



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 4th January 2015
Feast of the Epiphany [Year B]

WELCOME TO OUR SUNDAY MASS

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

Mass details	Intentions
Saturday 9.30 am 6.00 pm	Patrick Doherty RIP For Our Parish Family
Sunday 9.00 am 10.30 am 12.00 pm 6.00 pm	Joseph Phokeerdoss RIP John and Margaret Butler RIP Paul Grant and Family *
Monday 9.30 am	Rosa-Clarisse Agneroh
Tuesday 9.30 am	Fr. Adrian
Wednesday 9.30 am	*
Thursday 9.30 am	Barbara
Friday 9.30 am	*
Next weekend	Next Saturday & Sunday
Saturday 9.30 am 6.00 pm	*
Sunday 9.00 am 10.30 am 12.00 pm 6.00 pm	For Our Parish Family * Tony Izzat RIP *
	* = Mass Intention available



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 week's Readings: Feast of The Baptism of our Lord (B)

11 Jan	Isaiah 55:1-11	Psalm: Is 12
	St John 5:1-9	Mark 1:7-11

Living the Word, this week:

- How will you sincerely seek the Lord in your life this week/year?
- Where will you allow the 'showing' of God in Jesus to transform your life this week/year?
- When does the presence of the Lord in your life call you to do things in other ways this week/year?

Thank you to all who help in any way in our Parish with special thanks to our Readers and Extraordinary Ministers. If you are a Reader or Extraordinary Minister and haven't yet received your rota or your prayer book please see Joseph in the Repository. Please remember to set aside the morning of Saturday 7th 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. *Fr. Adrian*

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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: **£761** 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.* *Please pray for the family of our banking volunteers as illness has meant we have been unable to publish the figures this week.

10:30 Hymns: Entrance: 167 Prep of Gifts: 169
Communion: music group and 630 Closing: 170

12:00 Hymns: Entrance: 166 Prep of Gifts: 165
Communion: 627 Closing: 170

Dear Brothers and Sisters, "He then went down with them and came to Nazareth and lived under their authority... and Jesus increased in wisdom, in stature and in favour with God and man." That little passage from St. Luke's Gospel reminds us that Jesus did not suddenly emerge from nowhere, so to speak. He grew up as a human being within a stable, loving family, in a particular neighbourhood, and within the tradition and culture of Judaism in first-century Palestine. It was in that same context that Jesus was prepared for his God-given task of bringing the healing gift of God's love to a world wounded by sin and suffering. To a world overshadowed by darkness and confusion, he brought the light of truth. And after his Resurrection and Ascension, he poured out the Holy Spirit of Truth on the infant Church so that his mission would continue down through the ages. In giving us the gift of his Son, God has given us the gift of life and the gift of love. He has also given us the gift of truth, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, to enable us to understand the origin, meaning and purpose of human life. Enlightened by that same Spirit we believe that life is God's gift. And precisely because it is God's gift, human life and authentic human relationships have infinite value and dignity. When human relationships break down, when they become fractured and dysfunctional, not only do individuals suffer, but there are inevitable consequence for others peace,

in of justice and the common good. The Church has consistently taught that the best context for learning about, and being nurtured in authentic human relationships, is within marriage and the family. And the evidence from report after report in recent years indicates very clearly that even from a secular point of view, marriage between a man and a woman provides far and away the best place to bring up a family and educate children. It is within that stable, loving context that children learn to develop spiritually, emotionally, physically and intellectually. It was within that context that Jesus learned to live under authority; it was there that he learned from the experience and wisdom of Mary and Joseph. It was there that he had his first human experience of being loved, of being held, of being listened to and nurtured so that he could fulfil all his human potential. and thin was his abiding relationship with God, his Father. In that respect, the Holy Family is indeed a wonderful model for all of us, and reveals a deep truth about our humanity and our human relationships. Our homes should shine out as "holy places", a communion of life and love rooted in our relationship with God and reflected in our love for one another. In our own day, the Church's claim to know and to teach the truth is often dismissed on the basis that such a claim is illiberal, restrictive and authoritarian! The Church's proclamation of the truth about God, about the value and dignity of human life, and about what it means to be truly human, is often regarded as at best irrelevant, and at worst, arrogant. Yet how often these days do we hear the cry that society is breaking down, that there is total confusion about morality and the meaning of life? How true were the late Cardinal Hume's prophetic words, spoken on the last Ash Wednesday of his life: "All is not well. A society without a common understanding of what it is to be human, and without a shared morality is in danger of gradual disintegration." Jesus never hesitated to speak the truth in the face of moral confusion and social evil. But he did so as the Good Shepherd, full of mercy and compassion, especially for the poor, the needy and for those who had gone astray. As we prepare to face another New Year, I exhort you to take seriously the challenge to make a fresh start with God, a fresh start at home and a fresh start for the world's poor. We are called to be people of deep compassion and kindness, treating others with the respect and honour which is their due because they are images of God. In particular we need to give a new start to those families which have been broken and grievously wounded through separation or divorce. For these especially we must all have the greatest love, respect, gentleness and compassion. These are our brothers and sisters, deeply wounded and suffering. Let no one judge them. Welcome them within the community of the Church and help them to experience the life-giving love and compassion which, please God, will in time lead to healing and new life.

With my prayers and blessing for the New Year,
Peter Archbishop of Southwark

6th Form, Secondary School Transfers Sept. 2015 and Nursery/Reception Applications.

Please note the next 'Open Hours' session will after the school break. However, please do remember to see Fr. Adrian if you have any outstanding Lilac or Green forms, or any outstanding school references. Thank you.

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

CLEANING THIS WEEK: Group 4
TEAS & COFFEES: Team 4
ALTAR SERVERS: 04 Jan Rota A

NEXT Group 5
NEXT Team 5
11 Jan Rota B

Annual Crib Collections.

Each Christmas we support two Charities: this year we continue our help for the "Women at the Well" and will be giving any financial donations to struggling families in Gaza and Bethlehem. 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*

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 7th 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.

A message from Fr Adrian. Thank you for the kind cards and Christmas gifts that I received over the last few days, together with the Christmas collection they are so much appreciated. 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, Wiggy, 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*

Please pray for the repose of the souls of

Eileen O'Callaghan, Tony Ellul, Doll Keely, George Ramdeal and Mary Feehan who died recently and for James Lally, Ellen Terrell, Joseph Nicholas, Julia Honan, Vera Pantaleo, David Edwards, Beatrice Morgan, Bernard Hetmanski, Bridget Devine Jean-Francois Pascal

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:

Magdeline Pooe, 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.