



## 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 30 March 2014

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent – Laetare Sunday [Year A]

## WELCOME TO OUR SUNDAY MASS FOR MOTHER'S DAY

Readings from p.81 Parish Mass Book [Year A Part 1]

| Mass details |                     | Intentions                        |
|--------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Saturday     | 9.30 am             | Elizabeth Maya RIP [anniv]        |
|              | 6.00 pm             | For our Parish Family             |
| Sunday       | 9.00 am             | Mary Clarke RIP                   |
|              | 10.30 am            | T.Usch: Thanksgiving              |
|              | 12.00 pm            | Mary Walsh RIP                    |
|              | 6.00 pm             | Anselm Odo family                 |
| Monday       | 9.30 am             | <b>Currently no intention</b>     |
| Tuesday      | 9.30 am             | Elizabeth Maya RIP                |
| Wednesday    | 9.30 am             | <b>Currently no intention</b>     |
| Thursday     | 9.30 am             | <b>Currently no intention</b>     |
| Friday       | 9.30 am             | <b>Currently no intention</b>     |
|              | <i>Next weekend</i> | <i>Next Saturday &amp; Sunday</i> |
| Saturday     | 9.30 am             | <b>Currently no intention</b>     |
|              | 6.00 pm             | <b>Currently no intention</b>     |
| Sunday       | 9.00 am             | For our Parish Family             |
|              | 10.30 am            | Ellie Maxwell RIP                 |
|              | 12.00 pm            | UCM                               |
|              | 6.00 pm             | <b>Currently no intention</b>     |

**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: 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

**6 April** Ezekiel 37: 12-14 Psalm 129  
Romans 8:8-11 John 11:3-45

At our 10.30 Mass 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 over the next few weeks.

The total for the Fund set up in memory of Fr Tom was announced in our newsletters at the close of the year as reaching £30,000. Members of the Parish Finance & Building Committee who were instrumental in helping to set up the fund and draw up initial plans, in liaison with the relevant architectural and historical agencies, have yet to provide a full account to Fr Adrian and the Parish Council but it will take many months before a formal consultation and planning stage can begin. In the meantime, if you have any initial comments please send them in writing to the Priest's House.

### Living the Word in the Week Ahead:

- Where does Christ challenge you to rethink your beliefs this week?
- Where does fear stop you from acknowledging Christ this week?
- What empowers you to deepen your belief in the Lord this week?

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### Jesuit Clergy Covering Weekend Masses

Fr Michael Kirwan SJ Fr Josef Briffa SJ  
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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: **£1,694** 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: 991 Prep of Gifts: 807  
Communion: 639 Closing: 861

**12:00 Mass Hymns:** Opening: 854 Prep of Gifts: 846  
Communion: 662 Closing: 770

Entrance Antiphon:

**Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied.**

A reading from the first book of Samuel [16:1-13]  
*David is anointed king of Israel.*

Responsorial Psalm [22] **The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians [5:8-14]  
*Rise from the dead and Christ will shine on you.*

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.**

**I am the light of the world, says the Lord;**

**anyone who follows me will have the light of life.**

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

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John [9:1-41]  
*The blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored.*

Communion antiphon: **The Lord anointed my eyes: I went, I washed; I saw and I believed in God.**

## Celebrating Our Mother...

One day a year is never enough to celebrate the love and memories our mothers bring us, but it's a good reminder to help us set some time aside to focus on the love and care they have given us over the years. Sadly, for many, Mother's Day is a day purely for memories. Some families are apart on this day perhaps through the separation of family life or the distance of travel, but many will have the joy of making new memories on Mother's Day as they spend time together as a family. The pain of separation or the difficulties of distance can be hard to bear and there's no substitute for actually spending time together as a family, loving one another, forgiving one another and building up the ties that only unconditional love can bring.

Our coming together as the Family of the Church is a fundamental expression of God's unconditional love for us, and of our love for God. Just as we take time to nurture our own families, there's no substitute for our coming together as God's family to be nourished and strengthened through the Eucharist and through hearing and acting on God's Word. So, on a day like today, when we take time to remember our own mothers, let's reflect on the amount of time we spend on building up our life of faith within the Church. It's such a joy that in our own Parish we reflect the vibrancy and diversity of family life, both young and old and from a variety of countries and cultures. The Church is the living, dynamic Body of Christ and when we actively gather together with all our gifts, with all our strengths, and even our weaknesses, we reflect the image of Christ more and more in our lives. Let's celebrate what we have, plan for what we can be and grow together as God's family. With my prayers as ever, God bless, *Fr Adrian*

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**Please note: the Parish is looking to employ two part-time positions. We would like to employ a part-time cleaner for the Hall and Parish Meeting Rooms and a part-time 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. Thank you.**

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**Legion of Mary Pilgrimage to Aylesford** by coach on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

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**Please note that Gerard Whittaker's Requiem Mass will be held at 10.30 am on Monday 14 April, consequently, there will be no 9.30am Mass that day.**

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**Date for the diary: 10 April 7.30pm – please join us for a fundraising concert of Lenten music by members of our church choir. Tickets at £10 (£5 concessions).**

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**Thank you** to all who renewed or signed up to our fundraising **200 Club**. If you would like to join for the opportunity of winning cash prizes please take a leaflet from the porch or see Bridget Barrett. Thank you.

**During our Week of Guided Prayer in addition to our published Masses we have Mass at 6.30 pm from 31 March to 4 April: all are welcome to attend.** Each Friday during Lent we have the Stations of the Cross led by Janet, one of our Parish Readers, 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.

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**Please note the next UCM Hunger Lunch will be held on Friday 11 April and not in the Week of Prayer.**

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***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, Vanda Haughton-James, Beverley Owens, Martin Ward, Mary Magro, Elizabeth Brown, Elizabeth Oghenedaro, James Apea, Judith Newman, Jane Willcox, Kathleen Tormey, Anastasia Peters, Wendy Simpson, Terry Finucane & Magdalene Hibbert.

**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.*

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**Please pray for the repose of the souls of**

Gerard Whittaker who died recently and for James Morgan, Thomas Doherty, Patrick McMonagle, Joseph Salerno, George Calleja, Elizabeth Maya 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.***

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**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.

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

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**ALTAR SERVERS:** 30 March Rota A, 6 April 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.

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**CLEANING THIS WEEK:** Group 4      **NEXT** Group 5  
**TEAS & COFFEES THIS WEEK:** Team 4      **NEXT** Team 5

Our statues have been moved around to provide space for prayer, including a book for prayer requests at Mass. This is open for all to add their public 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. Thank you.