



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 15th December 2013

3rd Sunday of Advent [Year A]

Today is Gaudete (Joyful) Sunday and marks the half-way point in our Advent journey and anticipation of Christmas

WELCOME TO OUR SUNDAY MASS

Readings from p.30 Parish Mass Book [Year A Part 1]

A special "Thank you" to Sr. Irena for all she has done in our Parish over the last few years. As she begins her new ministry our prayers go with her and we hope that as many of the Parish as possible can join us after the 12 pm Mass on Sunday to say "Farewell" in the Parish Hall from 1-2 pm.

Mass details		Intentions
Saturday	9.30 am	Justin De Blank RIP
	6.00 pm	John Barrett RIP
Sunday	9.00 am	Ned Butler RIP
	10.30 am	Rosary Group in thanksgiving
	12.00 pm	For our Parish Family
Monday	6.00 pm	Leslie Sinclair RIP
	9.30 am	Chris Nuabuife & Family
Tuesday	9.30 am	David Tieni
Wednesday	9.30 am	Domas Dourado
Thursday	9.30 am	Boniface Emenyeom RIP
Friday	9.30 am	Koudou Family
<i>Next weekend</i>		
Saturday	9.30 am	<i>Next Saturday & Sunday</i> Paddy O'Malley RIP
	6.00 pm	Joan Collins RIP
Sunday	9.00 am	Puleng Mokhobo
	10.30 am	Margaret Smith
	12.00 pm	Michelle Ennis RIP
	6.00 pm	For Our Parish Family

Please join us for reflection before the Blessed Sacrament and Confession this Saturday with the opportunity during Advent for silent prayer. Please note the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) will be available from 12-1 pm this Saturday but other opportunities are as follows:

Tuesday 17th from 8.15 pm – 8.45 pm
Saturday 21st from 12 pm – 1 pm

Next week's Readings

22 Dec. Isaiah 7:10-14 Psalm 23
Advent 4 Romans 1:1-7 Matthew 1:18-24

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Monday 7.00 pm Corpus Christi School Carol Service
Tuesday 8.00 pm Anchor Bingo in Hall. Doors open at 7.00 pm, for a light supper - all are welcome to attend.
Wednesday 9.15 am Parents & Toddlers in the Hall
7.30 pm RCIA Group in the Hall
Thursday 9.00 am Relax & Movement in the Hall
7.30 pm Corpus Christi Parish Carol Service
Friday 7.30 pm Confirmation Group in the Hall

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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: **£1455** 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 pension or income? Have you signed a Gift Aid form? It does not cost you any further money but it helps the Parish greatly: we receive 25p from the Government for every £1 you give. Please ask Joe or Nigel for details. Thank you.*

10:30 Mass Hymns: Opening 92 Prep of Gifts 604
Communion: 643 Closing: 883

12:00 Mass Hymns: Opening 92 Prep of Gifts 610
Communion: 956 Closing: 112

Living the Word in the Week Ahead:

Where do you hear and see the work of the Lord this week?
How do you prepare the way of the Lord this week?
What does your lived faith say about 'the One who is to come'?

200 Club - Congratulations to our winners this month:
Peter Beaumont £400 John Crilly £200 Yogi Sutton £100

A number of our parish family members are away over Christmas, so we look forward to seeing you on your return after a joyous time with family and friends. If you are away, please remember to take a *Christmas Offering envelope* from the porch for Fr Adrian. Our weekly collection is for the Parish, not Fr Adrian, and as he receives no salary your offering at Christmas helps to support him over the next six months, thank you.

Thank you to a number of people who offered their practical help over the last couple of weeks when our telephone and internet services were out of order. Thank you also to all those who have expressed their support and encouragement whilst we try to arrange the Parish Office on a volunteer basis: please remember we have no Parish Secretary or full-time support. Sorry if you rang and got not answer but our lines are up and running now and messages can be left if you wish. Thank you.

Our prayers go out to all the sick of our parish, or in need of any kind, and to those who care for them, especially:

Margaret Rakgomo, Gail Mylne, Paddy Skehan, Brian White, Eugene Azevado, Mary Clarke, Sonia Miller, Violet Wilson, Silas Pullen, Alfred Owusu, Teresa McGarvey, Tom Glennon, Terry Thomas, Shane Canavan, Jorge de Almeida, Patricia Bellamy, Magdeline Poee, Francis Bernard, Anna Lourenco, Pearl Harvey, Peter Flaherty, Jacob Pridmore, Margaret & Vanda Haughton-James, Veronica Fitzpatrick, Beverley Owens, Joyce Hall, Courtney & Martin Ward, Mary Magro & Ophelia Nazareth

The sick and housebound are very much at the heart of the church and support us in their prayers as we support them with ours at every Mass.

Fr Adrian is visiting sick and housebound members of the Parish and will continue to do so especially throughout Advent. **To ensure that everyone who needs the Sacrament of the Sick can be seen, will Extraordinary Ministers who visit with Communion please write down the contact details of the people they visit, together with their details, and see Fr. Adrian.** If you used to receive a visit and don't know why the visits stopped please write to Fr. Adrian so he can know about you, as the parish doesn't have a record of all previous visits. Thank you.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of

Denis Doherty, John Dalton, Walter Thomas Smith, Kwaku Among, Annie Collins, Michael Neagle, Beatrice Welcome, Michael Haughton-James, Mary Evans

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.

Parents' needing school references - the time for 6th Form, Nursery and Reception references has arrived: please see Fr. Adrian after Mass to **collect a Parish Reference Application.** To help the process each family seeking a reference must see Fr Adrian for a 10 minute 'drop-in' at one of our 'open surgeries'. The next surgery is from **2 - 3 pm on Monday 16th December.** **Seven families** can be seen that afternoon but there will be 'surgeries' each week after Christmas and after the New Year, so time for all to be seen.

Rotas need to be planned for all the various ministries over Christmas, so please check your diaries to see if you can help in any way and please leave your name and contact details on the sign up sheet in the porch. Please remember that up to **8 children** can serve at each Mass. If there are more than 8 volunteering to serve at a particular Mass their names will be drawn at random by lottery, however, we do need Altar Servers at each Mass so parents, please consider which Mass your children could serve. Thank you for your understanding. Once the Mass Rotas have been prepared they will be posted in the porch. **Please note: rehearsals for Altar Servers will be held from 10-11 am on Christmas Eve so please volunteer only if you can be free to attend.**

Please join us this Tuesday for the last **Advent Reflection led by Fr. Josef.** You are welcome to join us for Vespers at 6.45 pm in the church followed by a light meal in the hall at 7pm, returning to the church at 7.30 pm. Please join us **at any time.** Priests are available for Confession from 8.15-8.45 pm.

As you are aware every year we collect items for Christmas "hampers". This year we are asking you to be as generous as ever and bring your Christmas gift items over the next couple of weeks to the Sacristy in the church, before or after Mass, so that your gifts can be given to local families in need before Christmas. Thank you for your generosity.

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Grand Draw Sat 14 December:

Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets, our anonymous sponsors and those who helped out on the night. Please see the results sheet in the porch to see if you or your family have won. Prizes can be collected today. Details of how much has been raised will be published next week.



Thank you to Rose Serwaa who helped to clean the Parish Hall each Tuesday. As our Hall is used so frequently, once a week cleaning is not enough, so **we are looking for volunteers to help clean the Hall toilets and kitchen each morning from 8.30-9.** If you could help in this way please write a letter to Fr Adrian with your name and contact details and drop it into the Priest's House or send an email to the parish address brixtonrc@btinternet.com. **We don't have funds to employ someone at present but plan to first seek to employ a cleaner from our volunteers when funds are available so please consider if you can help.**

Our parish families with young children are especially invited to our 6 pm Mass on Christmas Eve. We are looking for children to be Angels and Shepherds. There will be a rehearsal at 1030-1200 on Christmas Eve. If you would like your children to be involved, please contact Robert Eaglestone or any of the Children's Liturgy Catechists on Sunday or via the Parish Office. If for any reason you can't contact us, or can't come to the rehearsal, your children are welcome just to turn up at the Mass dressed as Shepherds or Angels and will be involved in the Nativity if they wish. There will be carols in the church from 5.30 pm so children could arrive then or at the latest by 5.45 pm please, thank you.

SUPPORTING YOUR PARISH THROUGH STEWARDSHIP:

All our giving should be **Prayerful, Planned and Proportionate** so please give what you can to our collections after prayerful reflection on how you can support the ministry of the Church. Please consider giving the equivalent of at least one hour of your weekly income and think about how you can use your Time, Talents and Treasures in one of our parish groups, e.g. counters, cleaners, refreshment team, etc. If you are a UK tax payer please consider setting up a Gift Aid payment direct to the church bank account. Thank you for all your support.

ALTAR SERVERS: 15 Dec Rota A 22 Dec. Rota B Please remember: **up to 8 children** can serve each Mass and do please volunteer to serve at the range of Masses we have over the Christmas period, thank you.

CLEANING THIS WEEK: Group 5 please check with Peter Beaumont over times and access, thank you.

TEAS AND COFFEES NEXT SUNDAY: Team 7