here at Corpus Christi on **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 1.05pm**: do come and pray for her, or wherever you are if you can't get to the Mass. This Requiem will be followed by cremation at the West London Crematorium. There will be two 45 seater buses to transport those who wish to attend the cremation. On our return to Covent Garden, the family warmly invite you to a reception at the Freemasons Arms in Long Acre. The family request that you please don't send flowers, but instead, make donations directly to Corpus Christi Catholic Church, Maiden Lane. Please continue to pray for Maureen's eternal happiness – and keep Veronica, David, John and the family in your prayers at this time.

## A FRESH START

Today, the First Sunday of Advent, the new Church year begins. And it's a great time to think about our life and relationship with God. Like the resolutions people often make on the 1st January, and then often break very quickly, the beginning of Advent is a perfect time to look within ourselves and see what needs attention. As the world becomes immersed in a deeply "secular Christmas", celebrating Advent and making good preparations will give you the opportunity to truly prepare for the Coming of the Lord. So: please find a little bit of time, make an Examination of Conscience, see if Confession needs to be part of your resolution and sorting out (I'll be surprised if it doesn't) and then begin the new year in a fresh way, desiring to draw closer to the Lord. Of course: the most difficult thing will be sticking with it.

## MORNING EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Don't forget: as well as midday, there is now Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at Corpus Christi on weekdays (excluding Tuesdays), **from 7.30am until 8.30am**. I hope some of you and your friends, will also come and kneel before the Lord in this beautiful Shrine of peace and devotion to the Blessed Sacrament

## SODALITY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The next Sodality Mass is at 6.30pm **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December** and our guest preacher will be **Monsignor Keith Newton**, Ordinary of the Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham. The confraternity meets on a monthly basis for Mass, Adoration and Benediction, adoring Jesus truly present in the Blessed Sacrament and the Mass is offered for the intentions of members. 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)

## 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. Envelopes are at the back of the church.

## LET US TRULY HONOUR THE LORD

As the Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament, I believe we have a particular responsibility in ensuring that we give due respect to Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament: as He dwells in the tabernacle, and when we come to Him in the liturgies of the Church, especially the Mass. And one area which often gives me concern, is the manner in which some people receive Holy Communion. There are two things which are important to say:

- The Obligation of Catholics is **not to receive** Holy Communion every Sunday – **but to attend** a celebration of Mass every Sunday. We receive Holy Communion if we are in a state of grace, living our lives in a manner approved by the Church, and if we have made due preparation for such a great event. Attending a celebration of Mass means being in the church when the Mass begins until the moment it ends. The Liturgy of the Word is important in itself, and enables us to meet with God who speaks with us through His Holy word. But this part of the Mass also prepares us for the second part of the Mass, the Liturgy of the Sacrament, where the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is represented on the altar of the church. If we are able, we come to receive this great gift to us. But it is inappropriate to receive Holy Communion if we have rushed into the church late, not hearing the readings, and are ill prepared.
- The manner in which we receive Holy Communion reveals a great deal of what we believe about the Eucharist. Let's remember, it is the Lord Himself who comes to us under forms of bread and wine, and so deserves great reverence. You may receive Holy Communion on the tongue or in the hand; but if you receive in the hand your hands need to be clean, laid flat – one on top of the other, and no gloves. Take the Sacred Host from your flat hand and put it straight into your mouth. You should do this without moving or standing from where you are. If you do try to walk away with the Sacred Host still in your hand, I'll call after you! You may think all this sounds unduly fussy, but you'd be surprised what people do and that supremely sacred moment.

So let's all offer to the Lord the honour and devotion He deserves, as He comes to offer Himself to us – then we will be able to truly offer ourselves to Him.

*Fr Alan Robinson*

## Our sick parishioners and friends

Peter Noakes, Tony Pearce, Mgr Frederik Miles, Francis Bodis, David Jordan, Bill Tomlinson, 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:** Jean Teresa Wadsworth, Sebastian Jeans, Maureen Goodey, Mark Gregory Kay, Maria-Stella Ngombe, Bishop Friedrich Ostermann, Fr George Dangerfield, Rosaleen Hunt, Craig, Fr. Michael Durand, Fr Philip Mathias, Jean-Louis Cardinal Tauran, Rosa Silvester, Fr James Minogue, Marie Fe Loreno Ruiz, Fr Patrick Sammon, Dennis Gunn, Bishop Francis Walmsley, Sergio Alves