



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 10th April 2016
3rd Sunday of Easter [Year C]

WELCOME TO OUR SUNDAY MASS

Please use the sheet overleaf for our Mass readings...

Mass details	Intentions
Saturday 6.00 pm	
Sunday 9.00 am	For our Parish Family
10.30 am	Helene Pember
12.00 pm	*
6.00 pm	*
Monday 9.30 am	Rosy De Souza RIP
Tuesday 9.30 am	NB: Communion Service
Wednesday 9.30 am	Tom Szczepanik RIP [anniv.]
Thursday 9.30 am	Kevin McNeily
Friday 9.30 am	Rev Cuffe RIP [FM]
Next weekend	Next Saturday & Sunday
Saturday 6.00 pm	*
Sunday 9.00 am	*
10.30 am	Margaret Smith
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 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 Easter (C)

17 Apr	Acts 13:14-52	Psalm: 99
	Apocalypse 7:9-17	John 10:27-30

Next Sunday is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, and there will be a second collection for Ecclesiastical Education. This will help meet the costs of training students for the permanent diaconate and students for the priesthood, and to help with the ongoing formation of the clergy and the training of future Church leaders.

Pilgrimage to Aylesford on Saturday 7 May.

This Pilgrimage is being arranged by The Legion of Mary and will cost £13 - to be paid when booking. Travel will be by coach at 9am from Brixton Water Lane with an expected return from Aylesford at 4.30pm. For more information, contact Mary Boakye on 07950 496841 or 020 7587 1936. A 50-seat coach has been booked in advance so please see Joseph in the Repository to book a seat by paying £13 in advance. Thank you.

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With Mass cover from the local Jesuit Community and support from the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary

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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 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 on last week raised: **£1478** 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: 269 Prep of Gifts: 604
Communion: 662 Closing 270

12:00 Hymns: Entrance: 268 Prep of Gifts: 600
Communion: 627 Closing: 293

LIVING THE WORD THIS WEEK

Where does the Risen Lord invite you to do something familiar in an unfamiliar way this week? 'Do you love me?' How will you answer the Risen Lord this week?

Where does the Risen Lord invite you to put this love into practice this week?

Children

Do Peter's actions surprise you? If you were Peter what would you do if someone said 'it is the Lord'? How will you show the Risen Lord that you love Him this week?

Families

Where is the Risen Lord most present to you this week?

What is the Risen Lord inviting you to something new this week?

Prayer

Children of God, do you love the God who hovered over the face of the deep and called the worlds into being? **Yes, you know that we do.** *Then feed God's children.* Children of God, do you love the God who was revealed in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus the Christ? **Yes, you know that we do.** *Then take care of God's children.* Children of God, do you love the God who breathes new life into us even as we gather this day? **Yes, you know that we do.** *Then feed God's children.*

We look forward to holding our **Summer Fair on Saturday 25 June** and would like to draw together a team to coordinate the event. If you have been involved before or would like to help please email BrixtonRC@btinternet.com putting Summer Fair in the subject box so that we can arrange a planning meeting. Thank you.

London Citizens Mayoral Accountability Assembly April 28th at 6.30pm in the Copper Box, Olympic Park

As before previous elections, London Citizens are holding a public Assembly to ask the Mayoral candidates' views on a range of key topics identified as of importance to everyone: Housing, a London Living Rent, the Living Wage and Employment Opportunities. As we are members of London Citizens, **a group from the parish will be attending and you are invited to join us.** For more information, please ask Barbara Wilson basiawilson1@gmail.com, Peter Beaumont or Fr Adrian. There is a sign up sheet on the notice board with more details Please note: if the numbers of people wanting to go from the Parish are sufficient we will arrange transport direct to the venue, otherwise we will travel by public transport.

CHILD SAFEGUARDING DETAILS: Childline: 0800 1111

Local Advisor: Yogi Sutton 07891039861

Diocesan Advisor: Helen Sheppard 020 7261 1606

CLEANING THIS WEEK: Group 5 **NEXT** Group 1
TEAS & COFFEES: Team 6 **NEXT** Team 7

ALTAR SERVERS: 10 Apr Rota A 17 Apr Rota B

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, Ernest Henry, Amanda Fenlon, Esme McKay, John Keane, Marva & Donna Ricketts, Regina Oyonwo, Teresa Usuh, Beverley Lesley, Judith Newman and Sam & Wendy Simpson. and all those whose anniversaries occur near this time.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of

Tom Szczepanik, Eleanor Maxwell, Gerald Murphy, Felicísimo Garcia San Miguel, Brenden Murphy, Bridget Pedersen, Noma Meyers, Patricia Gill, Geraldine Lewis, Muriel Beaumont, Beverly Young, Ita Doyle

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

Pope Francis's much anticipated document on the family has now been released. The publication the *National Catholic Register* has summarised the main points of the document (<http://tinyurl.com/jbbqr6p>) but the full document can be found online from the Vatican via the link <http://tinyurl.com/gqc864l>

What are the basic facts about the document?

It is called *Amoris Laetitia* (Latin, "the joy of love"), and it is what is known as a "post-synodal apostolic exhortation." An apostolic exhortation is a pastoral document in which the pope exhorts the Church. Although it contains doctrine, its primary focus is on pastoral care. ... *Amoris Laetitia* was written in response to two meetings of the synod of bishops - one held in 2014 and one in 2015, both of which were devoted to the subject of the family. **Continued in next column**

What subjects does the document cover?

It is a document that is 255 pages long, so it covers a wide array of topics connected with the family in today's world. In his own summary of its contents, Pope Francis explains: "I will begin with an opening chapter inspired by the Scriptures, to set a proper tone. I will then examine the actual situation of families, in order to keep firmly grounded in reality. I will go on to recall some essential aspects of the Church's teaching on marriage and the family, thus paving the way for two central chapters dedicated to love. I will then highlight some pastoral approaches that can guide us in building sound and fruitful homes in accordance with God's plan, with a full chapter devoted to the raising of children. Finally, I will offer an invitation to mercy and the pastoral discernment of those situations that fall short of what the Lord demands of us, and conclude with a brief discussion of family spirituality (AL 6). At the two synods of bishops the subject of pastoral care for those who are divorced and civilly remarried and of people with a homosexual orientation were discussed. Although these are not the focus of *Amoris Laetitia* (and, in fact, represent only a small part of what it has to say) they also represent the subjects many people will be most interested to know about ...

What does the document say about homosexuality?

It says very little. It notes that same-sex unions "may not simply be equated with marriage" (AL 52). It also says: During the Synod, we discussed the situation of families whose members include persons who experience same-sex attraction, a situation not easy either for parents or for children. We would like before all else to reaffirm that every person, regardless of sexual orientation, ought to be respected in his or her dignity and treated with consideration, while 'every sign of unjust discrimination' is to be carefully avoided, particularly any form of aggression and violence. Such families should be given respectful pastoral guidance, so that those who manifest a homosexual orientation can receive the assistance they need to understand and fully carry out God's will in their lives. In discussing the dignity and mission of the family, the Synod Fathers observed that, "as for proposals to place unions between homosexual persons on the same level as marriage, there are absolutely no grounds for considering homosexual unions to be in any way similar or even remotely analogous to God's plan for marriage and family." ...

Does the document propose specific solutions to problems faced by those divorced and civilly remarried?

No. After reviewing a variety of defective marital situations in which people may find themselves, the document states: If we consider the immense variety of concrete situations such as those I have mentioned, it is understandable that neither the Synod nor this Exhortation could be expected to provide a new set of general rules, canonical in nature and applicable to all cases (AL 300). Instead, the document articulates a set of principles to be applied to the pastoral care of such individuals.

What are these principles?

The chapter discussing them is more than 5,500 words long, so we can't cover them fully, but they include:

- Not watering down the Church's teaching on marriage
- Helping people grow toward realizing the Church's teaching on marriage in their own lives
- Recognizing that people in defective situations are not all in the same situation
- Helping integrate such people into the life of the Church, based on what is possible in their individual cases.

If you have any questions concerning the document please see Fr Adrian but do please view the whole document if you can online via the shortened link <http://tinyurl.com/gqc864l>