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THE ACTORS' CHURCH

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

WEEKLY GIVING

Sunday 1st December 2019
Loose £648.17
Envelopes £120.00

*Thank you for your continued
generous support*

THE LAMPS ARE BURNING FOR:

SANCTUARY LAMPS

Vocations

LADY CHAPEL

Actors Living and Dead

SACRED HEART CHAPEL

Kathleen Flint

SACRED HEART PORCH

Mother of Zaidoon

*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

DECEMBER – MONTH DEDICATED TO
THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

✠ HOLY MASS FOR THE WEEK – 8TH DECEMBER 2019 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SUNDAY 8TH

✠ 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9.30am Mass
11.30am Solemn Latin Mass

(Ps Week 2)

*Maureen Goodey RIP
Pro Populo*

MONDAY 9TH

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

PATRON OF THE DIOCESE

1.05pm Mass
6.30pm Mass – Extraordinary Form

Benefactors of Corpus Christi

TUESDAY 10TH

ADVENT FERIA

1.05pm Mass

Private Intention – BK

WEDNESDAY 11TH

ST DAMASUS I, POPE

1.05pm Mass
6.30pm The Royal Theatrical Fund Christmas Festival

Francois Dimminger – Anniversary

By ticket only!

THURSDAY 12TH

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

1.05pm Mass
7.00pm St John Paul II Prayer Group

Francois & Sabine de Cumond

FRIDAY 13TH

ST LUCY, VIRGIN & MARTYR

1.05pm Mass
6.30pm Mass – Extraordinary Form

Francois & Sabine de Cumond

Good Counsel Network

SATURDAY 14TH

ST JOHN OF THE CROSS, PRIEST & DOCTOR

9.00am Church Cleaning
6.00pm Vigil Mass

Francois & Sabine de Cumond

SUNDAY 15TH

✠ 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT – GAUDETE SUNDAY

9.30am Mass
11.30am Solemn Latin Mass

(Ps Week 3)

Pro Populo

Francois & Sabine de Cumond

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

CLEANING THE CHURCH At 9.00am on Saturday 14th December we aim to have a good clean of the church and put up some of the decorations. If you could come along and help, I’d be delighted. Just bring along a nice soft duster...☺

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.

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.

GENERAL ELECTION THIS WEEK: 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.

MOSAIC CHOIR

On **Wednesday 18th December at 7pm**, the Mosaic Choir of the Orthodox Fellowship of St John the Baptist will be holding a Christmas Concert here, with a collection of hymns and carols from the Orthodox tradition. They came last year and it was really a beautiful evening. Entry is free, but there will be a collection afterwards for charity. Please do come along!

SODALITY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The next Sodality Mass is at **6.30pm on Thursday 9th January** and our guest preacher will be **Fr Michael Halsall**, Priest of the Ordinariate and Lecturer in Philosophy at Allen Hall Seminary. 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

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Fliers with all the details are at the back of the church and information is on the website. Christmas Eve: 9pm; Christmas Day: 9:30am (said) and 11:30am (sung). Boxing Day: 10am.

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,