



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 22nd February 2015
1st Sunday of Lent [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	For Our Parish Family
Sunday 9.00 am	Freya Hennessey
10.30 am	*
12.00 pm	Jessica Hennessey
6.00 pm	Kilian McKenna RIP
Monday 9.30 am	*
Tuesday 9.30 am	Joseph Constable RIP FM
Wednesday 9.30 am	Jane Hennessey
Thursday 9.30 am	Michael Dymkowski RIP
Friday 9.30 am	*
Next weekend	Next Saturday & Sunday
Saturday 9.30 am	Frederick Barthorpe RIP FM
6.00 pm	Michael Tedder
Sunday 9.00 am	William Malloy RIP
10.30 am	Olivia DeSouza RIP
12.00 pm	UCM
6.00 pm	For Our Parish Family
	* = 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: Second Sunday of Lent (B)

01 Mar	Genesis 22:1-18	Psalm: 115
	Romans 8:31-34	Mark 9:2-10

Living the Word, this week:

- The Spirit drove Jesus in to the desert: where will you head the Spirit leading you to prayer this Lent?
- And the angels ministered to Him. How will you give to those in need during Lent?
- Repent and believe in the Gospel: what do you need to turn away from or give up for this to be a reality this Lent?

Each day, on average 10-15 children are reported missing in our Borough alone, prompting us to pray for them each week in our Prayers of Intercession. Do please remember that you can make personal prayer requests by a Mass Intention, our 'sick list' or in the Sacred Heart Book of Prayer (on the stand to the left of the Lady Altar) as these requests are prayed for in our Masses each day.

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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: **£1086** 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.

Music & Hymns for the Mass

10:30 Hymns: Entrance: 206 Prep of Gifts: 611
Communion: 195 & 211 Closing: 840

12:00 Hymns: Entrance: 720 Prep of Gifts: 600
Communion: 627 Closing: 721

Preparing for the Visit of Bishop Patrick Lynch ss.cc

Last year we learned of the five-yearly Visitation of Bishop Pat that will occur in three weeks' time. The main focus of his visit will be our Parish Vigil Mass on 7 March as we welcome the families of the 32 people who will be Confirmed, but **an open invitation is issued to all the Parish to join us for a Mass at 7.30pm on Friday 6 March for the repose of the soul of Fr Tom.** Prior to that Bishop Pat will be visiting Windmill Lodge, preceded by a **Lenten soup lunch hosted by the UCM on Friday 6 March from 1-2pm in the Parish Hall.** If you are able to come to any of these events please do so, but Bishop Pat will be available after most of the Masses that weekend.

Anchor Bingo Tuesday Feb 24 Doors Open 7.30

All are most welcome to the next Anchor bingo this Tuesday. Admission 25p, eyes down at 8.00pm with a scheduled closing time of 9.30pm. Come along to have some fun raising funds as all profit goes to the Anchor group pilgrimage to Lourdes for people with learning difficulties.

Requiescat in pace ... Please pray for the repose of the soul of Louis Claude Bèche who died peacefully, surrounded by his family and fortified by the Rites of the Church on Friday 20 February. Our prayers of sympathy and condolence are offered for Claude's family. Please note that details of the funeral arrangements will be printed in the newsletter when they become available.

Each year, during Lent we help to raise funds for CAFOD's Family Fast Day. Bad weather is having a devastating impact on many of our poorest brothers and sisters around the world. CAFOD works with local organisations to help reach out practically to those affected. **This year the UK Government has promised to match every pound and penny CAFOD receives this Lent up to the value of £3.5m - that's £2 for every £1 you give. So, please remember to take an envelope from the porch and return this on 1 March. Thank you.**

PAYDAY LOAN STORIES

CITIZENS Corpus Christi Parish is one a number of local groups that make up Lambeth Citizens, an alliance formed to help promote the common good of society. Following a meeting at Corpus Christi this week we would like to gather stories from a range of people who have experience of using payday loans. We would like to hear from all payday loan users and are particularly interested in the company 'Speedy Cash'. Lambeth Citizens is currently negotiating with 'Speedy Cash', asking them to reconsider practices that some could find potentially exploitative. For example, 'Speedy Cash' have a scheme to give people £20 if they introduce a friend who takes out a payday loan. If you, or anyone you know, has taken out a payday loan or referred a friend and would be willing to tell us about the experience in confidence, please email Fr Adrian on BrixtonRC@btinternet.com or contact Barbara Wilson on 07713 241449. Thank you.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Louis Claude Bèche who died recently and for Verdal Smith, Maddelena Lucas, Alfred Kamara 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:

Margaret Rakgomo, Gail Mylne, Brian White, Sonia Miller, Alfred Owusu, Martin Ward, Teresa McGarvey, Tom Glennon, 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, Esmerelda McKay, Sue Murray, Catherine & Patricia Alade, Lolita Bartlett Sam & Wendy Simpson, Maura Flaherty, Delray McCarthy, Edith Emenyeonu, Jack Allen Sandra Vega Beron, Nigel Parkhurst and Ernest Henry.

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.

Lent: a time for Prayer, Fasting & Almsgiving ...

In addition to giving up through fasting or abstinence during Lent, why not take up a deliberate choice of spending a little extra time each day in prayer, even if it's just resting in the silence of the Lord and letting the stillness and peace bring some comfort to the soul?

Separate to our Thursday night **Rediscovering Catholicism programme**, families and individuals are invited to pray and reflect on the scriptures using the **Walk With Me** booklet (priced £1 from the Repository) and to use the 'Forgive us as we Forgive' prayer cards in the porch to help prepare for the **Sacrament of Reconciliation, held each Saturday from 12-1pm, with prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.** In addition to this, if you're free on a Friday, please join us for the Stations of the Cross.



Traditionally these have been held at 2.45pm to encourage parents to come before the end of school. A number of people gathered for the Stations at 2.45pm on the Friday of Half Term so we will stick to this time and use the short form of the Stations each Friday to allow time for a prayerful mediation on the Passion before the end of school. **All are welcome to join us, with a special invitation to Corpus Christi parents given the timing, so do please think of joining us in the church at 2.45pm each Friday in Lent. Thank you.**

NEWS ON OUR LENTEN STUDY GROUP AND WEEK OF GUIDED PRAYER

A number of people were very moved by the book 'Rediscovering Catholicism' that was given out as a gift over Christmas. **If you didn't get a copy please see Fr Adrian** as you are most welcome to have one as **During Lent we have a weekly prayer and study group looking at sections of the book,**

with meetings from 7.30 - 9.00 pm on ...

26 February Session 3

The authentic life - Read pages 67-144

5 March Session 4

The seven pillars of Catholic Spirituality
Read pages 145-228.

12 March Session 5

The seven pillars of Catholic Spirituality (cont.)
Read pages 229-284

19 March Session 6

Now is our time - Read pages 385-324

From 22-28 March we have our annual week of guided prayer. Please join us for the 25th anniversary of this week, with applications forms available from Yogi.

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

CLEANING THIS WEEK: Group 1
TEAS & COFFEES: Team 3

ALTAR SERVERS: 22 Feb Rota B
01 Mar Rota A

RC Archdiocese of Southwark: Registered Charity No. 235468

