



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 26th January 2014

The Third Sunday of Ordinary Time [Year A]

WELCOME TO OUR SUNDAY MASS

Readings from p.55 Parish Mass Book [Year A Part 1]

A number of **First Holy Communion Parents** were unable to make the Parents' Meeting last Thursday. This was an important meeting outlining the children's First Confession so all those who missed that event are asked to attend a class on **the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the Parish Hall this Wednesday 29th January from 7.30-9pm**
This is a meeting of the RCIA which is open to all.

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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: **£1414** 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 income, pension or savings? Have you signed a Gift Aid form? It does not cost you any further money but it helps the Parish greatly as we receive 25p from the Government for every £1 you give. Please ask Nigel or Joe (in the Repository) for details. Thank you.*

10:30 Mass Hymns: Opening: 830 Prep of Gifts: 602
Communion: 662 Closing: 821

12:00 Mass Hymns: Opening: 472 Prep of Gifts: 863
Communion: 663 Closing: 770

Living the Word in the Week Ahead:

- Where do you see the light in your life this week?
- How will you respond to the Lord's invitation to follow him this week?
- In what way will you proclaim the Gospel of the Kingdom this week?

"A CALL TO ACTION" (ACTA) in Southwark Diocese invites you to an Open Meeting on Saturday 8th February in the Amigo Hall, St George's Cathedral, from 10.30am (registration) until 3.30pm. Canon Michael Cooley will be addressing the main theme of the day on building collegiality in "missionary communities" across the Southwark diocese. **Everyone is warmly invited to attend.** Please bring a packed lunch. There will be a collection on the day to help cover costs. Please register in advance at www.sites.google.com/site/actasouthwark and visit www.acalltoaction.org.uk to find out more details about ACTA and its objectives. Thank you.

A BIG THANK YOU to all the volunteers who helped to welcome our visitors during the week of Christian Unity. A themed prayer-corner was created by the Lady Altar and it was an honour to join with our local Christian communities in praying for the needs of our area.

Mass details	Intentions
Saturday 9.30 am	Dec'd of Westminster CE Guild
6.00 pm	Pat Bellamy
Sunday 9.00 am	No intention given
10.30 am	Families caring for elderly
12.00 pm	Armando Nazareth RIP
6.00 pm	For the Parish Family
Monday 9.30 am	Joseph Phokeerdoss RIP
Tuesday 9.30 am	Private Intention
Wednesday 9.30 am	No intention given
Thursday 9.30 am	No intention given
Friday 9.30 am	No intention given
<i>Next weekend</i>	<i>Next Saturday & Sunday</i>
Saturday 9.30 am	No intention given
6.00 pm	For our Parish Family
Sunday 9.00 am	No intention given
10.30 am	Peter Wilson RIP
12.00 pm	UCM
6.00 pm	No intention given

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: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
2nd Feb Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13 Psalm 145
1 Corinthians 1:26-31 Matthew 5:1-12

Please notice that there are a number of Masses again this week without Mass intentions. If you would like to request prayers for your intentions please use one of the Mass Intention envelopes available from the church porch and post this through the door of the Priest's House, 11 Trent Road. Whenever a Mass remains without an intention Fr Adrian always offers Mass for the Repose of the Holy Souls but do please consider if there are any particular prayer requests that you have. The Mass intentions are always said in the order they are received but if you would like to request a particular anniversary or "Month's Mind" then please give as much notice as possible. Thank you.

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.

A VALENTINES PRESENT OF A MARRIAGE MOT
Two evenings, February 10 and 13 at St Williams of York Parish Centre, SE23 will explore the NINE TASKS OF MARRIAGE from the book *The Good Marriage* by Judith Wallersteine. There is more than one type of good marriage: which one is yours? Identifying your marriage type can really help you maximize your strengths and avoid pitfalls. The fee is £20 which covers both evenings and both of you. For more information or to book, please phone 020 8690 9310.

THERE'S NO HEALTH WITHOUT MENTAL HEALTH

Developing our parish as a welcoming and inclusive place for people who are mentally distressed or whose mental health is poor is an important call of the Gospel. A workshop for anyone who is concerned with or would like to help with the care of those who have mental health problems is being held on Saturday February 8th 2–5pm in St William of York Parish, SE23. The cost is £10 and booking is essential so please phone Lisette Blanchet Ball on 020 8690 9310.

**ARE YOU A GRANDPARENT?
DO YOU KNOW A GRANDPARENT**

You might like to consider reserving Saturday 12th July in your diary as this is the date of the annual Grandparents Pilgrimage for our Diocese at Aylesford Priory. If you would like more details please contact Yogi in the Parish Office.

Join members of the Parish at the Lambeth Citizens Delegates Assembly Wednesday 5 February 6.15 to 8pm in St Gabriel's College, Langton Road, SW9 6UL. This evening is to celebrate successes of Lambeth Citizens and to prioritize issues to be presented to party leaders before the local elections in May. The priorities will draw on those identified in our listening exercises in the autumn. If you would like to come to the Assembly please speak to Fr Adrian or Barbara Wilson (0771 324 1449) or any member of the Justice and Peace group. Thank you.

CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP: SUPPORTING OUR PARISH

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, for example, welcomers, collectors, counters, cleaners, refreshment team, etc. Thank you for all your support.

CHILD SAFEGUARDING DETAILS: Childline: 0800 1111

Local Advisor: Yogi Sutton 07891039861
Diocesan Advisor: Helen Sheppard 020 7960 2504

ALTAR SERVERS: 2 Feb Rota B 9 Feb 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 on Sunday 23 February from 2-4 pm.** Invitations with reply slips are available in the Sacristy but please RSVP so that we can plan the event and know how many to cater for. Thank you.

CLEANING THIS WEEK: Group 1 please check with Peter Beaumont over times and access, thank you.

TEAS AND COFFEES NEXT SUNDAY: Team 4
Please see Senait if you would like to help on the new rota for refreshments after the 10.30 Mass. Thank you.

Families applying for Reception or Nursery places:

Each family seeking a school reference must complete a **Parish Reference Application Form, to be collected after Mass** from Fr Adrian. Each family seeking a school reference must then have seen Fr Adrian at one of the 'Open Surgery' times. The next 'first come-first seen'

Open Surgery is this Monday 27th January from 2-4pm

in the Priest's House 11 Trent Road when the first 12 families will be seen at ten-minute intervals. 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. Please be aware that some families have been arriving 30-40 minutes beforehand to join the queue.

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 already met Fr Adrian at one of the 'open surgery' timeslots then:**

- 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 Trent Road
- 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*

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 Poe, Francis Bernard, Anna Lourenco, Pearl Harvey, Peter Flaherty, Jacob Pridmore, Margaret & Vanda Haughton-James, Veronica Fitzpatrick, Beverley Owens, Joyce Hall, Martin Ward, Mary Magro, Felicia Elabor, 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 Bridget Morrin, Michael Soowambar, Bridget McBride, Mary Gorman, Annie Ward 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.

ADVANCE NOTICE FOR COUPLES CELEBRATING SPECIAL MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations! If you are celebrating your 1st, 10th, 25th, 50th or 60th plus anniversary, please apply for an invitation to our Special Mass on Saturday 21st June at St Georges' Cathedral. To receive an invitation please notify the Parish Office in writing and email marriages@tiscali.co.uk