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

WEEKLY GIVING

Sunday 19th January 2020
Loose £528.00
Envelopes £65.00

*Thank you for your continued
generous support*

THE LAMPS ARE BURNING FOR:

SANCTUARY LAMPS

Maryn, Catherine,
Shirley, Geraldine, Mary N

LADY CHAPEL

Actors Living and Dead

SACRED HEART CHAPEL

Private Intention

SACRED HEART PORCH

Maria – Ints.

*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 – 26TH JANUARY 2020 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 26TH

✠ 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

(Ps Week 3)

SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

9.30am Mass

Pro Populo

11.30am Solemn Latin Mass

Eamon Hickey RIP

MONDAY 27TH

ST ANGELA MERICI, VIRGIN

1.05pm Mass

Noel Lennon RIP

6.30pm Mass – Extraordinary Form

TUESDAY 28TH

ST THOMAS AQUINAS, PRIEST & DOCTOR

1.05pm Mass

Thanksgiving – DC

WEDNESDAY 29TH

FERIA

1.05pm Mass

MG Bencivenga – Ints.

THURSDAY 30TH

FERIA

1.05pm Mass

Eamon Hickey RIP

FRIDAY 31ST

ST JOHN BOSCO, PRIEST

1.05pm Mass

Gary McCaughey – sick

SATURDAY 1ST FEBRUARY

FERIA

6.00pm Vigil Mass

Foundation Mass

SUNDAY 2ND

✠ THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

(Ps Week 4)

CANDLEMAS

9.30am Mass

Pro Populo

11.30am Solemn Latin Mass

Private Intention

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

resumes week commencing 3rd 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

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

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) www.caapa.org.uk Email: secretary@caapa.org.uk

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.

THE WORD OF GOD SUNDAY

Today, for the very first time, we celebrate the Sunday of the Word of God. I'm so delighted that the Holy Father has introduced this celebration into the life of the Church. It's a Sunday which helps us to re-focus on Holy Scripture, and its importance to us in our search for God. The Scriptures comprise a large part of the Liturgy of the Mass. Each Sunday, the Word of God we encounter at Mass leads us into the very Life of God. This tells us how important the Word of God is. We are fed when we come to Mass so that we may become more like God: by the Liturgy of the Word (Mass up until the Offertory) and the Liturgy of the Sacrament (the remaining part of the Mass). If we are going to truly encounter God in Holy Scripture:

- We need to look at the readings that have been set the day before we come to Mass. Reading and praying them at home is a wonderful way to prepare for the Lord's Day. In this way, the Word of God will echo within us, as we listen attentively to the Scriptures at the Sunday Mass. By doing this, God will speak very powerfully to us through His Holy Word.
- We need to arrive for Mass BEFORE the celebration begins. Then we can settle ourselves, and tell God we are here, and are ready to listen to His Holy Word. Arriving after the Mass has begun is never a great idea.
- If we arrive after the readings have been read, then we have starved ourselves and not fulfilled our Sunday Obligation, i.e. we have not really been to Mass. For our Obligation is **not** to receive Holy Communion, but to **be present** for the celebration of Mass – and that involves both parts, the Liturgies of Word and Sacrament. The readings help to feed us and to prepare us to receive Jesus in the Bread of Life.

But if we do prepare ourselves to listen to and to hear the Word of God, the scriptures will touch us at a very deep level, and reveals just a little more of God's Holy Will for us. It would be a very good thing on this special day, for us to resolve from now on, to prepare in a better manner to receive this Living Word each week. Then God will speak to each one of us in the very depth of our hearts, as the scriptures burn deeply within us.

Fr Alan Robinson

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.

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.

CANDLEMAS

Next week is the feast of the Presentation of the Lord, also known as Candlemas. Before Mass, the candles that will be used in church over the coming year are blessed. The simple candle reminds us that Christ is "a light for revelation to the Gentiles". If you have any candles that you would like to be blessed, please bring them with you next week and have them ready in your hands at the start of Mass.

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 6th 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

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 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 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