



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 29th November 2015

1st Sunday of Advent [Year C]

WELCOME TO OUR SUNDAY MASS

Please use the sheet overleaf for our Mass readings

Mass details	Intentions
Saturday 6.00 pm	Dec'd of Brixton & Stockwell KSC
Sunday 9.00 am	Cesare Romano RIP
10.30 pm	Martin Elabor
12.00 pm	Fr Peter Lennon RIP
6.00 pm	For our Parish Family
Monday 9.30 am	*
Tuesday 9.30 am	Olivia De Souza RIP
Wednesday 9.30 am	Requiem: Vanda Haughton-James RIP
Thursday 9.30 am	Holy Souls
Friday 9.30 am	Carmen Portelli RIP [8 th anniv.]
Next weekend	Next Saturday & Sunday
Saturday 6.00 pm	For our Parish Family
Sunday 9.00 am	Dec'd of DeMello & Correa family RIP
10.30 am	Helena Muganzi-Riley
12.00 pm	UCM
6.00 pm	Rina Corsini RIP
	* = Mass Intention available



Please join us for our Holy Hour of reflection before the Blessed Sacrament on Saturday from 5-5.45 pm.

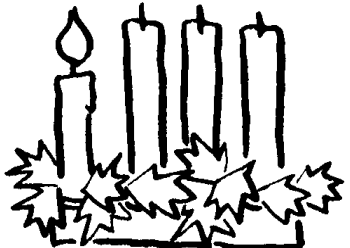
The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is available during this time. NB: 5-5.45 pm on Saturdays is now the ordinary time for our Parish Holy Hour and Confessions

Next week's Readings: Second Sunday of Advent (C)

06 December	Baruch 5:1-9	Psalms 125
	Philippians 1:3-11	Luke 3:1-6

Advent Prayers and reflections

During Advent please join us for the reflections which are being given by Sr. Philomena Wright. The series of prayerful presentations occurs on Thursdays in our Parish Hall at 10.15 am (after Mass) and again at 7.30 pm for those who can only come in the evening. The first reflection was on:



Thursday 26th November on the Trinity and Incarnation. The next three Thursday take the themes below ... Thursday 3rd December is on the Annunciation. Thursday 10th December is on the Visitation. Thursday 17th December is on the Nativity. All are welcome to join us after Mass or in the evening.

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With Mass cover supported by the local Jesuit Community

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Archdiocesan website: www.rcsouthwark.co.uk

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: **£1286** 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.*

Music & Hymns for the Mass

10:30 Hymns: Entrance 475	Prep of Gifts: 475
Communion: Music & 631	Closing: 972
12:00 Hymns: Entrance: 644	Prep of Gifts: 608
Communion: 339 & 932	Closing: 770

LIVING THE WORD THIS WEEK

How will you hold your head up as a Christian this week?
What makes your heart drowsy this week?
How will you 'be vigilant' for the coming of the Lord this week?

For Parents:

Advent is a time of preparation, not for the paraphernalia that surrounds Christmas, but for us to receive Christ once again. How might Advent be a time for you to prepare spiritually for Christ? How will you celebrate Advent in your home?

For Children:

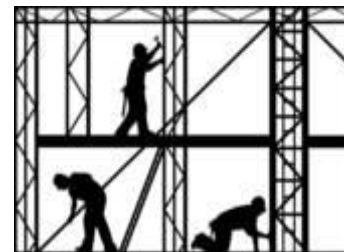
Where might you find a little more time for prayer; and how will you make room for the coming of the Lord this week? From now on we will be listening to the Gospel of Luke. What do you know about St. Luke?

Family Prayer

Leader: Come Lord Jesus bless this food.
All: Come Lord Jesus come. Light the Advent candle Lord, as we begin to get ready for Christmas help us to be grateful for all your gifts, especially the gift of this meal we share together. Amen
Leader: Come Lord Jesus bless this food.
All: Come Lord Jesus come.

Corpus Christi Christmas Grand Draw, Sat. Dec. 12

Our draw tickets are on sale after each Mass this weekend. The costs of the draw are being sponsored this year to promote awareness of the needs of families living with Autistic Spectrum Disorder. All proceeds are going to Corpus Christi Parish and will be used to help fund our children's work and programme of Parish maintenance. Our top prize is £200, plus £100 second prize and £50, third prize. Tickets cost 50p each or £5 a book. If you have any sold tickets, please return them to Peter Beaumont together with any unsold books you may have. Please do take some books to help us raise funds for the vital work of our Parish.



Some of that work is urgent and scaffolding has gone up to assess and repair some of the crumbling brickwork of our Grade II listed building.

Separate to the Draw you can help our work by donating by text or online. Your donation to our Diocese will come directly to our Parish funds to help the important mission and maintenance work of our parish. To donate by phone simply text **INRI55 £5** or **INRI55 £10** to 70070 to donate either £5 or £10 today. Alternatively, you can donate by credit or debit card online at <https://www.justgiving.com/Corpus-Christi-Parish-Church-Brixton-Hill>. Thank you for your support - it is much appreciated and will help to keep our church as a beacon to the light of the Lord for many years to come.



Please join us for our Parish Celebration Party with live music from 'Holy Smoke', in the Parish Hall after our Vigil Mass on 12th December.

The doors will open from 7pm, with music until 10pm. Please share in the festive fun and fare with a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie, along with other nibbles. Tickets cost £1 and will be available after our Masses from this weekend and at the door on the night.

6th Form, Secondary School Transfers 2016 and Nursery/Reception Applications

If you have moved into the Parish over the course of the last year or you have particular questions, then **please see Fr Adrian after Mass to book an appointment.**

Please note: appointments cannot be booked over the phone and are not open 'drop-in' times, so please make sure you see Fr Adrian after Mass on a Sunday if you need to book one. **Please return the Parish "Green form" before booking an appointment so that Fr Adrian can have your details to hand. Thank you.**

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: 29 Nov Rota B

NEXT Group 2
NEXT Team 4
07 Dec Rota A

As we enter Advent please head into the Parish Hall after Mass for a range of items on sale from the Repository. In addition, **we have a selection of Christmas cards by John Bateson-Hill for sale** after each Mass with 25p from each card helping towards our Church building fund. John will be selling cards after the 10.30 Mass and members of our Justice & Peace group will be organising the signing of Christmas cards to prisoners of conscience after the morning Masses on Sunday 13th December.

All are welcome to the UCM Hunger Lunch on Friday 4th Dec., from 1-3pm, It is with regret that this will be last First Friday Hunger Lunch (which began in 1986) as, sadly, current members cannot continue to help in this way. If you are interested in helping to provide a 'soup and a roll' style lunch once a month then please see Fr Adrian.

Please come along to Corpus Christi School's Christmas Fair next Saturday 5th December from 12-4 pm.



Christmas Hampers and Gifts.

Our parish has a wonderful tradition of giving gifts at Christmas to people in need. This year we will be collecting for The SPIRES charity who have been working locally with homeless and disadvantaged people since 1990. If you can donate gifts (either an individual item or a collection of little gifts that would total an average cost of about £5, the parish would be able to make a difference and reach out in friendship to those in need. Please start collecting items to donate over the next few weeks; such as **razors, shaving foam, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shower gel, shampoo, deodorant, men's underwear or socks** AS THESE ARE THE ITEMS THAT ARE MOST NEEDED. In addition, if you would like to donate such items as chocolates, individual Christmas puddings, cakes, luxury biscuits, chutneys, jams, etc. (basically anything that you might like to receive to make your Christmas special). The hampers will be wrapped on Sunday 20th December, so if you would like to help wrap, or can deliver items locally or to The Spires then please send an email addressed to both cc_newsletter@btinternet.com and rebekah.okeeffe@gmail.com. If you can't email then please call Maryrose on 020 7737 7354 **Thank you for your generosity and support to those in need in our area.**



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

We remember especially our petitions in the Sacred Heart Book of Prayer and for Teresa Morris, Magdalene Hibbert, Claire Gay, Sue Murray, Edith Emeyeonu, Kenza Tiehi, Ernest Henry, John Keane, Theo Wharfe, Esme Mckay, Marva & Donna Ricketts, Regina Oyonwo, Beverley Lesley and Sam and Wendy Simpson.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of

Alice Webber, Vanda Haughton-James and Bill Parry who died recently, and for Fredrick Napp, Alder Ravera, Bridget Page, Mary Clifford, Kathleen Moore, Michael Haughton-James, Joseph Rider, John Barrett, Barbara Ricketts, 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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