



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 12th January 2014

The Baptism of the Lord

WELCOME TO OUR SUNDAY MASS

Readings from p.50 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	Lawrence Family
	6.00 pm	Tony Flaherty RIP
Sunday	9.00 am	For our Parish Family
	10.30 am	<i>No Intention given</i>
	12.00 pm	Morris Family
Monday	6.00 pm	<i>No Intention given</i>
	9.30 am	No Intention given School Mass
Tuesday	9.30 am	Anselm Odo & Family
Wednesday	10.30 am	Requiem: Joseph Phokeerdos
Thursday	9.30 am	Joan Wegrzyn
Friday	9.30 am	Dec'd Constable Fam [FM]
<i>Next weekend</i>		<i>Next Saturday & Sunday</i>
Saturday	9.30 am	Isobel McKenna RIP
	6.00 pm	Joseph Phokeerdos RIP
Sunday	9.00 am	Theresa Walker RIP
	10.30 am	For our Parish Family
	12.00 pm	Patricia (Pat) Stack RIP
	6.00 pm	Joseph Phokeerdos RIP

Please join us for reflection before the Blessed Sacrament and Confession this Saturday from 12 – 1 pm with the opportunity of praying the Rosary.

Next week's Readings: *Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

12 Jan. Isaiah 49: 3,5-6 Psalm 39
1 Corinthians 1:1-3 John 1:29-34

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Vera Pantaleo whose funeral will be held at Lambeth Cemetery on Monday at 11 am and for the repose of the soul of Joseph Phokeerdos whose funeral will begin with a Requiem Mass in the Parish at 10.30 on Wednesday, followed by burial at West Norwood Cemetery and a reception in the Parish Hall until 4.30 pm. **Please note:** the Parish Mass has to be moved this Wednesday so there will be only one Mass that day at 10.30. Thank you for your prayers.

We welcome the staff and pupils of Corpus Christi Primary school to our 9.30 Parish Mass on Monday 13th

Please see posters in the porch about a new Scouting group that we hope to start for children from the Parish area. The group will be open to boys and girls.

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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 after Mass.

Office Open: Monday to Friday 10 am to 1 pm

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: **£1650** for the work of the Parish. *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 466 Prep of Gifts 171
Communion:647 Closing: 801

12:00 Mass Hymns: Opening 644 Prep of Gifts 643
Communion:627 Closing: 970

Living the Word in the Week Ahead:

What does righteousness demand from you this week?
Where are you invited to 'give in' to the Lord this week?
How does being beloved of God lead you to act this week?

Unfortunately the recent bad weather has taken its toll on the roof of the Parish Hall and the Priest's House and on the brickwork and guttering of the church. Whilst emergency remedial work is being done it may mean that access to certain areas is temporarily restricted. On that note: please remember the Priest's House is still being used for certain Parish groups and meetings and Fr Adrian welcomes this. Where there is more than one meeting booked it is not possible for all to meet in the House, however, over the last four months only three meetings have had to occur in the Repository. One major consequence to our Hall from one of the leaks is that the Hall kitchen wall is literally dripping with damp, causing the door to swell so as to not shut properly, so please take care if you are locking the door to ensure the kitchen is secure. Will all adult helpers in the kitchen please take care in case the floor is wet and please remember that for general safety children are not allowed in the kitchen at all. Thank you for your understanding.

Peace Sunday 19th January 2014 is a day of prayer for world peace. Pope Francis has suggested the theme of 'Living as one family is the foundation and pathway to peace'. We are invited to look at our own relationships. How far do we live as brothers and sisters? Peace begins in the family, in the home, here and now. Please note, as it is not one of our official Diocesan charities where we must take a Second Collection that Sunday rather than a retiring one, there will be an additional optional collection on Peace Sunday for the work of the Catholic Agency Pax Christi. If you would like to contribute to the work of Pax Christi please take one of their envelopes from the porch so that, in addition to the collection for the on-going work and support of the Parish, you can place your envelope in the collection bag. More information on the work of Pax Christi can be found online at paxchristi.org.uk

Thanks again to all who contributed to the Fr Tom Memorial Fund. **To date the Parish has raised over £28,000 so thank you for all your endeavours.** At the request of the Diocese the fund closes at the end of December however, the last fund-raising effort will be a sponsored swim by Wigberto 'Wiggy' De Souza, to which a number of people have already pledged. Although Wiggy is not back from India until February his sponsorship pledges will count towards our final figure. **Thank you for all your support.**

During the Week of Christian Unity volunteers from our parish are needed to help welcome any potential visitors from Monday 20th to Friday 24th Jan. between 10.30am and 5.30pm when members of other local Christian communities will be visiting our Church to pray as part of Christian Unity Week. Please sign the sheet on the notice board in the porch if you are available to help welcome our wider Christian family by sitting in the porch for either a 1 or 2 hour timeslot, thank you.

Tea & Coffee: Senait is setting up a new rota. Anyone wishing to help after 10.30 am on Sundays, **either current or new volunteers please**, should see Senait or leave your name and telephone number with Joseph in the repository.

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.

CHILD SAFEGUARDING DETAILS: Childline advice 0800 1111
Local Advisor: Yogi Sutton 07891039861
Diocesan Advisor: Helen Sheppard 020 7960 2504

ALTAR SERVERS: 19 Jan Rota B 26 Jan Rota A

Thank you for being available to serve at the altar. Please remember: **up to 8** children can serve each Mass and there are some Masses where we have little or no servers. **By way of a 'thank you' to those who were able to help over Christmas and as a general appreciation of all our servers we are planning an Altar Servers Party.** Parents - please email Fr Adrian if you are available to help with this and please suggest a range of dates and times so that the date chosen can be when most of the servers are around ☺

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

TEAS AND COFFEES NEXT SUNDAY: Team 2

Application for School references can be a difficult time but please don't add to the stress by applying late. Since Fr Adrian's arrival in September he has met every family in the Parish applying for Secondary School transfer or Sixth Form and since October began to meet with families applying for Reception or Nursery places, asking each family to apply for a reference via the completion of a Parish form, just as we have done in the Parish for a number of years now. These forms were available to collect from Fr Adrian after every Mass so that he could get to meet the whole family. Sadly, over the last week Fr Adrian has had numerous requests where parents have not met Fr Adrian at Mass and have not had a Parish form, resulting in some parents asking for a reference to be completed the day before it is due at the school. **To avoid any confusion:** the Parish form is not the Priest's Reference that the schools either send out or give to the parents. If you have received a Priest's Reference from the school(s) you have applied to, please follow the instructions printed on that form **AS EACH SCHOOL HAS A DIFFERENT PROCESS. If you have met Fr Adrian at one of the 'open surgery' timeslots then all you need to do is:**

- put the school's Priest's Reference form in an envelope clearly marked on the outside with your family name, the name of the child and the name of the school and post this through the door of the Priest's House, no. 11
- if the school has requested that a parent has to return the form then the form must be posted to Fr Adrian after any Sunday Mass, so that the form can be collected from him after any Mass the following weekend
- if the school has requested that Fr Adrian has to return the form then the form must be accompanied by an envelope addressed to the school with a stamp attached sufficient for the postage required. A separate envelope is required for each school but *if the form is for Corpus Christi Primary school only then no stamp or envelope is required as Fr Adrian will take the references himself*

If you have NOT met Fr Adrian at one of the 'open surgery' timeslots then you need to have collected a Parish form at Mass and see him at the next 'first come-first seen' surgery this **Wednesday 15th from 2-4pm when the first 12 families will be seen at ten-minute intervals in the Priest's House.** The door to the House will open 5 minutes beforehand allowing people to sign up and either be seen shortly or return for the second hour.

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: Clare Dow, Margaret Rakgomo, Gail Mylne, Paddy Skehan, Brian White, Eugene Azevado, Mary Clarke, Sonia Miller, Violet Wilson, Alfred Owusu, Teresa McGarvey, Tom Glennon, Terry Thomas, Jorge de Almeida, 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, Felicia Elabor and Elizabeth Oghenedaro and Judith Prendergast.

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.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Vera Pantaleo and Joseph Phokeerdoss who died recently, and for Doris O'Driscoll, Kathleen Pearmain, Frances Mckean, Maria Ogleby, Thomas Gallagher, Robert Hourihan, Patrick McEntaggart, Patrick Finn, David Edwards, Philip Pearson, Sheila Cole, 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.