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WEEKLY GIVING

Sunday 16th December 2018

Loose collection **£726.00**
Envelopes **£172.20**

*Thank you for your continued
generous support*

THE LAMPS ARE BURNING FOR:

SANCTUARY LAMPS

Philip Powell – Ints

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 – 23RD DECEMBER 2018

✠ FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SUNDAY 23RD

✠ 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9.30am Mass

11.30am Solemn Latin Mass (Ordinary Form)

(Ps. Week 4)

Maureen Goodey – RIP

Pro Populo

MONDAY 24TH

ADVENT FERIA

12.00noon – 1.00pm Exposition and Confessions

N.B. No Lunchtime or Extraordinary Form Masses today

NATIVITY OF THE LORD – MASS DURING THE NIGHT

9.00pm Solemn Mass

Annie & Peter Quinn – Ints.

TUESDAY 25TH

✠ THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD – CHRISTMAS

9.30am Mass

11.30am Solemn Mass

Pro Populo

Kath & Charles Hodges – RIP

WEDNESDAY 26TH

ST STEPHEN, THE FIRST MARTYR

10.00am Mass

Thomas Naughton – Ints.

THURSDAY 27TH

ST JOHN, APOSTLE & EVANGELIST

10.00am Mass

Noreen & James Hughes – Ints.

FRIDAY 28TH

THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS

10.00am Mass

Anthony Brown – RIP – Anniv.

SATURDAY 29TH

ST THOMAS BECKET, BISHOP & MARTYR, PATRON OF PARISH CLERGY

6.00pm Vigil Mass

Foundation Mass

SUNDAY 30TH

✠ THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH *(Ps. Week – Proper)*

9.30am Mass

11.30am Solemn Mass

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EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

Resumes Wednesday 3rd January

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.

PLEASE HELP US

I encourage all of you who give regularly to this parish to help us: by using a box of Weekly Offertory envelopes and, if you pay income tax in this country, by completing a Gift Aid form. If you only come here occasionally, you could use one of the blue Gift Aid envelopes that you can find in the pews. You can, of course, make a regular donation to the parish via a Bank Standing Order, and these gifts can be Gift Aided too. Every £1 that is Gift Aided raises a further 25p for the parish – AT NO EXTRA COST TO YOU. Please do consider making your offering in this way. Thank you!

PLANNING AHEAD

In 2019 the Solemnity of Corpus Christi will be celebrated on Thursday 20th June (EF) and Sunday 23rd June (OF). The Extraordinary Form Mass on Thursday will commence the Forty Hour Devotion. This will end on Saturday 22nd. The Solemn Mass on Sunday 22nd at 11.30am will end with a Procession of the Blessed Sacrament in Covent Garden and Benediction on return to the church. There are plans in place – but we will let you have more detail as things are firmed up. But please put **20th to 23rd June 2019** in your diaries. After all, there's nothing on the telly!

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 through to the New Year.

OUR SUNDAY OBLIGATION

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. This is what each one of us is OBLIGED to do every Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation. If we're not doing this now - let's go to Confession ASAP and get back on track.

PRAYER FOR TODAY

Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son was made known by the message of an Angel, may by his Passion and ✠ Cross be brought to the glory of his Resurrection. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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.

OUR PARISH SCHOOL - CHILDREN LEAD US FORWARD

Last Wednesday was the Carol Service for our Parish School – St Joseph's in Macklin Street – and what a great evening it was. The children and staff had worked so hard to make the occasion truly memorable – telling us that age-old story in a really fresh and enchanting manner. Well done every one of you! What I found very touching was seeing some of the parents holding very small children during the Carol Service, as they listened to their older children singing. I was very clear just how much the children are loved within their family situations. The start of the earthly life of Jesus was not really ideal – not what you and I would perhaps have planned for our first and only baby: homeless, strange wandering visitors, threats of impending murder from a king and having to flee to Egypt for safety. BUT: within the love of the Holy Family, Jesus, Mary and Joseph moved forward together in love and faithfulness to God the Father.

Sometimes our lives are great: everything falls into place and we are happy. And at other times, things in our lives are far from ideal – and perhaps we are stressed by relationships, monies worries and things in general. We are like branches which are easily blown around in different directions by the wind. To move forward, we too have to keep close to the Love of God we find in Christ Jesus. There is no other real option. Sitting and wallowing doesn't achieve anything, except making us sink further into the mire. We need to take some Godly action! Being faithful to our Catholic life is the only way forward. Being at Mass each week – saying our daily prayers – going to Confession when necessary – opening ourselves up before the Lord - being part of the Catholic community: it is these simple things which give us life and hope, and drag us from the horrors and depression of life and into the Heart of God.

Fr Alan Robinson

MASS INTENTIONS FOR 2019

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. Only today, as I was writing this newsletter, 5 envelopes came through the letter box.

Be like dear Maureen Goodey RIP – book well in advance if you want particular dates.

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 Lorenzo Ruiz, Fr Patrick Sammon, Dennis Gunn, Bishop Francis Walmsley, Sergio Alves