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National Church for Catholic Actors

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

### WEEKLY GIVING

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2020  
Loose £530.05  
Envelopes £40.00

*Thank you for your continued  
generous support*

### THE LAMPS ARE BURNING FOR:

**SANCTUARY LAMPS**  
Alistair & Shirley – Ints.

**LADY CHAPEL**  
Actors Living and Dead

**SACRED HEART CHAPEL**  
Maria

**SACRED HEART PORCH**  
Blanche – Thanksgiving

*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

JANUARY – MONTH DEDICATED TO  
THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS

### ✠ HOLY MASS FOR THE WEEK – 19<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2020 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### SUNDAY 19<sup>TH</sup>

#### ✠ 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9.30am Mass *(Ps Week 2)*  
11.30am Solemn Latin Mass *Carys Rmiannwen*  
*Thea & Gabriel Woodman-Stanes – RIP*

#### MONDAY 20<sup>TH</sup>

#### ST SEBASTIAN, MARTYR

1.05pm Mass *Mechtild Nastainczyk RIP – Anniv.*  
6.30pm Mass – Extraordinary Form

#### TUESDAY 21<sup>ST</sup>

#### ST AGNES, VIRGIN & MARTYR

1.05pm Mass *Adrian & Clarice Woodworth – Wedding Anniv.*

#### WEDNESDAY 22<sup>ND</sup>

#### ST VINCENT, DEACON & MARTYR

1.05pm Mass *Wolfgang Nastainczyk RIP*

#### THURSDAY 23<sup>RD</sup>

#### FERIA

1.05pm Mass *Anna Löffler – Ints.*

#### FRIDAY 24<sup>TH</sup>

#### ST FRANCIS DE SALES, BISHOP & DOCTOR

#### ANNIVERSARY OF THE EPISCOPAL CONSECRATION OF

#### HIS EMINENCE, VINCENT CARDINAL NICHOLS (1992)

1.05pm Mass *Ailish Donnelly – Ints.*

#### SATURDAY 25<sup>TH</sup>

#### THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL THE APOSTLE

6.00pm Vigil Mass *Mary O'Brien*

#### SUNDAY 26<sup>TH</sup>

#### ✠ 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9.30am Mass *(Ps Week 3)*  
11.30am Solemn Latin Mass *Pro Populo*  
*Eamon Hickey RIP*

#### EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

resumes week commencing 3<sup>rd</sup> February

#### 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! More info and membership at [www.sodality.co.uk](http://www.sodality.co.uk)

**Mass in the Extraordinary Form (Missal of 1962):** Mondays & Bank Holidays 6.30pm; Second Friday of the month 6:30pm  
Contact Latin Mass Society Tel: 020 7404 7284 Web: [www.lms.org.uk](http://www.lms.org.uk)

**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](mailto:ccpguk@gmail.com)

**CaAPA** (The Catholic Association for Performing Arts) [www.caapa.org.uk](http://www.caapa.org.uk) Email: [secretary@caapa.org.uk](mailto:secretary@caapa.org.uk)

**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.

## TO SEEK AND FIND CHRIST

Last Sunday, in which we celebrated the Baptism of the Lord, the Ordinary Time of the liturgical year began. The beauty of this season lies in the fact that it invites us to live our ordinary life as a journey of holiness, that is, of faith and friendship with Jesus continually discovered and rediscovered as Teacher and Lord, the Way, the Truth and the Life of man.

This is what St John's Gospel suggests to us when it presents the first meeting between Jesus and some of those who were to become his Apostles. They had been disciples of John the Baptist and John himself directed them to Jesus when, after baptizing him in the Jordan, he pointed him out as "the Lamb of God". Two of his disciples then followed the Messiah who asked them: "What are you looking for?". The two asked him: "Teacher, where do you stay?". And Jesus answered: "Come and see", that is, he invited them to follow him and stay with him for a while. They were so impressed in the few hours that they spent with Jesus that one of them, Andrew, said to his brother Simon: "We have found the Messiah". Here are two especially important words: "seek" and "find".

From the page of the Gospel, we can take these two words and find a fundamental instruction in them for the New Year: we would like it to be a time when we renew our spiritual journey with Jesus, in the joy of ceaselessly looking for and finding him. Indeed, the purest joy lies in the relationship with him, encountered, followed, known and loved, thanks to a constant effort of mind and heart. To be a disciple of Christ: for a Christian this suffices. Friendship with the Teacher guarantees profound peace and serenity to the soul even in the dark moments and in the most arduous trials. When faith meets with dark nights, in which the presence of God is no longer "felt" or "seen", friendship with Jesus guarantees that in reality nothing can ever separate us from his love.

To seek and find Christ, the inexhaustible source of truth and life: the Word of God asks us to take up, at the beginning of the New Year, this never-ending journey of faith. We too ask Jesus: "Teacher, where do you stay?", and he answers us: "Come and see". For the believer it is always a ceaseless search and a new discovery, because Christ is the same yesterday, today and for ever, but we, the world and history, are never the same, and he comes to meet us to give us his communion and the fullness of life. Let us ask the Virgin Mary to help us to follow Jesus, savouring each day the joy of penetrating deeper and deeper into his mystery.

### 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.

### THE YEAR OF THE WORD

The Holy Father has designated this year as the Year of the Word. Flyers are at the back of the church. More next week.

## THE GOLDEN PORCH

The next thing on our restoration list is the Entrance Porch of this Shrine. Thanks to the kindness and generosity of just one of our friends and Benefactors of Corpus Christi, the ceiling is going to be enhanced by the addition of a gold mosaic. If you look at the Restoration / Benefactors Notice Board, next to the statue of St Mary Magdalene, you'll and see an artist's representation of what the finished work will look like.

We are most grateful to our Benefactor for his continued support and encouragement to us here at Corpus Christi. This work is due to begin later this month, and to be completed before Easter. Keep your eyes open – and please pray for our generous donor.

### SODALITY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The next Sodality Mass is at **6.30pm Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February** and our guest preacher will be **Fr John Scott**, a Father of Westminster Cathedral. 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](http://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.

### PLEASE BE GENEROUS

Each week at Sunday Mass I ask people to be generous when making their monetary offering. And sometimes people ask me what "a generous donation" could be. It of course depends on our own individual circumstances – for some people £5 would be generous, for others £100. What we give should be as considered as our intentions for the Mass, and the venial sins we bring to God in the Confiteor, and how engage with God during the Mass each week. What we offer of ourselves and of what we have, reveals how much God means to us – so a few coins scraped from the bottom of a pocket or handbag, with no consideration, isn't really appropriate. If after Mass, you're going for a coffee and bun, or lunch, or a show, or shopping.....throwing in a coin or two into the collection is hardly appropriate, is it. Please be generous to God at the Offertory – as God is generous to you all through this life & beyond.

### MASS INTENTIONS

There are envelopes available at the back of the Church if you wish to arrange a Mass. Get them in quickly if you want a specific date as these days, the book fills up pretty fast...!

### 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

We have some beautiful Mass Cards, hand printed by the monks at Farnborough Abbey – both for the living and the dead. They cost £2 each, and are available from the Presbytery.

### Our sick parishioners and friends

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:** Mgr John Klyberg, Mgr. Anthony George Stark KCHS, Mgr. Wolfgang Nastainczyk, Fr Bernard James Crowe, 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