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WEEKLY GIVING

Sunday 24th November 2019
Loose £461.10
Envelopes £70.00

*Thank you for your continued
generous support*

THE LAMPS ARE BURNING FOR:

SANCTUARY LAMPS

Frizell Family & Maria
Kacie Lily Anne Collins
Iain Yeow
Fr Leslie Raj SJ
Maura Loftus
Emma Woodworth
Euan Woodworth

LADY CHAPEL

Actors Living and Dead

SACRED HEART CHAPEL

Ethan Woodworth



CORPUS CHRISTI

THE DIOCESAN SHRINE OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

DECEMBER – MONTH DEDICATED TO
THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

✠ HOLY MASS FOR THE WEEK – 1ST DECEMBER 2019 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SUNDAY 1ST DECEMBER

✠ 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9.30am Mass
11.30am Solemn Latin Mass

*(Ps Week 1)
Foundation Mass
Kamila Balkova RIP*

MONDAY 2ND

ADVENT FERIA

1.05pm Mass
6.30pm Mass – Extraordinary Form

Charlie P Sandagon RIP

TUESDAY 3RD

ST FRANCIS XAVIER, PRIEST

1.05pm Mass

Brendan Gebarty RIP

WEDNESDAY 4TH

ST JOHN DAMASCENE, PRIEST & DOCTOR

1.05pm Mass

James de Burgh RIP

THURSDAY 5TH

ADVENT FERIA

1.05pm Mass
6.30pm Sodality of the Blessed Sacrament Mass

*MG Bencivenga – Intentions
Sodality Members*

FRIDAY 6TH

ST NICHOLAS, BISHOP

1.05pm Mass

*(Friday Abstinence)
Nollaig Donegan – Intentions*

SATURDAY 7TH

ST AMBROSE, BISHOP & DOCTOR

9.00am Church Cleaning
6.00pm Vigil Mass

Nollaig Donegan – Intentions

SUNDAY 8TH

✠ 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9.30am Mass
11.30am Solemn Latin Mass

*(Ps Week 2)
Maureen Goodey – RIP
Pro Populo*

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 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.

ADVENT - TIME TO PREPARE FOR THE COMING OF GOD

After our joyful celebration of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe last Sunday, we now begin a new Church Year, and enter into that “Little Lent” – that time we call Advent. It’s a time for some quiet reflection on the significance of the Incarnation of God, to prepare us for the coming of God into this world. And also how, as the new Church year begins, we “could do better” for God. So: what might we do?

- Be more diligent and committed to saying your daily prayers.
- Spend some time before the Blessed Sacrament – we have Exposition here each day (excepting Tuesday) 7.30am–8.30am, 12.00noon–12.55pm. And the church is open all day every day, so you can always come in and pray quietly before the Tabernacle. Jesus is always here, waiting for you.
- Go to Confession before Christmas – Confessions are heard for 30 minutes before each Mass.
- Have a good spiritual book to hand, to lead you deeper into the Catholic Faith and your relationship with God.
- Pray the Rosary each day.
- Enter into the “The God who Speaks” Bible programme. (More news of this when it arrives...)
- Be more enthusiastic and open about your faith, giving others the opportunity to hear the Gospel Message from your lips.
- Why not invite someone to come to Mass with you, perhaps a family member who has fallen away – or come to an additional Mass during the week?

Don’t let this great yearly opportunity pass you by.

Fr Alan Robinson

DO YOU COME HERE OFTEN?

Do you come to Mass here on a fairly regular basis, either every week, or several weeks in the month? Are you a UK Tax Payer? If so, please could I ask you to consider using numbered donation envelopes, which can be acquired from the Parish Office. These allow us to claim **25%** on whatever you give from HMRC – and you don’t have to fill them out every week! All you do is pop your usual donation in the numbered envelope and then put that in the bag as it goes around. Even if you only give £5 a week, we can claim £1.25 on that, making your weekly donation £6.25 – without costing you a penny more! Say you only come here twice a month, but give £5 when you are here – that’s £30 a year extra to the Parish, and all you’ve had to do is put your fiver in an envelope. If you are able to give in this way, please speak to Alex or Fr Alan and they can give you a box of envelopes for the year.

MASS INTENTIONS

Envelopes are at the back of the Church. The Mass book gets VERY full these days, so I suggest getting them in quick if you want a specific date...no space now until January.

SODALITY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The next Sodality Mass is at **6.30pm this week on Thursday 5th December** and our guest preacher will be **Fr Julian Large, Cong.Orat**, Provost of the London Oratory. The Sodality meets on a monthly basis for Mass, Adoration and Benediction, adoring Jesus truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament and the Mass is offered for the intentions of members. Leaflets containing application forms are in the church, or visit sodality.co.uk

GENERAL ELECTION: VOTE WISELY!

The upcoming General Election presents us with an opportunity to elect an individual representative who reflects as closely as possible our Catholic beliefs. It allows us to revisit Catholic Social Teaching and to connect our voting to our Catholic faith. It can be a chance to proclaim the inherent dignity and value of **every** human being, made in the image and likeness of God, and to promote the common good.

It is the duty of all of us to uphold the most basic and fundamental human right – the right to life. We should urge candidates to recognise human life from the moment of conception until natural death and to legislate for its protection at every stage, including protecting the unborn child, ensuring that both mother and child are accepted and loved, and provided what support may be needed in the stages between. We should remind our politicians that abortion, assisted suicide and euthanasia are, as the Church has consistently taught, **always** morally unacceptable. Decriminalisation of abortion unhappily paves the way towards a legal basis for abortion on demand, for any reason, up to birth and politicians should be urged to resist it.

Sadly, in their manifestos, several parties have already pledged to decriminalise abortion. This change in law would scrap the current 24-week time limit for abortion – and abortion would be available **on-demand, for any reason, up to birth**. This would be the most extreme abortion law in the world. No Catholic could consider voting for these parties and their disgusting manifestos, continuing to call themselves Catholic, and coming to the altar to receive Holy Communion. **Please vote for life, not death.**

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

During Advent there will be a collection after each Sunday Mass towards the cost of flowers to decorate the church for Christmas: I’d be so grateful if you could help us.

CONFESSIONS

Confessions are heard for half an hour before all Masses – but if you can’t make it then, please ring the doorbell of the Rectory to see if a priest is available.

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.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION Please do get in touch if you would like to speak to Father about some aspect of your spiritual life.

MASS CARDS Hand printed cards by the monks at Farnborough Abbey: they cost £2 each, and are available from the Presbytery.

Our sick parishioners and friends

Mgr John Klyberg, Sean Brennan, 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, **Of your charity – please pray for those who have died recently:** Fr Peter Stevens, Susan Elliott-Smith, Jim Ryan, Archbishop Michael Bowen, Fr Barry Ffrench, 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,