



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 20th December 2015

4th 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	Michael Prentice RIP
Sunday 9.00 am	John Taylor RIP & Gabriel Hawley RIP
10.30 pm	Margaret Smith RIP
12.00 pm	James Sullivan RIP [anniv.]
6.00 pm	For our Parish Family
Monday 9.30 am	Fedele Lucia RIP
Tuesday 9.30 am	Terry Thomas RIP
Wednesday 9.30 am	James Moylan RIP
Christmas Eve 9.00 pm	Robert Sullivan
Midnight	Private Intention
Christmas Day 9.00 am	Josie Curtin
10.30 am	Cruise Family RIP [FM]
12.00 pm	Donna Gatward and Family
Next weekend	Next Saturday & Sunday
Saturday 6.00 pm	For our Parish Family
Sunday 9.00 am	Holy Souls
10.30 am	Martin Doyle RIP
12.00 pm	Bridie Power
6.00 pm	Marion and Pat O'Malley
	* = 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: 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: *Feast of The Holy Family (C)*
27 December Samuel 1:20-28 Psalm 83
John 3:1-24 Luke 2:41-52

Music & Hymns for the Mass

10:30 Hymns: Entrance 113 Prep of Gifts: 606
Communion: Choir & 643 Closing: 112
12:00 Hymns: Entrance: 883 Prep of Gifts: 113
Communion: 749 Closing: 112



Christmas Draw and Parish Party
A BIG THANK YOU to all who helped to support our Parish Party and Grand Draw by buying Draw tickets beforehand or on the night at the party. We had a wonderful evening of great music, dancing and food with the band 'Holy Smoke' even winning one of the quizzes! The winners of the Grand Draw were posted in the porch last week and, so far, thanks to all your efforts, we have raised over £2,800! Thank you.

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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 5-5.45 pm, ending with Benediction

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday 5-5.45 pm and 6.50-7:15 pm 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: **£1308** 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.

LIVING THE WORD THIS WEEK

Who do you need to connect with to be able to nurture your faith this week? Filled with the Holy Spirit, where are you able to announce the true meaning of Christmas this week? Where are you aware of being overjoyed at the coming of the Saviour this week?

For Parents:

How do you feel about the visits you are to make or receive over Christmas?
How can you put Joy at the center?
Where does your faith bring you Joy this week?

For Children:

What makes you jump for joy this week?
'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb'.
Do you recognise these words?
Why not pray the Hail Mary this week and thank her for saying YES to the Angel Gabriel.

Family Prayer

Leader: Hail Mary full of grace. All: The Lord is with you. Light all four candles. Lord, as the days grow shorter, we remember that the day of your birth is near. May the food and the love that we share around this table strengthen us to share your light with all those we meet.
Leader: Hail Mary full of grace. All: The Lord is with you. Amen



6pm Christmas Eve: Family Mass of the Nativity of Our Lord
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.

Christmas Hampers and Gifts

Thank you to everyone who has donated gifts for local individuals and families in need, including some of our most elderly and isolated parishioners. Our charity collection this year has been for The SPIRES, which has been working locally with homeless and disadvantaged people since 1990. Gift parcels for our local Care Home will be made up the after the 10.30 Mass this Sunday, so thank you to everyone involved with this. If you would still like to help you can place your items in the hamper at the Lady Altar (see the notice on the hamper for details). Thank you for your kindness and generosity.



A you a fan of The Great British Bake Off?

Mary Berry's TV company has asked if we have parishioners from all the countries this Parish represents, who like cooking special Easter treats? The TV crew would love to hear about how the different cultures of our congregation celebrate Easter and if we have any celebrated home cooks who would love the idea of meeting Mary and cooking up a favourite Easter treat with her, or perhaps have an unusual story that goes along with a recipe, or family tradition from your country (for example the blessing of Easter Baskets from Poland). If you are interested and would like more information, please speak to Fr Adrian after Mass.



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, Catalina Snowdon Marva & Donna Ricketts, Regina Oyonwo, Teresa Ush Beverley Lesley, Sam and Wendy Simpson.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of -

Annie Collins, James Murphy, Owura Ampong, Michael Neagle, Beatrice Welcome, Kevin Guiste, Paolina Sammut, Blanca Duenas-Flores, Patrick Sheehan, Antonio Santillo, Adrienne De Doncker, Margaret Smith, 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.



Children's Orchestra Rehearsal Wednesday 23 Dec.

If your child would like to play an instrument



at the 6pm Family Mass on Christmas Eve, then please bring your child and their instrument to **our rehearsal in the church hall on Wednesday 23 December at 10.30am**. Please note: the rehearsal will last around two hours and all are welcome.



Our Parent and Toddler 'Stay & Play' group [PATS]
Please remember that from 6 January each Wednesday and Friday morning during term-time we have. **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.

Could you help with a new monthly lunch club?

This club will be open to all parishioners. We have a few people to help plan the lunch club but need a team of at least 10-15 volunteers to help buy, prepare and cook the food and to set-up, serve and then clear away. If you would like to be involved or would like to know more then please speak to Fr Adrian or contact John Bateson-Hill on 020 7652 0796 or 07722 260 434

Are you a parent seeking baptism for your child?

Please note our next baptism class is on Saturday 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.



Calling all our Altar Servers...

Are you able to serve over the Christmas period? Many servers are away at the moment but **we do need help for each Mass on 24, 25, 26 & 27 Dec.** Parents: if you know your child can help please sign their name on the Mass sheets in the Server's Sacristy this weekend. If your child can serve on Christmas Eve, please come along to the rehearsal (including Mass) at 9.20 on Wed 23 Dec finishing at 10.30am. Thank you.

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

CLEANING THIS WEEK: Group 4
TEAS & COFFEES: Team 6
ALTAR SERVERS: 20 Dec Rota A

NEXT Group 5
NEXT Team 7
27 Dec Rota B
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