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WEEKLY GIVING

Sunday 9th December 2018

Loose collection **£601.48**
Envelopes **£138.40**

*Thank you for your continued
generous support*

THE LAMPS ARE BURNING FOR:**SANCTUARY LAMPS**

Rosemary Grant x1
Thanksgiving x1
Holy Souls in Purgatory x1
Private Intention x4

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 – 16TH DECEMBER 2018**✠ THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT – GAUDETE SUNDAY****SUNDAY 16TH****✠ 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT – GAUDETE SUNDAY**

(Ps. Week 3)

9.30am Mass *Joseph Bell – RIP – Anniv.*
11.30am Solemn Latin Mass (Ordinary Form) *Victoria Nathan-Rogers – Ints.*

MONDAY 17TH**ADVENT FERIA**

1.05pm Mass *Anthony D' Cunha – RIP*
6.30pm Mass (Extraordinary Form)

TUESDAY 18TH**ADVENT FERIA**

1.05pm Mass *Della Frances Murphy – RIP*

WEDNESDAY 19TH**ADVENT FERIA**

1.05pm Mass *Steve Baldwin – Ints.*

THURSDAY 20TH**ADVENT FERIA**

1.05pm Mass *Gabrielle Diamond & John Levin – RIP*

FRIDAY 21ST**ADVENT FERIA**

(Friday Abstinence)

1.05pm Mass *Aurora Salgado de Vega – RIP*

SATURDAY 22ND**ADVENT FERIA**

9.00am Church Cleaning – *Please come and help*
6.00pm Vigil Mass *Ted Pearce – Anniv.*

SUNDAY 23RD**✠ 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

(Ps. Week 4)

9.30am Mass *Maureen Goodey – RIP*
11.30am Solemn Latin Mass (Ordinary Form) *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 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.

READY FOR THE LORD

Everyone appears to be in the midst of making important preparations for the celebration of Christmas: both secular and religious. I guess what distinguishes those two situations is whether Jesus is invited to the celebration or not! The beginnings of the life of the Lord were truly humble – a manger filled with straw hardly speaks of the King of Kings. But I'm certain that Our Blessed Lady made sure the place where He lay was spotlessly clean. The place where He is invited to lay in two weeks' time is our hearts – what state are they in? Are they clean – clean enough to be a home for the King of Kings? When we come forward to receive Him in Holy Communion, do we come well prepared and free from all attachment to sin?

The Sacrament which should be part of our Advent preparation is Confession – the sacrament none of us can live without. Confessions are heard here 30 minutes before each Mass – or by special arrangement if you can't make that. If you think this Sacrament isn't for you – think again!

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GAUDETE SUNDAY Today is known as Gaudete Sunday, which refers to the first word of the Entrance Antiphon, "Rejoice". Rose vestments are worn to emphasise our joy that Christmas is near. "Rejoice: the Lord is nigh." As Christmas draws near, the Church emphasises the joy which should be in our hearts over all that the birth of our Saviour means for us. The great joy of Christians is to see the day drawing nigh when the Lord will come again in His glory to lead them into His kingdom. The oft-repeated *Veni* ("Come") of Advent is an echo not only of the prophets but also of the conclusion of the Apocalypse of St. John: "Come, Lord Jesus," the last words of the New Testament.

DECORATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS

Today there is a second collection – to help us with the cost of decorations for the church this Christmas. Please be generous as you leave after Mass.

CHRISTMAS MASS ARRANGEMENTS

To make sure you know the times of things over Christmas:

- 24th – Christmas Eve 9.00pm
- 25th – Christmas Day 9.30am and 11.30am
- * Daily Masses this week at 10.00am *
- Sunday 30th: Sat Vigil 6.00pm, Sunday 9.30am & 11.30am
- 31st – New Year's Eve 1.05pm
- New Year's Day – 12.00noon

Please make sure you take home one of the coloured leaflets giving details of all the Masses right through to the New Year.

MASS INTENTIONS

If you'd like us to offer a Mass for an intention on a particular day, please... don't leave it until the last minute. We sometimes get lots of requests appearing together, which then fill up the Mass Book for a few weeks. Be like dear Maureen Goodey RIP – book well in advance if you want particular dates.

SODALITY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The next Sodality Mass is at 6.30pm **Thursday 10th January** and our guest preacher will be **Fr Mark Woodruff**, Chairman of the Society of St John Chrysostom. 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

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.

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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