



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 8th March 2015
3rd 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	Carmen Glew RIP
Sunday 9.00 am	William Malloy RIP
10.30 am	For Our Parish Family
12.00 pm	Claude Bèche RIP
6.00 pm	*
Monday 9.30 am	*
11.00 am	*
Tuesday 9.30 am	Requiem: Claude Bèche RIP
Wednesday 9.30 am	Rev. Herbert Leach [FM]
Thursday 9.30 am	Magdalene Hibbert
Friday 9.30 am	Mr & Mrs Sam Valbonesi
Next weekend	*
Saturday 9.30 am	Next Saturday & Sunday
6.00 pm	*
Sunday 9.00 am	William Malloy RIP
10.30 am	Elsa Cristina Coronel RIP
12.00 pm	For Our Parish Family
6.00 pm	*
	* = 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: Fourth Sunday of Lent (B)

15 Mar Chronicles 36:14-23 Psalm: 136
Ephesians 2:4-10 John 3:14-21

Living the Word, this week:

- What does the Lord have to do to gain your attention this week?
- What words of Scripture do you recall this week?
- How does it feel to be known by Jesus this week?

School Allocations for September:

My prayers reach out especially to all our Parish families who have not gained their choice of a Catholic Secondary School. If you are a Year 6 parent and have concerns please come to see me at an open 'drop-in' this Wednesday between 2.30 and 4pm. In addition, I am very concerned about the forthcoming Corpus Christi school placements as there have been 248 applications for 52 Reception places and 65 applications for 45 Nursery places: with my prayers, 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: **£1439** 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: 466 Prep of Gifts: 604
Communion: 218 & 631 Closing: Ghanaian Choir

12:00 Hymns: Entrance: 720 Prep of Gifts: 603
Communion: 965 Closing: 960

Thank you for your contribution to the CAFOD Family Fast Day which helped to raise £673. Under our Government's Overseas Aid promise of matching pound for pound, CAFOD could receive £1346 – thank you!

Thank you to all parishioners who filled in the Parish Survey. It has given us a great deal of information on what's valued and some useful suggestions for things you would like to see happen. We hope to provide feedback with a summary on the findings to the Parish by the end of March as it has taken some time to analyse the data. Thank you for your understanding.

Requiescat in pace: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Betty Eileen Stavert Irving who died on 19 February aged 97. Her funeral will take place at West Norwood Crematorium Chapel on Wednesday 18 March at 12:30 pm. Betty was a Parishioner based in Windmill Lodge for a number of years and all are welcome to attend.

The Parish Welcomes Bishop Patrick Lynch ss.cc on his Pastoral Visitation

At the open meeting last year Bishop Patrick announced he would be making his five-yearly Pastoral Visit to the Parish this weekend. **Bishop Pat will meet with representatives of our Parish groups and individual parishioners over the course of the weekend but please note this is not a meeting in response to Bishop Pat's earlier visit but a planned "Quinquennial" with the formal opportunity to see all the variety of people and activities within our Parish in order to understand our pastoral needs.** As discussed at the open meeting, Bishop Pat will arrange a further time to visit the Parish after the findings of our Parish Survey are published. A date for this has yet to be arranged but will be published as soon as possible. Our AGM is planned for Wednesday 13 May so please keep this evening in your diary. Thank you.

HUNGER LUNCH: The UCM would like to keep you up to date on how the money raised at the Hunger Lunch has been distributed. In 2013 we sent £400 to the Jesuit Refugee Service at Wapping, and in 2014 £300 was given to the Little Way Association at Clapham. The money comes from the proceeds of our Hunger Lunch which is held in the church hall on the first Friday of the month at 1pm. All are welcome each First Friday.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Louis Claude Bèche who died recently. Our prayers of sympathy and condolence are offered for Claude's family at this difficult time. On the day of Claude's funeral, Monday 9 March, there will be a 9.30 Parish Mass as usual, followed by Claude's Requiem Mass at 11am with the committal at West Norwood Crematorium at 12.30pm.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Claude Bèche, Ellen Duffy, Betty Irving and Juliette Kouassi Affoue who died recently and for Fr. Tom Heneghan, Mary Portelli, Georgina Douglas, Mary Phillips, Maria Mendonca 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**

Thank you for your prayers following the news of Joseph Baako's admission to hospital, he is most grateful. If you would like to visit him please see Pat or Yogi Sutton for news.

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

Joseph Baako, 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.

'24 Hours for the Lord' -13-14 March

Pope Francis has called the Church to be united in prayer for a special time of intercession he has named '24 Hours for the Lord'. In a recent communication, Pope Francis gave the following message: "Let us not underestimate the power of so many voices united in prayer! The "24 Hours for the Lord" initiative, which I hope will be observed on 13-14 March throughout the Church, also at the diocesan level, is meant to be a sign of this need for prayer." In response to the Holy Father's invitation, all are invited to our Parish **Stations of the Cross** on Friday 13 and our Confessions during a Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration on Saturday 14 March (please see below).

Lenten Reconciliation

Please note: all are welcome to our Deanery Reconciliation Service on Sunday 22 March at English Martyrs' Church, 2 Mitcham Lane from 7-8.30pm. As a Parish, we have the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** each Saturday from 12-1pm, with prayer before the **Blessed Sacrament**. You're welcome to drop in at any time or to stay the whole hour.

In addition to this, **if you're free on a Friday, please join us for the Stations of the Cross.** These are held at 2.45pm to encourage parents to come before the end of school. We use the short form of the Stations each Friday to allow time for a prayerful mediation on the Passion. **All are welcome to join us, so please think of joining us in the church at 2.45pm each Friday in Lent.**

General Election 2015: our Bishops have written a letter encouraging us to participate and vote in the election. Copies are available in the porch and online at www.catholicnews.org.uk

OUR LENTEN STUDY GROUP AND WEEK OF GUIDED PRAYER

This Lent we are praying through 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 **we have a weekly prayer and study group focussing on chapters of the book**, with meetings from 7.30 – 9.00 pm in The Priest's House, 11 Trent Road on

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 3 **NEXT** Group 4
TEAS & COFFEES: Team 5 **NEXT** Team 6

ALTAR SERVERS: 08 Mar Rota B 15 Mar Rota A

