



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 26 February 2017

WELCOME TO OUR SUNDAY MASS

8th Sunday Ordinary Time [Year A]

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

Mass details	Intentions
Saturday 6.00 pm	*
Sunday 9.00 am	Ricardo Martins RIP [Anniv.]
9.15 am	HMP Brixton
10.30 am	For Our Parish Family
12.00 pm	Michael Dymkowski RIP
6.00 pm	*
Monday 9.30 am	Adrian D'Cunha RIP
Tuesday 9.30 am	*
Ash Wednesday 9.30 am	In thanksgiving
7.30 pm	Frederick Barthorpe RIP [FM]
Thursday 9.30 am	In thanksgiving
Friday 9.30 am	*
Next weekend	Next Saturday & Sunday
Saturday 9.30 am	*
6.00 pm	Edith Emenyeonu RIP [Anniv.]
Sunday 9.00 am	For Our Parish Family
9.15 am	HMP Brixton
10.30 am	*
12.00 pm	UCM
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: First Sunday of Lent (A)

05 Mar	Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7	Psalms: 50
	Romans 5:12-19	Matthew 4:1-11

Music & Hymns for the Mass

10:30 Hymns: Entrance: 975	Prep of Gifts: 608
Communion: Music & 775	Closing: 969
12:00 Hymns: Entrance: 720	Prep of Gifts: 610
Communion: 627	Closing: 849

Stations of the Cross and Divine Mercy.

Please join us each Friday at 2.45pm to pray the Stations of the Cross and the Divine Mercy prayers at 3pm. The prayers can be led each Friday by a different parishioner or representative of a parish group such as the UCM, Legion of Mary, Stay 'n' Play Group. The devotions are deliberately short to allow for the school pick-up. If you cannot join us on Friday afternoons, why not check www.fisheaters.com/stations.html

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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/gpqbzaz>

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: **£1409** 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 serve this week?

What can nature teach you about God this week?

Which of your worries keep you from trusting in the Lord this week?

For Children

What do you worry about? Write these things down and talk to Jesus about them. End your prayer by asking the Holy Spirit to fill you with trust.

What do you think Jesus meant when He asks you to 'Seek the Kingdom first'?

For Families

How might you seek the Kingdom together?

Take a little time to notice nature this week, the earth is showing signs of life:

there are snowdrops and other bulbs beginning to flower, listen to the bird song as they build nests.

How does this help us deepen our relationship with God?

Prayer

Dear Lord, this world is filled with such uncertainty, but we are assured we can really and truly rely on You. You are the never-changing, eternal, ever-present God, whose love never fails.

We can always place our confidence in You, knowing You will never leave nor forsake us. **Amen**

UPDATE ON OUR REPAIRS

Thanks to the generous response to our appeal we have raised now the wonderful sum of just over **£5200** 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!

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

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.

An Evening of Entertainment on Saturday 4th March
John Bateson Hill has signed up to raise funds for St Christopher's Hospice by cycling to Paris and is hosting a **variety night of music and poetry** starting at **7.15 pm on 4th March with entry by donation**. 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.



Ash Wednesday Celebrations.

Please note our **Masses for Ash Wednesday are at 9.30 am and 7.30pm on 1 March**. Children and parents from Corpus Christi School will join us for the morning Mass at 9.30am and Ashes will be explained and distributed in the afternoon to pupils and staff in our Nursery and Reception classes. Prior to the evening Mass, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available between 7 and 7.20 pm. A Lenten Alms collection will be held during or Ash Wednesday Masses.



As well as giving something up through fasting or abstinence during Lent, why not take up a deliberate choice of spending a little extra time each day in prayer, even if it's just resting in the silence of the Lord and letting the stillness and peace bring some comfort to the soul? If possible, please join us during Lent for our Holy Hour each Saturday with Eucharistic Adoration and the Sacrament of Reconciliation from 5pm with Benediction at 5.50pm.

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!

Anchor Bingo on Tuesday 28 February.

Doors Open at 7.30pm with 'eyes down' at 8 pm. Admission is 25p. **All welcome.**

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 Usuh, 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 Joan Josephine Reilly and Fr Anthony Bex SJ who died recently and for Maddelena Lucas, Alfred Kamara, Ciareti Kitralaki, Richard Gooden. Donald Oxley, Patrick Snow, Christine Crayford, Mary Duggan, 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 5
TEAS & COFFEES: Team 6

ALTAR SERVERS: 26 Feb Rota A

NEXT Group 1
NEXT Team 7
05 Mar Rota B
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