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

WEEKLY GIVING

Sunday 24th February 2019

Offertory Loose Plate **£611.06**
Offertory Envelopes **£100.00**

*Thank you for your continued
generous support*

THE LAMPS ARE BURNING FOR:

SANCTUARY LAMPS

Marie Taylor x1
In Reparation x6

LADY CHAPEL

Adele Williams Sewell

*To have the lamps burning for your intentions,
use an envelope at the back of the church or
visit the website.*

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: WEEKDAYS*

7:30am – 8:30am

12:00pm – 1:00pm

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION:

30 mins before Mass*

* except Tuesdays



CORPUS CHRISTI

THE DIOCESAN SHRINE OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

MARCH - MONTH DEDICATED TO
SAINT JOSEPH

✠ HOLY MASS FOR THE WEEK – 3RD MARCH 2019

✠ 8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 3RD

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

*(Ps. Week – 4)
Foundation Mass
Pro Populo*

MONDAY 4TH

ST CASIMIR

1.05pm Mass
6.30pm Mass – Extraordinary Form

Antoinette Bell – RIP

TUESDAY 5TH

FERIA

1.05pm Mass *Deceased Family & Friends of Stanes & Perkins Families*

WEDNESDAY 6TH

ASH WEDNESDAY

8.00am Mass – Extraordinary Form
12.05pm Mass
1.05pm Mass
6.30pm Solemn Sung Mass

*(Fasting & Abstinence)
Private Intention
Welfare of S, D & M Woodman-Stanes Family
Foundation Mass
Dr. Harold Leigh – RIP*

THURSDAY 7TH

LENT FERIA (SS PERPETUA & FELICITY, MARTYRS)

1.05pm Mass *Harwood Family – sick*
6.30pm **Sodality of the Blessed Sacrament Mass** *Members of the Sodality*

FRIDAY 8TH

LENT FERIA (ST JOHN OF GOD, RELIGIOUS)

1.05pm Mass
5.00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
6.00pm Stations of the Cross
6.30pm Mass – Extraordinary Form

*(Friday Abstinence)
Sarah de Nordwall – Ints.
Good Counsel Network*

SATURDAY 9TH

LENT FERIA (ST FRANCES OF ROME, RELIGIOUS)

9.00am Church Cleaning – *all welcome!*
6.00pm Vigil Mass

Kelly Michelle Brown – Ints.

SUNDAY 10TH

✠ 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

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

*(Ps. Week – 4)
Sheila Gaeton – RIP
Pro Populo*

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.

LENT BEGINS THIS WEEK!

Lent is now only a couple of days away and so it is time to think about how we can prepare for this Holy and Penitential Season. Most people think about what they are going to give up – social media, alcohol, cigarettes, or perhaps some bad habit we may have that leads us into sin. These are all well and good and I encourage you to do so. But let us also think about what we are going to **do** during Lent.

Could you go to Mass more often? Mass doesn't just happen on a Sunday; perhaps you might like to spend some time with our Eucharistic Lord during the week as well?

Has it been a while since you went to Confession? Lent is the perfect time to approach the box and sort things out. There's nothing that can't be resolved if we approach the Lord and ask for his forgiveness, even if it's been many years.

Have you read a spiritual book lately? Often we find ourselves in a particular difficulty, perhaps in our relationship with God or others. Perhaps there's something about the faith that you'd like to know more about. The Saints have been through it all and know the way to Heaven – don't be afraid to seek their guidance!

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.

There is something we all need to do whenever we enter a Catholic church – particularly your Shrine church, dedicated to the Most Blessed Sacrament. And that's to **genuflect**, unless you're physically unable to do so. For present, in the silence of the tabernacle, is Jesus Himself. You might ask, "How can this be? How can He be in every tabernacle in the world?" Jesus is not restricted by time and space – for Jesus is God, and He cannot be restricted by anything. And you'll know, for St John tells us, Jesus is present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. "This IS my Body – this IS my Blood, says Jesus to us. This is a teaching which is "*De fide*" i.e., it is an essential part of Catholic faith, and denial of it is heresy. By denying any such teaching we automatically excommunicate ourselves from the life of God. The Church doesn't have to do anything at all – we excommunicate ourselves. These days, lots of people enter a church and behave as they don't believe this central teaching, as if Jesus is not present: they come into the church and ignore Him, He who is fully God, and living within the silence of the tabernacle. Don't be one of those people, one of those "Jesus ignorers". When you enter the church, gaze at the tabernacle, and **genuflect**, to acknowledge that Jesus is present, and waiting to engage with **you**. Have a good week – more next Sunday. God bless you. *Auntie Glenda*

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, or send him an email.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday **is this week**. Mass will be offered at 8am (Extraordinary Form), 12:05pm, 1:05pm and 6:30pm (Sung Mass). Join us as we begin the holy season of Lent.

FASTING & ABSTINENCE: THE RULES

Fasting is to be observed by all those between the ages of 18 – 60. The Church defines this as one meal a day, and two smaller meals which if added together would not exceed the main meal in quantity.

The law of Abstinence means refraining from eating meat and is to be observed by all those from the age of 14. Meat is considered to be the flesh and organs of mammals and fowl. Also forbidden are soups or gravies made from them. Salt and freshwater species of fish, amphibians, reptiles and shellfish are permitted, as are animal derived products such as margarine and gelatine which do not have any meat taste.

Those who are excused from fast or abstinence: Besides those outside the age limits, those of unsound mind, the sick, the frail, pregnant or nursing women according to need for meat or nourishment, manual labourers according to need, guests at a meal who cannot excuse themselves without giving great offence or causing enmity and other situations of moral or physical impossibility to observe the penitential discipline.

SODALITY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The next Sodality Mass is at **6.30pm Thursday 7th March** and our guest preacher will be **John Canon Harvey**, Parish Priest of St. Edmund of Canterbury, Loughton. 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

HEARING AID LOOP SYSTEM

If you use a hearing aid, please switch it to "I" when you're at Mass. You should hear things much more clearly.

A GIFT FOR BISHOP ROBERT BYRNE

As you know, Bishop Robert Byrne has been appointed by the Holy Father as Bishop of Hexham and Newcastle. His installation is on 25th March – the Annunciation. Bishop Byrne has been a very good friend of this Shrine for many years and those of you who come here regularly will know him well by now. We would like to give him a gift of a precious mitre in gratitude for all he has done for us over the years. If you would like to contribute to the cost of this mitre, please contact the Parish Office, or Father Alan.

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...

Our sick parishioners and friends

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: 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, 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