



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 19 February 2017

WELCOME TO OUR SUNDAY MASS

7th Sunday Ordinary Time [Year A]

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

Mass details		Intentions
Saturday	6.00 pm	William Brownie Forde RIP
Sunday	9.00 am	For Our Parish Family
	9.15 am	HMP Brixton
	10.30 am	*
	12.00 pm	Maxwell Patrick Sempa-Asante RIP
	6.00 pm	Bishop Patrick Lynch ss.cc
Monday	9.30 am	*
Tuesday	9.30 am	*
Wednesday	9.30 am	Margaret Boyle and family
Thursday	9.30 am	*
Friday	9.30 am	*
Next weekend		Next Saturday & Sunday
Saturday	9.30 am	Joseph Constable RIP [FM]
	6.00 pm	*
Sunday	9.00 am	For Our Parish Family
	9.15 am	HMP Brixton
	10.30 am	*
	12.00 pm	Michael Dymkowski RIP
	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.

Next Sunday's Readings: eighth Sunday Ordinary Time (A)

26 Feb	Isaiah 49:14-15	Psalms: 61
	1 Corinthians 4:1-5	Matthew 6:24-34

Music & Hymns for the Mass

10:30 Hymns: Entrance: 794 Prep of Gifts: 807
 Communion: music & 639 Closing: 801

12:00 Hymns: Entrance: 794 Prep of Gifts: 608
 Communion: 775 Closing: 803

Next weekend we will be holding a second collection in aid of the **poorest Parishes in our Diocese**. This collection will help the Archbishop to make grants to some of the smaller parishes within our Diocese who cannot support themselves financially.

Anchor Group News ... A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who helped to make the jumble sale last Saturday such a great success. We raised £542.36.

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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 5-5.45pm & 6.50-7:15pm by arrangement

Baptisms and Weddings by arrangement

Please see Fr. Adrian to make an appointment.

Office Open: Monday to Friday 10 am to 1 pm

Hall Bookings call 01372457651 or 07886000882

www.lowcosthalls.co.uk or <http://tinyurl.com/gpqbza9>

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: **£1525** 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

This week we are again invited to see more than just the words: the first part offers us a way of non-violent response to oppression. Where might you accept this offer this week? The second offers us a way of loving that goes beyond what seems natural. Who are you being asked to love this week? How does are you challenged by Jesus' words this week?

For Children

How do you react when others are mean to you? How is this different to what Jesus is saying in the Gospel? How can you be more like Jesus this week?

For Families

Today's Gospel is a lesson in how we respond to others, how loving our enemies is to disarm them. We are invited to respond in love to every encounter, to 'be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect.' Another meaning of perfect is to be holy or merciful. How can you be 'perfect' in the way you respond to others this week?

Prayer by Anne Osdieck

Lord, who can turn the other cheek, give away their coat, go two miles instead of one, love enemies and pray for all those who persecute them?

Not us. Not without you, Lord.

As you did from your cross, let us wage love, not war. Help us go way beyond being nonviolent.

Give us generosity of spirit.

We want to love as you do. **Amen**

Annual Altar Servers Party 26 February 2.30-4.30pm



Calling all altar servers. Please collect an RSVP slip from Fr David or Fr Adrian in the Sacristy this weekend to come along to this year's altar servers' party. Please bring along some music, ideas for games and some food and drink to share for an afternoon of fun and possibly even a game of chocolate Bingo!

Our 200 Club is inviting all parishioners to join or renew their membership to the '200 Club' - **our Parish fundraising lottery**. Joining the 200 Club not only helps our Parish but also gives members a chance to win a monthly prize of £20, £15 and £10, with the draw on the last Saturday of the month and a large draw with prizes of £300, £150 and £50 in November. *The cost is £12 each year.* Each number has the same opportunity to win a cash prize each month, with a bumper amount in time for Christmas. All surplus funds, after the prizes, go towards the upkeep of the Church: please be in it to win it. ☺

Why be 1 in a Million when you can be 1 in 200, with a greater chance of winning whilst supporting the church!

Parish Welcome and Usher/Response Team



A few people have kindly mentioned that they would like to help form a team of ushers at each Mass in addition to our Welcome team. Such a team could help guide people to find seats or to come forward at Holy Communion in addition to the rare occasions (as on Christmas Day) when difficult situations arise. If you would be happy to be part of a team and help on a rota for each Mass, please email the Parish Office BrixtonRC@BTinternet.com. If you have spoken to Fr Adrian already please email as well so we can have a record of your details, thank you.

Our prayers go out to all those who are in need of any kind in our parish, to those who are unwell and to all those who care for them: we remember especially all the petitions in our Sacred Heart Book of Prayer and Samira Rashid, Maria Nardese, Magdalene Hibbert, Sue Murray, Ernest Henry, Amanda Fenlon, Esme McKay, John Keane, Teresa Usho, Marva & Donna Ricketts, Beverley Lesley, Marisa Delpoio, Caoimhghin McCann, Judith Newman, Mrs Fashola, Kathleen Hetmanski, Lizete Neves, Anne Spencer, Sam & Wendy Simpson.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Maxwell Sempa-Asante who died recently and for Carmen Spiteri, James Mullins, Betty Irving, Verdal Smith, Louis Beche, William 'Brownie' Forde and all those whose anniversaries occur near this time.

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

CLEANING THIS WEEK: Group 4 **NEXT** Group 5
TEAS & COFFEES: Team 5 **NEXT** Team 6

ALTAR SERVERS: 19 Feb Rota B 26 Feb Rota A

RC Archdiocese of Southwark: Registered Charity No. 235468

UPDATE ON OUR REPAIRS

Thanks to the generous response to our appeal **we have raised just over £3200** which has enabled us to cover the repairs to the boiler. Sadly though, we have further unplanned expenses of around £15,000 to £20,000 because of the urgent repair work needed to the Presbytery Roof and the church drains. If you haven't been able to contribute to our appeal so far then **please prayerfully consider how much you might be able to give on top of your ordinary collection** so that we can share this burden together, with each person giving according to their means. Donations can be sent in to the Parish Office at 11 Trent Road or online via <http://goo.gl/aufHWE> or even via text. To donate by phone simply Text INRI55 £5 to 70070 to donate £5 or INRI55 £10 to donate £10. In addition to this we aim at holding some **parish fundraising social events** over the course of the next few months, with the first parish event on **Saturday 29 April from 7-10pm** in the Parish Hall. We aim for it to be an evening of music and dancing with food and drink to share, so please save the date in the diary and see Fr Adrian or Fr David to volunteer to help in any way so that we can 'raise the roof' as well as our funds! Speaking of which ...

To donate by phone simply send a text to **70070** using the code **INRI55** then the amount, e.g. to send £10 text INRI55 £10 to 70070 - THANK YOU!

An Evening of Entertainment on Saturday 4 March

John Bateson-Hill has signed up to raise funds for St Christopher's Hospice by cycling to Paris and is holding an event from **7.15 to 10 pm on 4 March with entry by donation for a variety night of music and poetry.**



You are invited to bring along some food and drink to share and even to perform your party piece. As with all similar events the Parish waives the hall hire fee to help boost the charity funds and, depending on how much John raises, the plan is also to contribute to the costs accrued by the Seniors' Lunch Club which John helps to coordinate. For more information or if you can help contact John Bateson-Hill on 07722 260 434.

Our Church Cleaning Rota needs some new volunteers.

If you can help or would like some more information, please contact Peter Beaumont on 020 7274 6906. Thank you to Peter who coordinates the rota and to all our volunteer cleaners, both those who help on a Friday and to the couple of volunteers who help to clean the hall during the week: your service to the Lord is a great service to the Parish, THANK YOU.



Parish Fundraising in Lent

As well as hoping to continue to raise the £15,000 to £20,000 needed for the urgent repair work to the Presbytery Roof and church drains and walls, our concern also reaches out beyond our boundaries. This year, our Lenten appeal will raise funds for the vital work of the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary in Aleppo, Syria. Sr. Brygida Maniurka FMM, who has been based in Corpus Christi Parish, now helps to care for families in Aleppo and will keep us updated on how best we can help.