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*This parish is part of the WRCDT
Registered Charity Number 233699*

WEEKLY GIVING

Sunday 24th March 2019
Offertory Loose Plate £767.10
Offertory Envelopes £115.00

*Thank you for your continued
generous support*

THE LAMPS ARE BURNING FOR:

SANCTUARY LAMPS
Gedeon Egbert Woodworth

LADY CHAPEL
Sandor Dolmus – RIP

*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

MARCH - MONTH DEDICATED TO
SAINT JOSEPH

✠ HOLY MASS FOR THE WEEK – 31ST MARCH 2019**✠ 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT – LETARE SUNDAY****SUNDAY 31ST****✠ 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT – LETARE SUNDAY**

9.30am Mass
11.30am Solemn Mass in Latin (OF)

*(Ps. Week – 4)**Pro Populo**Harry Davenport RIP***MONDAY 1ST APRIL****LENT FERIA**

1.05pm Mass
6.30pm Mass – Extraordinary Form

*Foundation Mass***TUESDAY 2ND****LENT FERIA (ST FRANCIS OF PAOLA, HERMIT)**

1.05pm Mass

*Mauro Iannicelli – Intentions***WEDNESDAY 3RD****LENT FERIA**

1.05pm Mass

*Welfare of John Stradling***THURSDAY 4TH****LENT FERIA (ST ISIDORE, BISHOP & DOCTOR)**

1.05pm Mass
6.30pm Sodality of the Blessed Sacrament

*Liam Bell – Anniversary**Members of the Sodality***FRIDAY 5TH****LENT FERIA (ST VINCENT FERRER, PRIEST)**

1.05pm Mass
5.00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
6.00pm Stations of the Cross

*(Friday Abstinence)**Anthony Pearce RIP***SATURDAY 6TH****LENT FERIA**

6.00pm Vigil Mass

*Pro Populo***SUNDAY 7TH****✠ 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT**

9.30am Mass
11.30am Solemn Mass in Latin (OF)

*(Ps. Week – 1)**Welfare of Sophie Stanes**Welfare of Woodman-Stanes Family***EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: WEEKDAYS***

7:30am – 8:30am & 12:00pm – 1:00pm

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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

On this Fourth Sunday of Lent, the Gospel of the father and the two sons better known as the Parable of the "Prodigal Son" is proclaimed. This Gospel text has the power of speaking to us of God, of enabling us to know his Face and, better still, his Heart. After Jesus has told us of the merciful Father, things are no longer as they were before. We now know God; he is our Father who out of love created us to be free and endowed us with a conscience, who suffers when we get lost and rejoices when we return. For this reason, our relationship with him is built up through events, just as it happens for every child with his parents: at first he depends on them, then he asserts his autonomy; and, in the end if he develops well he reaches a mature relationship based on gratitude and authentic love.

In these stages we can also identify moments along man's journey in his relationship with God. There can be a phase that resembles childhood: religion prompted by need, by dependence. As man grows up and becomes emancipated, he wants to liberate himself from this submission and become free and adult, able to organise himself and make his own decisions, even thinking he can do without God. Precisely this stage is delicate and can lead to atheism, yet even this frequently conceals the need to discover God's true Face. Fortunately for us, God never fails in his faithfulness and even if we distance ourselves and get lost he continues to follow us with his love, forgiving our errors and speaking to our conscience from within in order to call us back to him. In this parable the sons behave in opposite ways: the younger son leaves home and sinks ever lower whereas the elder son stays at home, but he too has an immature relationship with the Father. In fact, when his brother comes back, the elder brother does not rejoice like the Father; on the contrary he becomes angry and refuses to enter the house. The two sons represent two immature ways of relating to God: rebellion and childish obedience. Both these forms are surmounted through the experience of mercy. Only by experiencing forgiveness, by recognizing one is loved with a freely given love a love greater than our wretchedness but also than our own merit do we at last enter into a truly filial and free relationship with God.

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.

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! The book is filling up fast...

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

If you'd like to come and talk about your spiritual life, as a one-off or a possibly ongoing relationship, please have a word with Fr Alan; he'd be delighted to hear from you.

CORPUS CHRISTI CELEBRATIONS 2019

This week we were delighted to announce that **His Eminence, Francis Cardinal Arinze** will be coming from Rome to celebrate a Pontifical High Mass of Corpus Christi in the Extraordinary Form on **Thursday 20th June at 7pm**. This Mass will open our annual Forty Hours Devotion which will run until the closing Mass on **Saturday 22nd at 12noon**, celebrated by **Bishop Michael Campbell**, Bishop Emeritus of Lancaster. The Solemnity of Corpus Christi will be kept on **Sunday 23rd June at 11am**, followed by a Procession of the Blessed Sacrament around Covent Garden. Everyone is most welcome at all the Masses. More details nearer the time.

AUNTIE GLENDA WRITES...

Auntie Glenda was received into the Catholic Church in 1994 and has devoted her retirement since then to reading and writing about the Catholic Faith. She serves as a catechist in her home parish.

Last week we began looking at the Angelus, by examining the first stanza. Today we look at the second: *Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word.* These are the words from the lips of Our Blessed Lady Herself, in response in receiving the message brought to Her from God by the Angel Gabriel. When the angel Gabriel explains God's plan and the part that Mary is to play, Our Lady yields to God's will immediately and unreservedly. She realises that she is an ordinary young woman who has been asked to do something extraordinary i.e. to be the Mother of God. Knowing this, Mary offers Herself to Him, knowing that God wants this to happen and that nothing is impossible to God. We should keep these sentiments in mind when we pray this part of the Angelus - knowing that God never asks us to do anything beyond our means, for nothing is impossible for God, even in our lives. That should give us great confidence and hope as we live out our lives for Him and His Church; confidence that will enable us to respond to God in the same manner as Our Lady. *Lord, I am yours – I will do whatever you ask of me.* Have a good week – more next Sunday. God bless you. *Auntie Glenda*

SODALITY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The next Sodality Mass is at **6.30pm this coming Thursday 4th April** and our guest preacher will be **Fr Daniel Humphreys**, Sub-Administrator of Westminster Cathedral. 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

DAY OF PRAYER FOR SURVIVORS OF ABUSE

Pope Francis has asked each Parish to hold a day of prayer for victims and survivors of abuse. This will be held on Friday 12th April in this country. Please join us for a period of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 12pm – 1pm, Mass at 1:05pm, and again at 5pm for Adoration, followed by Stations of the Cross, which will be offered for this intention.

TEMPORAL TIME

I trust you put your clocks forward one hour this weekend!

Our sick parishioners and friends

Bunny France, Collette Nevens, 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: Gedeon Egbert Woodworth, Anthony Pearce, Anthony Shanagher, Mgr Edwin Barnes, Fr Adrian Walker, Sheila Gaeton, Jean Teresa Wadsworth, Sebastian Jeans, Maureen Goodey, Mark Gregory Kay, Maria-Stella Ngombe, Bishop Friedrich Ostermann, Fr George Dangerfield,