



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 13th December 2015

3rd Sunday of Advent Gaudete Sunday [Year C]

WELCOME TO OUR SUNDAY MASS

Please use the sheet overleaf for our Mass readings

Mass details		Intentions
Saturday	6.00 pm	Antoni Majewski RIP
Sunday	9.00 am	Ned Butler RIP [anniv.]
	10.30 pm	For our Parish Family
	12.00 pm	Holy Souls
Monday	6.00 pm	Rina Corsini RIP
Tuesday	9.30 am	Holy Souls
Wednesday	9.30 am	Trevor Lane RIP
Thursday	9.30 am	Zinavuga and Family RIP
Friday	9.30 am	David Tiehi
		Mildred Zinavuga & Peter Jkakira
Next weekend		Next Saturday & Sunday
Saturday	6.00 pm	Michael Prentice RIP
Sunday	9.00 am	John Taylor RIP & Gabriel Hawley RIP
	10.30 am	Margaret Smith RIP
	12.00 pm	James Sullivan RIP [anniv.]
	6.00 pm	For our Parish Family



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: *Fourth Sunday of Advent (C)*
20 December Micah 5:1-4 Psalm 79
Hebrews 10:5-10 Luke 1:39-45

Advent Prayers and reflections



During Advent please join us for our annual reflections which are being given by Sr. Philomena Wright. The series of prayerful presentations occurs on Thursdays in the church at 10.15 am (after Mass) and again at 7.30 pm for those who can join us in the evening. Our last reflection is on Thursday 17 December and focusses on the Nativity. All are welcome to join us after Mass or in the evening so please meet in the church beforehand.



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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: £999 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 106 Prep of Gifts: 603
Communion: 87 & 651 Closing: 983
12:00 Hymns: Entrance: 106 Prep of Gifts: 603
Communion: 643 Closing: 824

LIVING THE WORD THIS WEEK

What makes you ask 'What can I do?' this week?
How does the Lord answer you this week?
What fills you with expectation this week?

For Parents:

How will you respond together to John the Baptist this week? Donate to the food bank collection, sort out some warm clothes for a homeless charity, or buy something for the Christmas Hampers or toiletries for the Spires?

For Children:

What could you share with others this week? Could you sort through your books, toys or clothes and ask to take them to a charity shop? Which charity would you choose?

Family Prayer

Leader: Let us rejoice in the Lord always.
All: For God has done great things for us.
Light two purple and the pink candles:
Lord as we share this meal, fill us with the happiness that comes from being kind and generous and from serving You.
Thank you for this time together. Amen
Leader: Let us rejoice in the Lord always.
All: For God has done great things for us.

Corpus Christi Grand Christmas Draw Sat 12 Dec
A BIG THANK YOU to all who bought and sold tickets for our Grand Draw (the amount raised will be published next week). Do please look at the result sheet in the porch and if lucky please ask Peter for your prize. Special thanks to our sponsors who covered our costs to promote awareness of the needs of children and families living with Autistic Spectrum Disorder and to Holy Smoke and all those who came along to the Parish Party that night.

Does your child play or have a musical instrument?
Would your child like to play as part of the children's orchestra for the Family Mass on Christmas Eve at 6pm? If so, please contact Marion Kilkenny on 0208 671 6551 or 07486 273456 who can give extra details. A rehearsal takes place from **10.30-12.30 on Wednesday 23 Dec.**



Vigil Mass of the Nativity of Our Lord, 6pm Christmas Eve
Our First Mass of Christmas is a Family Mass with carols and a **Nativity tableau** where the children of our Parish are invited to take part. If your child would like to be involved, we will be **meeting from 4.30pm on Christmas Eve to prepare and rehearse.** Please remember your child can come dressed-up in their favourite Nativity costume and Nativity roles will be appointed at 4.30pm.

For any parents wanting baptism for their children, our next class will be on 16 January 2016. An invitation will be sent to those who have already applied and any other parents should see Fr Adrian for further details.



All are welcome on Tuesday Dec 15 to the last **Anchor Bingo** session in 2015. Doors Open at 7.30 with eyes down at 8pm until 9.30pm. Admission is 25p. A win cannot be guaranteed but an enjoyable evening can ☺

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 3
TEAS & COFFEES: Team 5
ALTAR SERVERS: 13 Dec Rota B

NEXT Group 4
NEXT Team 6
20 Dec Rota A

Please remember we have a range of items on sale from the Repository in the Parish Hall after Mass, including **a selection of Christmas cards by John Bateson-Hill,** with 25p from each card helping towards our Church building fund. 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.

Thank you to all the parents who helped with our 'Stay & Play' Christmas Party with a special thank you to St. Nicholas (best known as Santa) who came on a surprise visit to give each child a present.



Please remember that from 6 January each Wednesday and Friday morning during term-time 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 to 11:30 am.** Can you help? Do you know someone who can? Then please contact Carina on 07940 574783.

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, which has 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 20 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.

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 Emeyonu, Kenza Tiehi, Ernest Henry, John Keane, Theo Wharfe, Esme Mckay, Marva & Donna Ricketts, Regina Oyonwo, Teresa Usoh Beverley Lesley and Sam and Wendy Simpson.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Bill Parry who died recently, and for George Keefe, Mary Evans, Mary Feehan, George Ramdeal, 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.