



### 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

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> December 2014

The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ [Year B]

### WELCOME TO OUR CHRISTMAS MASS

Please use the sheet overleaf for our Mass readings...

Mass details	Intentions
<b>Christmas Eve</b> 6.00 pm Midnight	Family & Friends of Mabel For our dearly departed: RIP
<b>Christmas Day</b> 9.00 am 10.30 am 12.00 pm	Josie Curtain Jacqueline Fitzgerald RIP Cruise Family RIP FM
Friday 10.00 am	Jim Wilson
<b>Next weekend</b>	<b>Next Saturday &amp; Sunday</b>
Saturday 9.30 am 6.00 pm	Antoni Majewski RIP Angus Carroll RIP
Sunday 9.00 am 10.30 am 12.00 pm 6.00 pm	John Armstrong RIP Teresa Ush William Walsh RIP For Our Parish Family
Monday 9.30 am	Anne Kelly RIP
Tuesday 9.30 am	George and Martin Ush
Wednesday 9.30 am	William Walsh RIP
New Year's Day 10.00 am	Mary O'Reilly RIP & Mary Tate RIP
Friday 9.30 am	Bridig Ledwith RIP



Please join us for our Holy Hour of reflection before the Blessed Sacrament this Saturday from 12-1 pm. The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is available during this time.

### Next Sunday's Readings: Feast of The Holy Family (B)

28 Dec Genesis 15:1-6, 21:1-3 Psalm: 104  
Hebrews 11:8-19 Luke 2:22-40

### Living the Word, this week:

- When does the Lord's presence disturb you this week?
- How are you being invited to bring the Word of God "to birth" this week?
- Where do you need to say 'Yes' to what God asks of you this week?



A number of Children's Liturgy Helpers have contacted the Parish Office to say that they will be away for the Christmas holidays. We hope that all our helpers and children have a great time with family and friends during the Christmas break. Once everyone is back from holiday we will resume on January 11, 2015. Once again - thank you to all our Children's Liturgy Leaders and the volunteers who help them, your ministry is greatly valued in the Parish.

### Parish Priest: Fr Adrian McKenna-Whyte BTh MSc

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With Mass cover arranged by Fr Michael Kirwan SJ

### Parish Details:

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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: **£1100** 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 21p from the Government for every £1 you give. Please ask Nigel or Joe (in the Repository) for details. Thank you.*

**10:30 Hymns:** Entrance: 152 Prep of Gifts: 144  
Communion: 156 and 136 Closing: 153

**12:00 Hymns:** Entrance: 159 Prep of Gifts: 144  
Communion: 128 and 136 Closing: 150



Thank you again to all those who were able to help make a difference to those in need through your generous response to our Christmas Hamper appeal. Those who received the gifts were moved to see Christian care in action by our help in reaching out to vulnerable families who genuinely need food and support at this time. Each Christmas we also support two other Charities: this year we continue our help for the "Women at the Well" and will give any financial donations to the poorest families in Gaza and Bethlehem. Please visit our Crib and make a prayerful donation to help support vulnerable families in 2015. Please give either a 'travel size' toiletry item (e.g. shampoo or deodorant) or money where every penny will go directly to the poorest families supported by the charity 'Friends of the Holy Land'. May God's blessings be with all of us for the New Year ahead and always; with my thanks and prayers, *Fr. Adrian*



### A message from Fr Adrian

Thank you for the kind cards and Christmas gifts that I received over the last few days, they are all so much appreciated and will be a great help throughout the New Year ahead. I would especially like to thank all

those who support the parish throughout the year including Yogi, Pat, Nicola, Claire and Vincent who help in the Parish Office, our Parish Council and Finance/Building Committee, Mary, Teresa and John our sacristy helpers, our Readers, Extraordinary ministers, helpers with Children's Liturgy, Peter who opens the church each day, our tea/coffee teams, collection takers and counters, flower arrangers, Welcomers and cleaners (to name but a few): without your support our parish would grind to a halt. You provide a wonderful act of service to the Lord and my prayers are that we continue to be "Corpus Christi" – the Body of Christ together – and be a witness of God's love to those around us. With my prayers for God's blessings for you and your family for Christmas and the New Year ahead, *Fr. Adrian*

### OUR FAITH ENQUIRY [RCIA] GROUP for adults who

wish to learn more about their faith or to be baptised or confirmed will resume our group meetings in the Parish Hall on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2015. All are welcome but please see Fr Adrian, Bridget or Yogi for some more information if you would like to come. Thank you.

### 6<sup>th</sup> Form, Secondary School Transfers Sept. 2015 and Nursery/Reception Applications.

Please note the next 'Open Hours' session will be held in the New Year, with dates announced next week. However, please do remember to see Fr. Adrian if you have any outstanding Lilac or Green forms, or any outstanding school references. Thank you.

**Corpus Christi Parent and Toddler Playgroup** are blessed with a number of toys and equipment but have little space to tidy them away. Nobody has let us know if they could help build some cupboards yet, but **if you are a Carpenter/Joiner and can help, or if you can donate the materials, please contact Fr Adrian.** Thank you

**Readers and Extraordinary Ministers...** Please remember to set aside the morning of Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February from 9am to 1pm for a time of Reflection and Renewal of your Ministry. Registration forms for the morning of reflection will be available in the New Year, but please keep this date free in your diary. Thank you.

**CHILD SAFEGUARDING DETAILS:** Childline: 0800 1111  
Local Advisor: Yogi Sutton 07891039861  
Diocesan Advisor: Helen Sheppard 020 7261 1606

**CLEANING THIS WEEK:** Group 2  
**TEAS & COFFEES:** Team 2  
**ALTAR SERVERS:** 28 Dec Rota B  
**NEXT Group 3**  
**NEXT Team 3**  
04 Jan Rota A  
Please remember, up to 8 altar servers can help at each Mass.

Thank you to all those who have completed our Parish Survey - we would love to hear as many views as possible so have extended the closing period to 19<sup>th</sup> January. Do please take a survey from the porch, fill it in and return it to the mailbox to the right of the Hall door. Once we have collated the views we will publish them and get together for a parish meeting.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Tony Ellul, Doll Keely and George Ramdeal who died recently and for James Murphy, Owura Ampong, Michael Neagle, Beatrice Welcome, Kevin Guiste, Paolina Sammut, Blanca Duenas-Flores, Patrick Sheehan, Antonio Santillo, Adrienne De Doncker, Margaret Smith 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**

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

Eileen O'Callaghan, Magdeline Pooe, Amanda Senlon Margaret Rakgomo, Gail Mylne, Brian White, Sonia Miller, Alfred Owusu, Martin Ward, Teresa McGarvey, Tom Glennon, Terry Thomas, Anna Lourenco, Peter Flaherty, Jacob Pridmore, Joyce Hall, Veronica Fitzpatrick, Vanda Haughton-James, Beverley Owens, James Apea, Elizabeth Brown, Elizabeth Oghenedaro, Jane Willcox, Judith Newman, Kathleen Tormey, Magdalene Hibbert, Dave Spencer, Barbara & Marva Ricketts, Sue Murray, Esmerelda McKay, Catherine & Patricia Alade, Lolita Bartlett and Sam & Wendy Simpson

### 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 remember that the Data Protection Act does not allow hospital staff to let the parish know when a Catholic patient enters hospital. In order for a patient to receive the Sacrament of the Sick or Holy Communion the Hospital Chaplaincy team should be notified as well as letting Fr Adrian know. If you have a loved one in hospital please be assured of our prayers and concern.



### A picture for the younger members of our parish family



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