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WEEKLY GIVING

Sunday 2nd December 2018

Loose collection **£781.40**
Envelopes **£130.00**

*Thank you for your continued
generous support*

THE LAMPS ARE BURNING FOR:

SANCTUARY LAMPS

Anne-Marie's Ints.x1
Kathleen's Ints. x1
Private Intention x5

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 – 9TH DECEMBER 2018

✠ SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SUNDAY 9TH

✠ 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

(Ps. Week 2)

9.30am Mass *Welfare of Family & Friends of Stanes Family*
11.30am Solemn Latin Mass (Ordinary Form) *Pro Populo*

MONDAY 10TH

ADVENT FERIA

1.05pm Mass *Welfare of S, D & M Woodman-Stanes Family*
6.30pm Mass (Extraordinary Form)

TUESDAY 11TH

ADVENT FERIA

1.05pm Mass *Francois Dimminger – RIP – Anniv.*

WEDNESDAY 12TH

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

1.05pm Mass *Welfare of S, D & M Woodman-Stanes Family*

THURSDAY 13TH

ST LUCY, VIRGIN & MARTYR

1.05pm Mass *Benefactors of Corpus Christi*
7.00pm St. John Paul II Prayer Group

FRIDAY 14TH

(Friday Abstinence)

ST JOHN OF THE CROSS, PRIEST & DOCTOR

1.05pm Mass *Thea & Gabriel Woodman-Stanes – RIP*
6.30pm Mass – Extraordinary Form *Good Counsel Network*

SATURDAY 15TH

ADVENT FERIA

9.00am Church Cleaning – *Please come and help*
6.00pm Vigil Mass *Pro Populo*

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.*

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.

PREPARE A WAY FOR THE LORD

Today, the Second Sunday of Advent, the Church encourages us to look at ourselves, with the help of St John the Baptist. He called people to repentance – and offered baptism as a sign of this change of life. When Jesus came, and John baptised Him, Jesus changed the nature of this act, and made it a Sacrament of the Church. Instead of being just an outward sign of the symbolic washing away of sins, Jesus changed baptism into the Sacrament of Baptism – through which we are indeed united with the Heart of God, and set free from sin. It is the first Sacrament we receive – the one without which we cannot move forward in a relationship with God. Of course, like any relationship, we can easily mess it up, and make it less than it should be, or even destroy it. God always wants this relationship with us – but we don't always want to play the game, and so erect a wall between God and ourselves, making a barrier by piling up sin upon sin. John calls us to make the way straight for the Lord, to remove the obstacles we place in the way, to have our sins forgiven and our hearts warmed by his presence. But like all relationships, this can only ever happen if it's what we wish. Hearts that are closed by sin cannot have a relationship with the Lord. Let us examine our conscience this week, and ask ourselves whether we are prepared to see the Salvation of God, the Word made flesh for us. If not – what action do we need to take? *Fr Alan Robinson*

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.

A CHRISTMAS CLEAN

Next **Saturday, 15th December**, is the last opportunity for a good Saturday clean of the church, in preparation for Christmas. The following Saturday you'll all be running round doing your final preparations for your celebrations at home. Please come along **9.00am onwards** - if we all pitch up it will not take very long. Cleaning the church is much easier now, since the restoration. And a big thank you to all those who clean the church week by week, so that it is spotless and ready for the celebration of Mass and to welcome the many visitors.

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.

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.

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