



Corpus Christi Catholic Church

Our vision: we are a community brought together by God's love. Our baptism calls us to respond to that love by following Christ and serving our neighbours. We strengthen our union with Christ and with the Catholic Church through the celebration of the Eucharist. We foster works that promote the spirit of the Gospel including its relevance to social justice.

"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace." 1 Peter 4:10

Parish Newsletter

Sunday 1st December 2013

1st Sunday of Advent [Year A]

Remembering especially prayers for our Diocesan Cathedral, St. George's and the annual appeal for its ministry

WELCOME TO OUR SUNDAY MASS

Readings from p.26 Parish Mass Book Year A Part 1

Thank you for all those who help minister in the parish in any way, whether practically or prayerfully. Each of us has a role to play in serving the Lord and building his Kingdom in our local church and community. The Vision heading appears on each newsletter but please take time to read it and prayerfully think about the ways you can bring this vision to light in your life, in your home and in our Parish.

Mass details		Intentions
Saturday	9.30 am	Dr Patrick & Anne Brown RIP
	6.00 pm	Cesare Romano RIP
Sunday	9.00 am	Filomena & Abilio Reis RIP
	10.30 am	Fr Tom Heneghan RIP
	12.00 pm	UCM & Nora Walsh RIP
	6.00 pm	For our Parish Family
Monday	9.30 am	Ophelia Nazareth
Tuesday	9.30 am	Theresa Walker RIP
Wednesday	9.30 am	Michael McMahon
Thursday	9.30 am	Remediana Pereira RIP
Friday	9.30 am	Gary Slattery RIP
<i>Next weekend</i>		<i>Next Saturday & Sunday</i>
Saturday	9.00 am	Ophelia Nazareth
	6.00 pm	All the sick of the Parish
Sunday	9.00 am	Phylis Craig RIP
	10.30 am	Edward Szczepanik RIP
	12.00 pm	All the Nazareth family
	6.00 pm	For our Parish Family

Please join us for reflection before the Blessed Sacrament and Confession this Saturday from 12 – 1 pm with the opportunity during Advent for silent prayer.

Next week's Readings

8 Dec.	Isaiah 11:1-10	Psalm 71
Advent 2	Romans 15:4-9	Matthew 3:1-12

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Wednesday	9.15 am Parents & Toddlers in the Hall
	7.30-9 pm RCIA Group in the Hall
Thursday	9.00 am Relax & Movement in the Hall
	7.30-9 pm PPC Meeting in the Hall
Friday	9.15 am Parents & Toddlers in the Hall
	7.30 pm Confirmation Group in the Hall

Thank you to all those Parishioners who supported the Corpus Christi School Christmas Fair yesterday and for your continued support of our Parish Draw.

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Sunday Masses: Saturday Vigil 6:00pm and on Sunday 9:00am, 10.30am, 12:00pm and 6:00pm

Weekday Mass:

Church opens at 8:30am with Mass at 9.30 am, but please check the Mass Intention List for details

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturdays from 12-1pm, ending with Benediction

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday 12-1pm and 7-7:30pm by arrangement

Baptisms and Weddings by arrangement

Please see Fr. Adrian to make an appointment.

Collections: Our sacrificial giving is part of our participation at Mass and a sharing of the blessings God gives us. Thank you for your support, our collections last week raised: **£1427** for the work of the Parish and **£440** for our Parish and Diocesan Youth Ministries.

*These sums include monies given in Gift Aid envelopes. Our thanks also go to those who donate by Banker's Order direct into the parish account. **Do you pay tax on pension or income? Have you signed a Gift Aid form? It does not cost you any further money but it helps the Parish greatly: we receive 25p from the Government for every £1 you give.** Please ask Joe or Nigel for details. Thank you.*

10:30 Mass Hymns: Opening 106 Prep of Gifts 606
Communion: 665 & 938 Closing: 100

12:00 Mass Hymns: Opening 720 Prep of Gifts 721
Communion: 938 Closing: 970

Living the Word in the Week Ahead:

How can you prepare spiritually for Christmas this week?
How do you 'stay awake' for the Lord this week?
What does the coming of the Son of Man mean for you?

Please remember that at various times through the year the Diocese asks us to hold a 2nd collection after Communion. This week the 2nd collection is to raise funds for the maintenance of St George's Cathedral so please give what you can to help support our Cathedral, thank you. **Next weekend sees the end to the run of second collections we've been asked to hold by the Diocese.** Thank you for your understanding.

This Sunday some of the youth of our Parish Family have asked to continue to support those devastated by



typhoon Haiyan. To continue to help those devastated by this disaster we will be holding **a cake and book sale in the Parish Hall after the 10.30 Mass.** All proceeds from this sale will go to CAFOD's Philippines Typhoon Haiyan Appeal so do please come along and enjoy the opportunity to take home a little light reading as well as some 'light feeding' – all for a fantastic cause.

Our prayers go out to those who are sick or in need of any kind and to those who care for them, especially:

Margaret Rakgomo, Gail Mylne, Paddy Skehan, Brian White, Eugene Azevado, Mary Clarke, Sonia Miller, Violet Wilson, Silas Pullen, Alfred Owusu, Teresa McGarvey, Tom Glennon, Terry Thomas, Shane Canavan, Nia Williams, Patricia Bellamy, Magdeline Poee, Francis Bernard, Anna Lourenco, Pearl Harvey, Peter Flaherty, Jacob Pridmore, Margaret & Vanda Haughton-James, Veronica Fitzpatrick, Beverley Owens, Joyce Hall, Courtney & Martin Ward, Mary Magro ...

The sick and housebound are very much at the heart of the church and support us in their prayers as we support them with ours at every Mass.

Fr Adrian has begun to visit sick and housebound members of the Parish and will continue to do so especially throughout Advent. To ensure that everyone who needs the Sacrament of the Sick can be seen, will Extraordinary Ministers who visit with Communion please write down the contact details of the people they visit, together with their details, and see Father. If you used to receive a visit and don't know why they've stopped please write to Fr Adrian so he can know about you, as the parish doesn't have a record of visits. Thank you.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of

Alda Ravera, Mary Clifford, Bridget Margaret Page, Kathleen Moore, Chester Kelley, William O'Brien, Patricia Catherine Ivory, Walter Thomas Smith and all those whose anniversaries occur near this time:

May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, Rest in Peace. Amen.

Parents' needing school references - the time for 6th Form, Nursery and Reception references has arrived: please see Fr. Adrian after Mass to **collect a Parish Reference Application.** To help the process each family seeking a reference must see Fr Adrian for a 10 minute appointment at one of our 'open surgeries'. The next surgery is from **6.30-7.30 pm on Mon 2nd Dec.** Seven families can be seen that evening but there will be 'open surgeries' each week so time for all to be seen.

Altar Servers play a vital role in serving the Lord at Mass by assisting in the smooth-running of the liturgy, together with all those who help to minister, such as those who help to prepare for Mass, our cleaners, florists, readers, Eucharistic ministers, children's liturgy group, welcomers, collectors, musicians and singers to name but a few. **Rotas need to be planned for all the various ministries over Christmas, so please check your diaries to see if you can help.** Yogi has emailed all our Readers and Extraordinary Ministers but Sacristy helpers, welcomers, collectors and other ministries will be needed too. **If you can help in any way please drop a note with your name, address and what you could do into the Welcome Desk at each Mass or to me if no-one's available.** I've been asked if we're having a carol service the week before Christmas but this will depend on the availability of volunteers. If you could help on Thursday 19 Dec (the only possible night) then please speak to a member of the music group so we can see what's possible, thank you, *Fr. Adrian.*

ALTAR SERVERS: 1 Dec Rota A 8 Dec. Rota B
Please remember: **up to 8** children can serve each Mass

CLEANING THIS WEEK: Group 3 please check with Peter Beaumont over times and access, thank you.

TEAS AND COFFEES NEXT SUNDAY: Team 5.

So far one person has emailed to say that they could help with a **Parish Carol Service** on Thr 19 Dec. We hope it will go ahead but this depends on volunteers so please contact members of the music group in person and email Fr Adrian. Thank you.

Today is the first day of the Church's liturgical year. It is also the beginning of Year A in the Sunday Lectionary, the Year of Matthew where most of the Gospel readings at Sunday Mass this year are taken from this Gospel. Advent is the season when we prepare to celebrate Christmas, the annual remembering of Christ's coming into the world and where we direct our minds to His second coming.

On Tuesday Pope Francis released the text of his first Apostolic Exhortation 'Evangelii Gaudium' - 'The Joy of the Gospel' fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus. Those who accept his offer of salvation are set free from sin, sorrow, inner emptiness and loneliness. With Christ joy is constantly born anew. In this Exhortation I wish to encourage the Christian faithful to embark upon a new chapter of evangelization marked by this joy, while pointing out new paths for the Church's journey in years to come ...' for the full text visit www.vatican.va

Please join us again this Tuesday from 7 – 9 for the second series of **Advent reflections on the bible.** We begin with a light meal in the hall and move into the church at 7.30, so please join us at either time. **Further Evenings of reflection have been scheduled for Dec 10 and 17.** For further details see our poster in the porch.

The list of all those called by the Parish to become members of the Parish Pastoral Council is in the porch. Their first meeting is at 7.30 pm this Thursday, 5th December in the Parish Hall. If you are a member of the PPC and can't make the meeting please see Fr. Adrian as soon as possible, thank you.

Grand Draw Sat 14 December: Thank you to all who have donated prizes and purchased tickets so far. Draw tickets are available after all Masses this weekend for 50p each or £5 for a book of ten. If you have any books left at home please return any unsold tickets to Peter Beaumont as soon as possible. Thank you.

Corpus Christi Christmas Party: Do join us for our annual Advent Party with live music by 'Holy Smoke' on **Sat Dec 14 at 7.00 pm.** Tickets are available after each Mass this weekend and cost £1 per adult (no charge for **accompanied** children). The Grand Draw will take place during the evening and we ask that you bring a small amount of finger food for the shared buffet.

UCM Hunger Lunch: £850 has been raised by the UCM from this event. **£500** has been given to 'Si, da Vida' a charity set up by a Colombian priest to help and support people with HIV and AIDS, in some of the poorest parts of Peru. This charity was very close to Fr Tom's heart. The remaining **£350** has gone to the Missionaries of Mary, specifically for use in Jerusalem. The UCM Hunger Lunch is held on the 1st Friday of the month, in the Church Hall at 1 pm. All are welcome.

SUPPORTING YOUR PARISH THROUGH STEWARDSHIP: All of our giving should be **Prayerful, Planned and Proportionate** so please give what you can to our collections after prayerful reflection on how you can support the ministry of the Church. Please consider giving the equivalent of at least one hour of your weekly income and think about how you can use your Time, Talents and Treasures in one of our parish groups, e.g. counters, cleaners, refreshment team, etc. If you are a UK tax payer please consider setting up a Gift Aid payment direct to the church bank account.
Thank you for all your support.