

### RECTORY

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

### WEEKLY GIVING

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2020  
Loose £1255.03  
Envelopes £85.00

*Thank you for your continued support.*

### THE LAMPS ARE BURNING FOR:

#### SANCTUARY LAMPS

Nicholas, Peter & Giles Leigh

#### LADY CHAPEL

Christiane Brown RIP

*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

MARCH – MONTH DEDICATED TO  
ST JOSEPH

### ✠ HOLY MASS FOR THE WEEK – 8<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2020 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

#### SUNDAY 8<sup>TH</sup>

#### ✠ 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

9.30am Mass  
11.30am Solemn Latin Mass

*(Ps Week 2)  
Mick Ryan RIP  
Pro Populo*

#### MONDAY 9<sup>TH</sup>

#### LENT FERIA (ST FRANCES OF ROME)

1.05pm Mass  
6.30pm Mass – Extraordinary Form

*Dympna - Thanksgiving*

#### TUESDAY 10<sup>TH</sup>

#### LENT FERIA

1.05pm Mass

*Ann Connors – RIP*

#### WEDNESDAY 11<sup>TH</sup>

#### LENT FERIA

1.05pm Mass  
7.30pm Brandenburg Choral Festival – Allegri Miserere

*Deceased Burgh Family Members*

#### THURSDAY 12<sup>TH</sup>

#### LENT FERIA

1.05pm Mass  
7.00pm St John Paul II Prayer Group

*Benefactors of Corpus Christi*

#### FRIDAY 13<sup>TH</sup>

#### LENT FERIA

#### ANNIVERSARY OF THE ELECTION OF POPE FRANCIS (2013)

1.05pm Mass  
5.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
6.00pm Stations of the Cross  
6.30pm Mass – Extraordinary Form

*Andrew Crawley RIP*

*Good Counsel Network*

#### SATURDAY 14<sup>TH</sup>

#### LENT FERIA

5.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
6.00pm Vigil Mass

*Kevin & Ruth Fox – Anniversaries*

#### SUNDAY 15<sup>TH</sup>

#### ✠ 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

9.30am Mass  
11.30am Solemn Latin Mass

*(Ps Week 3)  
John Moran RIP  
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](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.

## LENT IS A MARATHON, NOT A SPRINT

I hope that you're all firmly on track with your Rule of Life for Lent. To help you on your way, have you thought about coming to 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 a 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. Use these Forty Days wisely as a time to grow closer to our Crucified Lord.

## THE TRANSFIGURATION

This Sunday, the Second Sunday of Lent, is called “of the Transfiguration” because the Gospel recounts this mystery of Jesus’ life. After Jesus had foretold his Passion to the disciples, “he took with him Peter, James and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain apart. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his garments became white as light”. According to the senses the light of the sun is the brightest light known in nature but, according to the spirit, the disciples briefly glimpsed an even more intense splendour, that of the divine glory of Jesus which illumines the whole history of salvation. St Maximus Confessor says that “[the Lord’s] garments appear white, that is to say, the words of the Gospel will then be clear and distinct, with nothing concealed”.

The Gospel tells that beside the transfigured Jesus “there appeared... Moses and Elijah, talking with him”; Moses and Elijah, figure of the Law and of the Prophets. It was then that Peter, ecstatic, exclaimed “Lord, it is well that we are here; if you wish, I will make three booths here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah”. However St Augustine commented, saying that we have only one dwelling place, Christ: “he is the Word of God, the Word of God in the Law, the Word of God in the Prophets”

The Father himself proclaims: “this is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him”. The Transfiguration is not a change in Jesus but the revelation of his divinity: “the profound interpenetration of his being with God, which then becomes pure light. In his oneness with the Father, Jesus is himself ‘light from light’”.

Peter, James and John, contemplating the divinity of the Lord, are ready to face the scandal of the Cross, as it is sung in an ancient hymn: “You were transfigured on the mountain and your disciples, insofar as they were able, contemplated your glory, in order that, on seeing you crucified, they would understand that your Passion was voluntary and proclaim to the world that you are truly the splendour of the Father”.

Let us too share in this vision and in this supernatural gift, making room for prayer, and for listening to the Word of God.

## LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

This weekend we welcome the **Little Sisters of the Poor**, who are making an appeal. The Little Sisters were founded in France in 1839 and their mission is to care for the elderly in the last stages of their earthly life. They have two homes in London and do great work protecting the dignity of human life. Pope Benedict XVI visited their home across the river during his visit to the UK in 2010. Please can I ask you to respond generously to their appeal, and if you are able to, please Gift Aid your donations using the envelopes they will bring with them next weekend. They are trying to raise **£60,000** to upgrade their emergency lighting. Any one of us may find ourselves in need of their care at some point in the future! Thank you.

## CARDINAL SARAH SAYS.....

“Although knowing God and forming a personal and intimate relationship with Him is arduous, difficult work, we really can see Him, hear Him, touch Him, and contemplate Him through His Word and the Sacraments.” *The Day Is Now Far Spent*

## SODALITY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The next Sodality Mass is at **6.30pm on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April** and our guest preacher will be **Fr Marcus Holden**, Parish Priest of St Bede’s, Clapham Park. 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)

## REDEDICATION OF ENGLAND AS MARY’S DOWRY

You may be aware that on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup> 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!

## 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

## 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 INTENTIONS

There are envelopes available at the back of the Church – when completed that may be left at the Rectory.

**Our sick parishioners and friends:** Archbishop Peter Smith, 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