



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 8th December 2013

2nd Sunday of Advent [Year A]

Today is Bible Sunday - we remember and pray for the importance of the sacred scriptures in our daily lives

WELCOME TO OUR SUNDAY MASS

Readings from p.28 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	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
Monday 9.30 am	Hilda & Joe Wegrzyn RIP
Tuesday 9.30 am	Obin Georges RIP
Wednesday 9.30 am	Suvakeen Anthony RIP
Thursday 9.30 am	Rosary Group in thanksgiving
Friday 9.30 am	Mary Ann & James Piggott
<i>Next weekend</i>	<i>Next Saturday & Sunday</i>
Saturday 9.30 am	Justin De Blank RIP
6.00 pm	John Barrett RIP
Sunday 9.00 am	Ned Butler RIP
10.30 am	Rosary Group in thanksgiving
12.00 pm	For our Parish Family
6.00 pm	Leslie Sinclair RIP

Please join us for reflection before the Blessed Sacrament and Confession this Saturday with the opportunity during Advent for silent prayer. Please note the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) will be only available from 12.30 to 1 pm this Saturday but other opportunities are as follows:

Tuesday 10th from 8.15 pm – 8.45 pm
 Saturday 14th from 12 pm – 1 pm
 Tuesday 17th from 8.15 pm – 8.45 pm
 Saturday 21st from 12 pm – 1 pm

Next week's Readings

15 Dec. Isaiah 35:1-6 Psalm 145
 Advent 2 James 15:4-9 Matthew 11:2-11

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
 Friday **NB NO PATS GROUP THIS MORNING**
 7.30 pm Confirmation Group in the Hall

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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: **£1640** for the work of the Parish and **£340** for our contribution to the work of St George's Cathedral.

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 82 Prep of Gifts 603
 Communion: 347 Closing: 970

12:00 Mass Hymns: Opening 94 Prep of Gifts 721
 Communion: 932 Closing: 108

Living the Word in the Week Ahead:

How will you prepare for the coming of Christ this week?

To repent - to turn back to God;

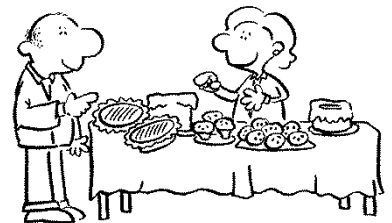
where do you need to repent this week?

You have been baptised in Christ;

what does this mean to the way you live this week?

A BIG THANK YOU

to all those who helped with our cake and book sale last Sunday after the 10.30 and 12.00 Masses, raising **£224** for CAFOD's appeal to help those devastated by the typhoon in the Philippines. The sale was coordinated by some of our Parish youth on Youth Sunday so thank you for all their efforts, energy and enthusiasm.



A number of our parish family members are away over Christmas, so we look forward to seeing you on your return after a joyous time with family and friends.

If you are away, please remember to take a *Christmas Offering envelope* from the porch for Fr Adrian.

Our weekly collection is for the Parish, not Fr Adrian, and as he receives no salary your offering at Christmas helps to support him over the next six months, thank you.

On Monday we observe the Solemnity of **The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**, a principal patron of our diocese. The readings that day emphasise the role of Mary, mother of our Saviour, in the history of salvation. Mass will be celebrated at 9.30 am as usual with refreshments in the Parish Hall afterwards. Please do join us if you can.

Last Tuesday Pope Francis released the text of his first Apostolic Exhortation 'Evangelii Gaudium'. He writes that '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 please visit www.vatican.va and follow the links through

Please join us this Tuesday for the third **Advent Reflection led by Fr. Josef**. You are welcome to join us for Vespers at 6.45 pm in the church followed by a light meal in the hall at 7pm, returning to the church at 7.30 pm. Please join us **at any time**. Priests are available for Confession from 8.15-8.45 pm. **The last evening of Reflection will be on 17th Dec.**

Grand Draw Sat 14 December: Thank you to all who have donated prizes and purchased tickets so far. **All unsold tickets and counterfoils must be handed in this weekend. If you have any cash or tickets at home, please put them into an envelope marked "Draw" and pop them through the Priest's House door. Thank you for your help.**

Corpus Christi 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 our shared buffet.

Thank you to Rose Serwaa who helped to clean the Parish Hall each Tuesday. As our Hall is used so frequently, once a week cleaning is not enough, so we are looking for volunteers to help clean the Hall toilets and kitchen each morning from 8.30 – 9 am. If you could help in this way please write a letter to Fr Adrian with your name and contact details and drop it into the Priest's House or send an email to the parish address brixtonrc@btinternet.com. **We don't have funds to employ someone at present but plan to first seek to employ a cleaner from our volunteers when funds are available.**

SUPPORTING YOUR PARISH THROUGH STEWARDSHIP: All 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.

ALTAR SERVERS: 8 Dec Rota B 5 Dec. Rota A Please remember: **up to 8** children can serve each Mass and do please volunteer to serve at the range of Masses we have over the Christmas period, thank you.

CLEANING THIS WEEK: Group 4 please check with Peter Beaumont over times and access, thank you.

TEAS AND COFFEES NEXT SUNDAY: Team 6

Sorry if you've had no answer on the phone but our line is out of order at the moment and waiting to be fixed.

Our prayers go out to all the sick of our parish, 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, Jorge de Almeida, Patricia Bellamy, Magdeline Pooe, 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 & Ophelia Nazareth

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 Fr. Adrian.** If you used to receive a visit and don't know why the visits stopped please write to Fr. Adrian so he can know about you, as the parish doesn't have a record of all previous visits. Thank you.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Margaret Ayers, Patrick Etienne, Christian de Paulsen, David Collins, James Drohan, George Ayder, Carl Daley, Robert Gallatly, Mario de Norbrega, John Baron, George Keefe, Sheila Willis, Suvakeen Anthony 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 **2 - 3 pm on Friday 13th December**. **Seven families** can be seen that afternoon but there will be 'surgeries' each week until Christmas and after the New Year, so time for all to be seen.

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 those who help to prepare for Mass, such as our cleaners, florists, readers, Eucharistic ministers, children's liturgy group, Altar Servers, welcomers, collectors, musicians and singers to name but a few, will be needed too. **If you can help in any way please leave your name and contact details on the signup sheet in the porch.** Please remember that up to **8 children** can serve at each Mass. If there are more than 8 volunteering to serve at a particular Mass their names will be drawn at random by lottery, however, we do need Altar Servers at each Mass so parents, please consider which Mass your children could serve. Thank you for your understanding. Once the Mass Rotas have been prepared they will be posted in the porch. **Please note: rehearsals for Altar Servers will be held from 10-11 am on Christmas Eve so please volunteer only if you can be free to attend.**