



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 23 March 2014

Third Sunday in Lent [Year A]

WELCOME TO OUR SUNDAY MASS

Readings from p.78 Parish Mass Book [Year A Part 1]

Mass details		Intentions
Saturday	9.30 am	Charles & Madeline Lucas and Dorothy Forde RIP
	6.00 pm	
Sunday	9.00 am	For our Parish Family
	10.30 am	Katy Djelou RIP
	12.00 pm	Anthony Nwigwe RIP [anniv]
Monday	6.00 pm	Edmund Black RIP
	9.30 am	Gerard Whittaker RIP
Tuesday	7.00 pm	Fr Adrian's Induction
	9.30 am	Mary Reid RIP
Wednesday	9.30 am	Mary Duggan RIP: funeral
Thursday	9.30 am	Currently no intention
Friday	9.30 am	Currently no intention
<i>Next weekend</i>		
Saturday	9.30 am	Currently no intention
	6.00 pm	Currently no intention
Sunday	9.00 am	Currently no intention
	10.30 am	Bridie Heaney RIP [anniv]
	12.00 pm	For our Parish Family
	6.00 pm	Norah Courtney 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: 4th Sunday in Lent

30 March 1 Samuel 16:1-13 Psalm 22
Ephesians 5:8-14 John 9:1-38

It is with great sadness that we announce the sudden death of Gerard Whittaker, a long-standing member of our Parish family. Gerard helped in the Parish in many ways and loved to care for our Parish garden. We have no details of Gerard's funeral arrangements yet but will provide details when they are available.

At our 10.30am Masses for the next three Sundays we formally say a prayer of welcome and strength for our Faith Enquiry (RCIA) Group members. Our eight candidates are preparing to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, First Holy Communion and Confirmation at our Easter Vigil so please keep them in your thoughts and prayers during the next few weeks. Thank you.

Living the Word in the Week Ahead:

- Where does Christ wait for you this week?
- What will it take for you to ask Jesus to give you what you need?
- What do you have to leave behind to bring others to Christ?

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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: **£1,476** 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: 211 Prep of Gifts: 408
Communion: 938; 965 Closing: 821

12:00 Mass Hymns: Opening: *** Prep of Gifts: ***
Communion: *** Closing: ***

Entrance Antiphon: **My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.**

A reading from the book of Exodus [17:3-7]

Give the water to drink.

Responsorial Psalm [94] **O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.**

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans [5:1-8] *The love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given to us.*

Lenten Gospel Acclamation:

Praise to you, O Christ, our Saviour, Word of the Father, calling us to life; Son of God who leads us to freedom: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Lord, you really are the saviour of the world; give me the living water so that I may never get thirsty.

Praise to you, O Christ, our Saviour...

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John [4:5-9] *A spring welling up to eternal life.*

Please remember during Lent there will be Stations of the Cross on Fridays led by Janet, one of our Readers at Mass at 2.45 pm (lasting 20 minutes) and at 7 pm. Our evening Stations will be led by members of the Legion of Mary, Justice & Peace, Union of Catholic Mothers and Catholic Life Community Parish groups. Do please consider taking some 'time out' to make some extra space for prayer in Lent and please remember our **Week of Guided Prayer from 29 March to 6 April**. Application forms are still available in the porch as we have just a couple of spaces left and don't want people to miss out on this wonderful opportunity. If you have applied please attend the 6pm Mass on Sunday 30th.

Our prayers go out to all the sick of our parish, or in need of any kind, and to those who care for them:

Clare Dow, Margaret Rakgomo, Gail Mylne, Brian White, Eugene Azevado, Sonia Miller, Violet Wilson, Alfred Owusu, Teresa McGarvey, Tom Glennon, Terry Thomas, Jorge de Almeida, Magdeline Pooe, Francis Bernard, Anna Lourenco, Pearl Harvey, Peter Flaherty, Jacob Pridmore, Joyce Hall, Veronica Fitzpatrick, Margaret & Vanda Haughton-James, Beverley Owens, Martin Ward, Mary Magro, Elizabeth Oghenedaro, James Apea, Judith Newman, Jane Willcox, Kathleen Tormey, Magdalena Hibbert, Anastasia Peters, Wendy Simpson and Terry Finucane.

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.

If you know of anyone who is sick, going to hospital or in need of prayers, please let the Parish Office know in writing or by email if you would like their name added to (or withdrawn) from this list. Thank you.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of

Gerard Whittaker who died recently and for Patricia Sweeney and George Naoum-Cassir 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.

CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP: SUPPORTING OUR PARISH

Please consider giving the equivalent of an hour of your weekly income and think about how you can use your Time, Talents and Treasures in one of our parish groups, such as the welcomers, cleaners, or refreshment team, to name but a few. 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: 23 March Rota A, 30 March Rota B

Thank you for being available. Please remember: up to 8 children can serve each Mass and there are some Masses where we have little or no servers.

CLEANING THIS WEEK: Group 3 **NEXT** Group 4

TEAS AND COFFEES THIS WEEK: Team 3, **NEXT** Team 4

Our statues have been moved around to provide space for prayer, including a book for prayer requests. This is open for all to add their intentions and will allow others to pray for you as well as you for them. Please add your requests in the book by the Sacred Heart.

Please note: the Parish is looking to employ two part-time positions. We would like to employ a cleaner for the Hall and Parish Meeting Rooms and a Parish Secretary to assist with the Parish administration. If you would like more information please send your CV by email or post to Fr Adrian the Parish Office. On receipt of your CV we can provide further details of the job specification.

The new **Church Cleaning rota** has been compiled with 4 new names added for which we are very grateful. Unfortunately a large number of names had to be removed as they were no longer available to help. If you think your name has been inadvertently removed from the list (which is up in the sacristy and the entry porch), then please let Peter Beaumont know or drop a note into the Priest's House. If you are willing to join one of the teams then please do get in touch in the same way. Thank you.

An important notice about second collections:

at the latest meeting of the Council of Priests Archbishop Peter stressed again the importance of the collections that help to raise funds for Diocesan and other charities and reminded Parishes that they must be included in the Mass rather than be a retiring collection. **To help give time for any 2nd collection in our Parish please be aware that we will continue our practice of holding them during the notices,** having first drawn together our personal prayers after Holy Communion with the communal Closing Prayer.

Sense and Nonsense on 'Assisted Dying':

An Assisted Dying Bill to legalise assisted suicide is currently before Parliament. There is often confusion about what 'assisted dying' means. The Bishops' Conference has compiled a briefing note which explains simply and clearly what the issues are, and what the Church says. Copies of this short briefing note from the Bishops Conference of England and Wales are available on the website www.catholicnews.org.uk/assisted-suicide-information

Legion of Mary Pilgrimage to Aylesford by coach

on Saturday 10th May 2014, leaving Brixton Water Lane at 9am and return from Aylesford at 4.30pm. To book a place please contact Mary Boakye on 07950496841 or speak to Joseph Baako after Mass in the repository. Please note that all bookings must be made with £12 payment in full. Thank you.

Thank you to all who renewed or signed up to our **200 Club** - a simple way to help raise our funds and be in for the chance of a big prize. Please take a leaflet from the porch or see Bridget Barrett if you would like more information. Thank you.

All are welcome to this month's **Anchor group Bingo session**. All profits go towards the bi-annual Anchor group pilgrimage to Lourdes for those with learning difficulties. **Admission is 25p with doors opening at 7:30pm** and eyes down at 8pm. The finishing time is scheduled to be 9:30pm.