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Registered Charity Number 233699*

**WEEKLY GIVING**

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> December 2018

Offertory Loose Plate £456.98  
Offertory Envelopes £195.00

*Thank you for your continued  
generous support*

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

Pasumbal/Sombilon Family 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

JANUARY - MONTH DEDICATED TO  
THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS

### ✠ HOLY MASS FOR THE WEEK – 6<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2019

#### ✠ THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

**SUNDAY 6<sup>TH</sup>****✠ THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

*(Ps. Week – 2)*

9.30am Mass *Pro Populo*  
11.30am Solemn Mass in Latin (Ordinary Form) *Johannes Tenzler – RIP*

**MONDAY 7<sup>TH</sup>****CHRISTMAS FERIA**

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

**TUESDAY 8<sup>TH</sup>****CHRISTMAS FERIA**

1.05pm Mass *John Glass – sick*

**WEDNESDAY 9<sup>TH</sup>****CHRISTMAS FERIA**

1.05pm Mass *Nicholas Leigh – Ints.*

**THURSDAY 10<sup>TH</sup>****CHRISTMAS FERIA**

1.05pm Mass *Benefactors of Corpus Christi*  
**6.30pm Sodality of the Blessed Sacrament**  
7.30pm Fraternity of St. Genesis/St. John Paul II Prayer Group

**FRIDAY 11<sup>TH</sup>****CHRISTMAS FERIA**

*(Friday Abstinence)*

1.05pm Mass *Deceased members of Kearns/Howdle/Webster/Lake families*  
6.30pm Mass – Extraordinary Form *Good Counsel Network*

**SATURDAY 12<sup>TH</sup>****CHRISTMAS FERIA**

6.00pm Vigil Mass *Gillian Edwards and Family – Ints.*

**SUNDAY 13<sup>TH</sup>****✠ THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

*(Ps. Week – 3)*

9.30am Mass *Maureen Goodey – RIP*  
11.30am Solemn Mass in Latin (Ordinary Form) *Pro Populo*

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:**

weekdays\* at 7:30am-8:30am & 12noon – 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. Genesis)** 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.

## EPIPHANY CHALK

Today at Mass, we will bless Epiphany Chalk. This is the chalk we use to write the Epiphany Blessing over the entrance to our homes. There are some leaflets telling you how to do this: please take one and some chalk when you go home. You could gather as a family - or invite some friends to join you: to bless your home and have a little party afterwards. And don't be afraid to tell people what you've done and what the letters and crosses mean: it's a visible witness to your faith. The initials of the Magi are inscribed over the door with the blessed chalk. The initials, C, M, B, can also be interpreted as the Latin phrase "*Christus mansionem benedicit*" which means "Christ bless this house".

## EPIPHANY COLLECTION

Like the Wise Men, we wish to offer the best we have to the Lord. And so this week there is a retiring collection, to help us purchase the incense we use during the liturgies of the Church during the year. Please be generous as you leave after the Mass.

## A DIFFICULT WEEK

The last week was very difficult – culminating with someone threatening to kill me with a knife. The “gentleman” in question had been around the parish for a few weeks; and we had had a very friendly and warm relationship. He spent most of the day sitting opposite the church – and every day I spent some time with him. But a little over a week ago he changed completely, and became very aggressive and difficult. Every time he saw me he shouted out extremely abusive comments – and spent all day every day repeating these to everyone in the street. On Tuesday he came into the church early in the morning, when I first opened, and was confrontational and aggressive and ready for a fight. About an hour later, when I was leaving the coffee shop, he came straight over to me, full of anger and aggression, and screamed in my face that he was going to kill me with a knife. I got away from him and made an emergency telephone call; the police were here in about 5 minutes. He was arrested and taken to the cells at Charing Cross police station. He hasn't been charged yet, as he is uncontrollable in the courtroom, and not in a state to be able to make a plea. This gentleman is schizophrenic, thinks he is God and has been sent to judge and punish me, he's not taking his prescribed medication, smokes crack cocaine, and he's absolutely bursting with anger: the devil has really taken over his life. Please pray for him... and for me too. *Fr Alan Robinson*

## PAYING FOR VOTIVE CANDLES

The votive candles in the church are not free: they cost **25p each**. You can light as many as you like – if you pay for them. We have to buy them – so do you. Lighting candles and not paying for them is theft, i.e. it's sinful - and as such means your prayers will not be answered. If you really can't afford to pay 25p for a candle - please come and talk with me - don't just take them.

## SODALITY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The next Sodality Mass is at **6.30pm this coming Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> 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](http://sodality.co.uk)

## AUNTIE GLENDA WRITES...

When I was in my previous parish my Auntie Glenda, like me a convert, used to write an occasional column for the newsletter. She had just retired and so could find more time to research, sit and write articles for us to read. She loves the Church and has a great interest in the Catholic Faith, and is an avid reader of good, faithful articles and books. She is now a Catechist, and loves sharing the Catholic Faith with others. So: she's going to write a few articles for us, beginning next Sunday. I trust that you'll enjoy reading them: I can tell you that she doesn't hold back!

## 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.

## 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 20<sup>th</sup> June (EF) and Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June (OF). The Extraordinary Form Mass on Thursday will commence the Forty Hour Devotion. This will end on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup>. The Solemn Mass on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 **20<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2019** in your diaries. After all, there's nothing on the telly!

## 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:** Sheila Gateon, 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