



## CORPUS CHRISTI with ST. ANNE'S

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### Mass Intentions for: 28th March – 5th April 2020

#### Palm Sunday

**Sunday** Rose Slater: John Hampshire: Phyllis McCallion: Philomena Morrison (Birthday)

**Monday** Pat Leahy: Carol Brankin

**Tuesday** Angela Gormley: Frances Glancy

**Wednesday** In Honour on All the Saints: The Travers Family

#### Easter Triduum

**Maunder Thursday** Fr. Bob Wright: Vocations to the Priesthood

**Good Friday** The Passion of Our Lord

**Easter Vigil** Fr. David's Family: The Holy Souls

**Easter Sunday** Kazy & Christina Bieliauskas: Ellen Deehan: Mary Fensom:  
Bernadette & Anthony Armstrong

I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen: not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else.

C.S. Lewis



If you pay Income Tax then please remember...

#### GIFT AID

your offering. For every £1 given the Government will give the Parish 25p.

*Thank you!*

#### SECOND COLLECTION IN BOTH CHURCHES

This weekend

Next weekend

#### St. Anne's Sanctuary Lamp Intention

This week

Next week

To request a candle, please complete a form and hand it into the Sacristy.

**Candles are £3.50 each**

DATE	READER	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER
Saturday 5.00 pm		
Sunday 9.00 am	“	“
10.30 am		“
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Sunday 9.00 am	“	“
10.30 am	“	“

<b>Sacred Heart Candle</b>	<b>Our Lady Candle</b>	<b>St. Joseph Candle</b>	<b>St. Paul Candle</b>	<b>St. John Candle</b>	<b>St. Clare Candle</b>
This Week: Anne Connor	This Week:	This Week:	This Week: Spec. Int.	This Week:	This Week:
Next Week: James Connor	Next Week: Anne Connor	Next Week: Breda & fam	Next Week: Spec. Int	Next Week: Holy Souls	Next Week: Clare Connor

<b>Inf. of Prague Candle</b>	<b>St. Padre Pio Candle</b>	<b>St. Peter Candle</b>	<b>St. Cecelia Candle</b>	<b>St. Juliana Candle</b>	<b>St. Anthony Candle</b>
This Week:	This Week: Michele Rosa	This Week:	This Week:	This Week:	This Week: Angela Rosa
Next Week: Holy Souls	Next Week: Spec. Int.	Next Week: Fr. David	Next Week: Holy Souls	Next Week: Juliana & Anna	Next Week: Maria Scott

Financial Matters	
Corpus Christi	St Anne's
<b>First Collection</b>	
Gift-Aided	
Non Gift-Aided	
<b>Total</b>	
<b>Second Collection</b>	
P.D.F.	
<i>Thank you for your support!</i>	

Sortitio / Lottery		
<b>Corpus Winner:</b>	<b>No:</b>	<b>Amount:</b>
<b>Christi Winner:</b>	<b>No:</b>	<b>Amount:</b>
<b>St Anne: Winner:</b>	<b>No:</b>	<b>Amount:</b>
<b>Winner:</b>	<b>No:</b>	<b>Amount:</b>
Numbers are on sale before and after Mass in the Church porch. Each number costs £1. Half the money will go to the parish Development Fund and the other half is divided equally between two lucky winners.		

**Safe Guarding: Corpus Christi** - Caroline Ward & Pat Timmins      **St. Anne** - Rosaria Petrucci & Diana Petrucci

### Of your charity

Please pray for the souls of Kathleen Young, Gerald Folan and Carol Flynn who have recently died.

Gerald's graveside burial is on Wednesday 8th April.

Kathleen's committal is on Friday 17th April.

*Eternal rest, grant unto them O Lord...*

### Please keep in your prayers

Let us keep in our prayers all those who are ill at this time, especially those with the coronavirus. Also, let us prayer for those who work in our hospitals, care homes, and the community. Those who continue to work to bring relief and comfort to those in need and those who are dear to us.

*Lord in your mercy....hear our prayer.*

### A Spiritual Communion

For those times we can't have Mass, we can still reach out to the Lord by making a Spiritual Communion in prayer!

St. Thomas Aquinas once defined a Spiritual Communion as "an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament and in lovingly embracing Him as if we had actually received Him."

*My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.*

### Palm Sunday - The beginning of Holy Week

It is hard to believe that we are moving into Holy Week, that special week that leads us up to the great Easter Triduum, that is, the three day festivities of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil. This week is so central to our Christian Faith, yet we will not be able to share in it in the way that we are used to. However, by virtue of our Baptism we are united sacramentally together in Christ in whom there is no division.



Had this been a normal year, the priests of the Diocese would have gathered in St. Chad's Cathedral in Birmingham around our Archbishop Bernard Longley on the Wednesday in Holy Week, traditionally called 'Spy Wednesday' to celebrate the Chrism Mass. During this Mass the Clergy renew their Priestly commitment. Also during this Mass the holy Oils of Baptism, and the Infirm are Blessed and the Chrism, the Oil used for anointing after Baptism, to Confirm and in the Ordination Rite also to consecrate a Church and an Altar, is consecrated. The Archbishop blesses the Oil of Chrism breathing life into the Oil, just as God breathed life into Adam.

We who have been anointed, in Baptism and Confirmation with the Holy Oil of Chrism share in Christ's ministry as Priest, Prophet and King.

Christ, which means 'the Anointed One' unites us to himself and creates within us this fraternal Unity that we call the Church, the Body of Christ, the People of God. So even though we may be physically separated at this moment we are sacramental united in Christ, the Anointed One.

Oil in the Mediterranean world and the Middle East is a symbol of strength. As the Anointed One, Jesus is strengthened by the oil. He is able to confront the evil forces of despair, spiritual decay, greed, hatred; everything that would rob us of Eternal Life and gives us Life.

In light of what is happening at this moment in our country and all over the world we need the assurance of our Faith more than ever. We need a champion, a warrior who can help us fight our battles of despair, fears and doubts. Christ who has conquered all things, even death itself, is lifted from the earth on the cross and draws all of us in unity to himself. United to Christ then, we share in his strength to conquer and overcome all obstacles.

Maybe we could reflect on the words of the following hymn to encourage us and unite us under the banner of his love, the Cross.

*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.  
Come, Christians, follow where the Master trod, our King victorious, Christ the Son of God.  
Led on their way by this triumphant sign, the hosts of God in conquering ranks combine.  
Each new-born soldier of the Crucified bears on the brow the seal of him who died.  
O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree, your death has brought us life eternally.  
So shall our song of triumph ever be: praise to the Crucified for victory!*

*G.W. Kitchin & M.R. Newbolt*

### Ave Crux, Spes Unica : Hail the Cross , Our only Hope

### Faith of Our Fathers!



Through the Reformation, Catholics were forbidden to attend Mass. While we may not be able to attend Mass at this time, as your Parish Priest, I will continue to offer Mass privately for the Intentions listed on the front of the Newsletter on those days, but privately.

The reason we have been asked not to attend church is so as to avoid the spread or possible spread of the virus. We have been asked to do this so that by staying at home we will save lives and protect the NHS.

**"Satan:** 'I will cause anxiety, fear, and panic. I will shut down business, schools, places of worship and sports events. I will cause economic turmoil.'

**Jesus:** 'I will bring together neighbours, restore the family unit. I will bring dinner back to the kitchen table. I will help people slow down their lives and appreciate what really matters. I will teach my children to rely on me and not the world. I will teach my children to TRUST me and not their money and material resources.'"

*Written by C.S. Lewis in 1942:*

Let us put our trust in the Lord. Hold firm. Take heart and Trust in the Lord.

May God bless us all during these strange and difficult times. *Fr. David*