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### THE ACTORS' CHURCH

National Church for Catholic Actors

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

### WEEKLY GIVING

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2019  
Loose £638.49  
Envelopes £80.00  
Catholic Education Service £139.73

*Thank you for your continued  
generous support*

### THE LAMPS ARE BURNING FOR:

#### SANCTUARY LAMPS

Actors Living & Dead  
Schoolchildren  
Emma Woodworth  
Euan Woodworth  
In Reparation

#### LADY CHAPEL

Christiane Brown 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

SEPTEMBER - MONTH DEDICATED TO  
THE SEVEN SORROWS OF OUR LADY

### ✠ HOLY MASS FOR THE WEEK – 15<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2019 24<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### SUNDAY 15<sup>TH</sup>

#### ✠ 24<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9.30am Mass  
11.30am Sung Mass in Latin

*(Ps Week 4)  
Derek Riches – RIP  
Pro Populo*

#### MONDAY 16<sup>TH</sup>

#### Ss CORNELIUS, POPE, & CYPRIAN, BISHOP, MARTYRS

1.05pm Mass *Mario Cere & Manuela Saviori – RIP*  
6.30pm Pontifical Low Mass – HE Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke

#### TUESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup>

#### ST ROBERT BELLARMIN, BISHOP & DOCTOR

1.05pm Mass *Thea & Gabriel Woodman-Stanes – RIP*

#### WEDNESDAY 18<sup>TH</sup>

#### FERIA

1.05pm Mass *MG Bencivenga – Ints.*

#### THURSDAY 19<sup>TH</sup>

#### ST JANUARIUS, BISHOP & MARTYR

1.05pm Mass *Kearns, Howdle, Lake, Webster Families*

#### FRIDAY 20<sup>TH</sup>

#### Ss ANDREW KIM TAE-GÖN, PRIEST,

#### PAUL CHÖNG HA-SANG, & COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

1.05pm Mass *(Friday Abstinence)  
MG Bencivenga – Ints.*

#### SATURDAY 21<sup>ST</sup>

#### ST MATTHEW, APOSTLE & EVANGELIST

9.00am Church Cleaning  
6.00pm Vigil Mass *Pro Populo*

#### SUNDAY 22<sup>ND</sup>

#### ✠ 25<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9.30am Mass  
11.30am Sung Mass in Latin

*(Ps Week 1)  
Anne Barrett – RIP  
Christiane Brown – RIP*

#### EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT\*:

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. Genesius)** 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.

### VISIT OF HIS EMINENCE, CARDINAL BURKE

On this **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September at 6.30pm**, the Latin Mass Society will be hosting a Pontifical Low Mass, celebrated by His Eminence, Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke here at Corpus Christi. All are most welcome to this Mass and to hear the homily of one of the great Cardinals resident in Rome.

### MERCIFUL LIKE THE FATHER

In today's Gospel, Jesus recounts the three "parables of mercy". When he speaks of the shepherd who goes after the lost sheep, of the woman who looks for the lost coin, of the father who goes to meet and embrace his prodigal son, these are no mere words: they constitute an explanation of his very being and activity. In fact, the shepherd who finds the stray sheep is the Lord himself who lays upon his shoulders, with the Cross, sinful humanity, in order to redeem it. The prodigal son, then, in the third parable, is a young man who having obtained his inheritance from his father "and squandered his property in loose living". Reduced to a penniless state he was obliged to work as a servant, even accepting to satisfy his hunger with food intended for animals. Then, the Gospel says, "He came to himself". "The speech he prepares for his homecoming reveals to us the full extent of the inner pilgrimage he is now making... leading 'home'... to himself and to the father". St Augustine wrote: "The Word himself calls you to return, and with him is a place of unperturbed rest, where love is not forsaken unless it first forsakes."

How is it possible not to open our hearts to the certainty that in spite of being sinners we are loved by God? He never tires of coming to meet us, he is always the first to set out on the path that separates us from him. The Book of Exodus shows us how Moses, with confident and daring pleas, succeeded, so to speak, in moving God from the throne of judgement to the throne of mercy. Penitence is the measure of faith and through it one returns to the Truth. The Apostle Paul writes: "I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief". Returning to the parable of the son who goes "home", we note that when the elder brother appears, indignant at the festive welcome given to his brother, it is again the father who reaches out to him and begs him: "Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours". Only the faith can transform selfishness into joy and renew true relationships with our neighbour and with God. "It was fitting to make merry and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found"

### MASS INTENTIONS

Envelopes are at the back of the Church. Return them ASAP, especially if you require a particular date! Please don't leave it until the last moment – the date may well be taken.

### 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.

### WELCOME TO FR ALAN ADAMI, OP

A warm welcome and a big thank you to Fr Alan Adami, OP, who is here to cover the Masses while Fr Robinson is away. Fr Adami is a Dominican from Vittoriosa in Malta, and we are very pleased to have him with us this week.

### SODALITY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The next Sodality Mass is at **6.30pm Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October** and our guest preacher will be **Fr Rupert McHardy, Cong.Orat.**, a Father of the London Oratory. 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 visit [sodality.co.uk](http://sodality.co.uk)

### OUT WITH THE OLD, IN WITH THE NEW

Those of you who come here regularly we notice that the old and broken-down disabled lift has been removed from the church during the last week. We now eagerly await the arrival and installation of the new one. It has been ordered, but we are still about £3,000 short. I'd be most grateful if you could help with the last push to pay for this – all payment methods and currencies accepted, and donations can be made online through our website too. Thank you!

### COME AND JOIN US!

September is a great time for us to take new and enthusiastic steps in our faith. Perhaps some of the regular events here may help you in your relationship with the Lord.

After the Saturday Vigil Mass there is a **Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour**. Books are provided, and you'd be most welcome. Each Monday evening, at 6.30pm, is **Mass in the Extraordinary Form** – just come along, and bring your 1962 Missal if you have one. This Mass has been celebrated here for over 50 years without a break, following the Second Vatican Council. On Wednesdays at 7.00pm is our **Eucharistic Prayer Group**: the format is First Wednesday, Rosary and Mass, the other Wednesdays, Rosary and Adoration. This is a prayerful oasis in the middle of the week. The First Thursday of each month, at 6.30pm, is Solemn Mass, Adoration and Benediction for the **Sodality of the Blessed Sacrament**, with a guest preacher each month. This is a Roman Catholic Confraternity, based in this Shrine, dedicated to the promotion of devotion to Jesus Christ, truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament You can find more information and if you wish, join the Sodality on line at [sodality.co.uk](http://sodality.co.uk) On the 2nd Thursday each month is the **St John Paul II Prayer Group** – Mass with Benediction and blessing with a First Class relic of St. John Paul.

And of course, each day there are two **Holy Hours**, 7.30am – 8.30am and Exposition from 12.00noon onwards, with Confessions at 12.30pm and Mass at 1.05pm. For full details of what's happening, look at the weekly newsletter. It's all here for you to come and take part.

### SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

If you would like to talk to a priest, please do get in touch!

### Our sick parishioners and friends

Sean Brennan, Bunny France, Collette Nevens, Peter Noakes, Tony Pearce, Mgr Frederik Miles, David Jordan, Bill Tomlinson, Christopher Browne, Margaret Griffith, Pascal James, Jean Bernard, Brian Keenan, Sid Shepherd, Terry Miles, John Hughes, Warren Peterson, Nicholas Pollock, Fr Patrick Hayward, 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:** Bernard (Bunny) France KC\*HS, Fr Tom Quinn, Essi Tamaddom, Ruth Nicol, Christiane Brown, Fr Denis Patrick Watters, Mrs Anne Mary Youde DHS, Martin King, Mary Muir, 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, Rosaleen Hunt, Craig, Rosa Silvester, Fr James Minogue, Marie Fe Lorenzo Ruiz,