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*This parish is part of the WRCDDT
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WEEKLY GIVING

Sunday 16th February 2020
Loose £486.76
Envelopes £120.00

Thank you for your continued support.

THE LAMPS ARE BURNING FOR:

SANCTUARY LAMPS

Emma, Euan & Ethan Woodworth

LADY CHAPEL

Mrs E Winifred Coultman

*To have the lamps burning for your intentions,
use an envelope at the back of the church or
visit the website.*

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT*:

weekdays: 7:30am-8:30am
& 12noon – 1pm

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION:

30 mins before Mass*

* except Tuesdays



CORPUS CHRISTI

THE DIOCESAN SHRINE OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

FEBRUARY – MONTH DEDICATED TO
THE HOLY FAMILY

✠ HOLY MASS FOR THE WEEK – 23RD FEBRUARY 2020 7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 23RD

✠ 7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

(Ps Week 3)

9.30am Mass *Pro Populo*
11.30am Solemn Latin Mass *Blanche Keaveney – Intentions*

MONDAY 24TH

FERIA

1.05pm Mass *Blanche Keaveney – Intentions*
6.30pm Requiem Mass – Extraordinary Form *Bill Tomlinson RIP*

TUESDAY 25TH

FERIA

1.05pm Mass *Blanche Keaveney – Intentions*

WEDNESDAY 26TH

(Fasting & Abstinence)

ASH WEDNESDAY

8.00am Mass – Extraordinary Form *Christiane Brown RIP*
12.05pm Mass *Chu Mei-Ling RIP*
1.05pm Mass *Pro Populo*
6.30pm Solemn Sung Mass *Blanche Keaveney – Intentions*

THURSDAY 27TH

LENT FERIA

1.05pm Mass *Blanche Keaveney – Intentions*

FRIDAY 28TH

(Friday Abstinence)

LENT FERIA

1.05pm Mass *Blanche Keaveney – Intentions*
5.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
6.00pm Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY 29TH

LENT FERIA

5.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
6.00pm Vigil Mass *Blanche Keaveney – Intentions*

SUNDAY 1ST MARCH

✠ 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

(Ps Week 1)

9.30am Mass *Foundation Mass*
11.30am Solemn Latin Mass *Pro Populo*

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.

LENT BEGINS THIS WEEK!

I hope that by now, all of you have some sort of idea of what you're going to do during Lent, for it is almost upon us. Tuesday is Shrove Tuesday – when we eat up all the rich goodies in the house, so that they are not hanging round and tempting us as Lent begins. It's also the day for us to go to Confession – to be “Shriven” before Lent begins. But what are we doing during this Lent?

Do you have a good spiritual book to use each day? You can easily find one in St Paul's bookshop or online at CTS or Amazon. What about saying the Rosary each day? You could say some of the Divine Office – perhaps Morning and / or Evening Prayer. You don't need to go and buy anything – you can just download the free “Universalis” app onto your phone. It's very easy to use and you can conveniently carry it around in your pocket. Do you go to Weekday Mass at all? If not, perhaps you could, if only one day a week. Or what about Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament – or just calling into your church and spending a few minutes each day before the Tabernacle? **Here at Corpus Christi on Fridays in Lent, there is Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 5pm, followed by Stations of the Cross at 6pm. On Saturdays we will have Holy Hour from 5pm – 6pm, just before the Vigil Mass.** And all of us need to ask ourselves whether we need to go to Confession more often.

When you've thought about all of these things, and made your decision, write down your Rule on a piece of paper. Tell God that this is your Rule for Lent, and the manner in which you are offering your life to Him during the next six weeks. Then place this in your prayer book, so that you see it every day; so that it reminds you of the commitment you have promised to God. I know it sounds like a lot of work, but why not? Lent is that yearly season when each one of us tries very hard to change our lives and enter more deeply into the life of the Lord.

REDEDICATION OF ENGLAND AS MARY'S DOWRY

You may be aware that on Sunday 29th March, England will be rededicated to Our Lady as her Dowry. This renews the dedication made by King Richard II in 1381. We are lucky enough to have a statue of Our Lady of Walsingham here in Corpus Christi, so we can truly be united with the prayers at the Basilica in Norfolk!

You can be involved in this by **consecrating yourself** to Our Lady using the 33 Days to Morning Glory books available online. On the **Solemnity of the Annunciation at 6.30pm** we will be welcoming the Society of St John Chrysostom, who will be solemnly singing the **Akathist Hymn to the Mother of God**, a beautiful and ancient hymn from the Orthodox tradition, followed by Compline.

We are an official host of the Rededication, and will be praying the Act of Dedication after the **11.30am Mass on Sunday 29th March**. A Plenary Indulgence is available to all those who take part, under the usual conditions. Let us pray for England – especially in these times!

ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday is this week. Mass will be offered at **8am (Extraordinary Form), 12:05pm, 1:05pm and 6:30pm (Sung Mass)**. Join us as we begin the holy season of Lent.

FASTING & ABSTINENCE: THE RULES

Fasting is to be observed by all those between the ages of 18 – 60. The Church defines this as one meal a day, and two smaller meals which if added together would not exceed the main meal in quantity.

The law of Abstinence means refraining from eating meat and is to be observed by all those from the age of 14. Meat is considered to be the flesh and organs of mammals and fowl. Also forbidden are soups or gravies made from them. Salt and freshwater species of fish, amphibians, reptiles and shellfish are permitted, as are animal derived products such as margarine and gelatine which do not have any meat taste.

Those who are excused from fast or abstinence: Besides those outside the age limits, those of unsound mind, the sick, the frail, pregnant or nursing women according to need for meat or nourishment, manual labourers according to need, guests at a meal who cannot excuse themselves without giving great offence or causing enmity and other situations of moral or physical impossibility to observe the penitential discipline.

SODALITY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The next Sodality Mass is at **6.30pm Thursday 5th March** and our guest preacher will be **Fr Paul Gunter OSB**, a monk of Douai Abbey and the Secretary for the Bishops' Conference's liturgical commission. 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

VOTIVE CANDLES

After 10 years of holding the price, I'm afraid we've had to increase the cost of votive candles to 30p each. What has also necessitated this price rise is that some people do not pay for the candles they burn. They are **not free**, and taking them without paying for them is stealing from the Church. Please put the money for the candles you burn in the wall box near the main doors.

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 more regularly

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

There are envelopes available at the back of the Church if you wish to arrange a Mass.

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.

Our sick parishioners and friends

Sue Wingfield, Marilyn Bruce-Mitford, Sean Brennan, Collette Nevens, Peter Noakes, Tony Pearce, Mgr Frederik Miles, David Jordan, 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: Rita Lobo, Bill Tomlinson, 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