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*This parish is part of the WRCDT
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WEEKLY GIVING

Sunday 8th December 2019
Loose £437.79
Envelopes £60.00

*Thank you for your continued
generous support*

THE LAMPS ARE BURNING FOR:

SANCTUARY LAMPS

Anna Marie – Ints.

LADY CHAPEL

Actors Living and Dead

SACRED HEART CHAPEL

Zaidoon Family

SACRED HEART PORCH

Emma Woodworth

*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 – 15TH DECEMBER 2019 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT – GAUDETE SUNDAY

SUNDAY 15TH

✠ 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT – GAUDETE SUNDAY

(Ps Week 3)

9.30am Mass

Pro Populo

11.30am Solemn Latin Mass

Francois & Sabine de Cumond

MONDAY 16TH

ADVENT FERIA

1.05pm Mass

Francois & Sabine de Cumond

6.30pm Mass – Extraordinary Form

TUESDAY 17TH

ADVENT FERIA

1.05pm Mass

Francois & Sabine de Cumond

WEDNESDAY 18TH

ADVENT FERIA

1.05pm Mass

Francois & Sabine de Cumond

THURSDAY 19TH

ADVENT FERIA

1.05pm Mass

Francois & Sabine de Cumond

FRIDAY 20TH

ADVENT FERIA

1.05pm Mass

Francois & Sabine de Cumond

SATURDAY 21ST

ADVENT FERIA

9.00am Church Cleaning

6.00pm Vigil Mass

Sheila Gaeton RIP

SUNDAY 22ND

✠ 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

(Ps Week 4)

9.30am Mass

Pro Populo

11.30am Solemn Latin Mass

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 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.

IT'S NOT CHRISTMAS, IT IS ADVENT

Contrary to how it may look out on the streets, it's still not Christmas. Advent is 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. So: what might we do to help us prepare during these last few days?

- 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 – this will really make Jesus happy. 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.
- 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

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.

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.

MASS CARDS

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

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). St Stephen (Boxing Day) 10am.

LET ME HELP YOU

Corpus Christi is a place where there is a good deal of 1-2-1 contact with people: in the Confessional and in Spiritual Direction. Over time, it has become increasingly clear that many people, lay and ordained, are presently having a bit of a struggle with their Catholic life and feel somewhat lost and at sea.

The first thing to say is **KEEP AT IT – DON'T GIVE IN**. That is just what the devil wants. He is absolutely overjoyed with every single person who throws in the towel and abandons the Faith and loses the hope of Heaven. I know it can be tough, but Jesus never promised us an easy ride in this life: just eternal happiness if we are faithful to Him. So be courageous, and let's just crack on with it. Mass, Confession and Daily Prayer; and we're well on course to our True Home in Heaven.

But I'm also offering to help you. Not because I think I'm an expert or better at these things than anyone else. But for many decades now, I've always had two black books. One is my Breviary, from which I pray the Divine Office, and the other my Intercession Book. For around 40 years I've always had a black book, into which I've put the names of those, for whatever reason, I wish to pray. Some names are there at the request of those concerned: but many do not know their names are recited before the Blessed Sacrament. The sick and suffering, living and the dead, married couples, Priests and Bishops, those testing their Vocations, people just going about their daily lives: they are all part of my daily life of Intercession. Some on the "hot list" who are prayed for each day, and others on the same day once a week.

What I am saying to you, is that I would be delighted to help you, if you would like me to pray for you before the Lord. All you have to do is to let me know – either by dropping a line or emailing me. I would be delighted to help you; praying for others is very much part of my spirituality. And perhaps, you might be kind enough to mention me before the Lord in your daily prayers. *Fr Alan Robinson*

MOSAIC CHOIR

On this **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

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION Please do get in touch if you would like to speak to Father about some aspect of your spiritual life – as a one-off or on a regular basis.

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, 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,