



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 6th December 2015

2nd 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	For our Parish Family
Sunday 9.00 am	Raymond Velda Luk-Tung RIP
10.30 pm	Helena Muganzi-Riley
12.00 pm	UCM
6.00 pm	Matilde and Paul Vanello RIP
Monday 9.30 am	S Murray & Sczepanik & Wilson fam. RIP
Tuesday 9.30 am	Dec'd of DeMello & Correa fam. RIP
7.30 pm	Theresa McKenna Whyte RIP
Wednesday 9.30 am	Fr Mesgina Woblu & Bishop Desta
Thursday 9.30 am	Rosy De Souza RIP
Friday 10.00 am	Requiem: Bill Parry RIP
Next weekend	Next Saturday & Sunday
Saturday 6.00 pm	Antoni Majewski RIP
Sunday 9.00 am	Ned Butler RIP [anniv.]
10.30 am	For our Parish Family
12.00 pm	Holy Souls
6.00 pm	Rina Corsini RIP

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: though we have no morning Mass on Saturdays there is Mass at 10 am at Our Lady of the Rosary, Brixton.



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

13 December Zephaniah 3:14-18 Psalm 12
Philippians 4:4-7 Luke 3:10-18

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 next reflection on:

Thursday 10th December is on the Visitation and Thursday 17th December is on the Nativity

All are welcome to join us after Mass or in the evening: please meet in the church prior to the Reflection.

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With Mass cover supported by the local Jesuit Community

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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: **£1208** 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 64 Prep of Gifts: TWI
Communion: Choir & 78 Closing: 878
12:00 Hymns: Entrance: 94 Prep of Gifts: 116
Communion: 91 & 627 Closing: 99

LIVING THE WORD THIS WEEK

What will you turn away from this week?
How will you turn back to God this week?
Where are the 'voices crying in the desert' in your life this week?

For Parents:

How might you find time to hear the Lord calling you to turn back to Him this week? Might you find the time to participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation before Christmas?

For Children: 'Prepare the way of the Lord': how are you preparing for the coming of Jesus?

Family Prayer

Leader: Come Lord Jesus, prepare our hearts.

All: Come Lord Jesus, come. [Light two Advent Candles.]

Loving God, you gave the prophet Isaiah a vision of peace, where the wolf is the guest of the lamb and the lion and the calf graze together. May this meal strengthen us to prepare our heart for you by making peace with each other and all the creatures of this earth. Bless the food we share and bless us in Jesus' name. Amen.

Leader: Come Lord Jesus, prepare our hearts.

All: Come Lord Jesus, come.



As we journey through 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 13 December. Please come into the hall and sign a card to a prisoner of conscience

Please remember that on Wednesday and Friday mornings we have our Parent and Toddler 'Stay & Play' group [PATS]. The group are looking for volunteers to help in the kitchen on Wednesday mornings from 9:00 - 11:30 am. Can you help? Do you know someone who can? Then please contact Carina on 07940 574783. **Do remember that this Wed. 9 Dec. is our Christmas Party. Call Carina for tickets at £3 which includes food, party games, festive crafts and a present from St. Nicholas (best known as Santa or Father Christmas).**

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 so that we can be in touch or call Maryrose on 020 7737 7354. Thank you for your help.



"On Tuesday the Church will celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. "I am the Immaculate Conception" is how Our Lady described herself to Saint Bernadette she appeared to her in Lourdes. It is a great joy and blessing that Our Lady the Immaculate Conception is the principal patron of the Archdiocese of Southwark. This year the Solemnity will also mark, as I mentioned in my letter to you last week, the beginning of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy. The Holy Father will open the Holy Door at St Peter's Basilica, and it "will become a Door of Mercy through which anyone who enters will experience the love of God who consoles, pardons, and instils hope." Next weekend in Cathedrals round the world, including our Cathedral of St George in Southwark, similar Doors of Mercy will be opened. We are invited during this Jubilee to make a pilgrimage in order to pass through a Door of Mercy; a journey of faith and reconciliation, with God and one another. The wonder of God's mercy should also be an inspiration to us: as we are grateful for the opportunity to receive His gift of mercy, so should we be lavish in being merciful, especially through reflecting on and practicing the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. May this Extraordinary Jubilee be a time of blessing for you all,"
Most Rev. Peter Smith Archbishop of Southwark
Please join us for a special Mass for the Immaculate Conception and the Year of Mercy at 7.30pm on Tue.



Corpus Christi Christmas Grand Draw, Sat. Dec. 12

Our draw tickets are on sale after each Mass this weekend. 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 money, sold or unsold tickets, please return them to Peter Beaumont or pop them through the Priest's House letter box. **Please join us at our Parish Party** when the draw will be made in the Parish Hall after our Vigil Mass on Saturday 12 December. The hall doors will be open from 7pm, with live music from 'Holy Smoke' until 10pm. Please join in the festive fun and fare with a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie, along with other goodies. Tickets cost £1 and will be available after our Masses from this weekend and at the door on the night. See you there!

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 2
TEAS & COFFEES: Team 4
ALTAR SERVERS: 06 Dec Rota A
13 Dec Rota B

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