



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 18th December 2016

WELCOME TO OUR SUNDAY MASS

4th Sunday of Advent [Year A]

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

Mass details	Intentions
Saturday 6.00 pm	For Our Parish Family
Sunday 9.00 am	Fr Isadore Bonabom SJ RIP [Anniv.]
9.15 am	HMP Brixton
10.30 am	R. Ada & E. Amougov RIP
12.00 pm	Dennis Cronin RIP
6.00 pm	*
Monday 9.30 am	*
Tuesday 9.30 am	James Sullivan RIP [Anniv.]
Wednesday 9.30 am	*
Thursday 9.30 am	*
Friday 9.30 am	Kenny Seechurn
Next weekend	Next Saturday & Sunday
Christmas Eve 6.00 pm	
Midnight	John Boyle RIP
Christmas Day 9.00 am	For Our Parish Family
9.15 am	HMP Brixton
10.30 am	Cruise Family RIP [FM]
12.00 pm	Margaret Smith RIP
NB there is no 6pm Mass	NB there is no 6pm Mass
	* = 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 week's Readings: Christmas Day (A)

25 Dec	Isaiah 52:7-10	Psalms 97
	Hebrews 1:1-6	John 1:1-18

Music & Hymns for the Mass

10:30 Hymns: Entrance: 113 Prep of Gifts: 607
Communion: Music & 643 Closing: 112

12:00 Hymns: Entrance: TBA Prep of Gifts: TBA
Communion: TBA Closing: TBA

Please help us to prepare for Christmas by ...

- moving chairs from the hall into the Church after the 6pm Mass on Sun. 18th December.
- decorating the Christmas tree for the Church at 7pm after the 6pm Mass on Sun. 18th December.
- Helping us to serve mince pies and refreshments after the Christmas Midnight Mass.

Finally, can all Altar Servers who are due to serve at both the Christmas Vigil and Midnight Masses please be sure to come to the practice at 10.30am on Christmas Eve.

Parish Priest: Fr Adrian McKenna-Whyte BTh MSc

Assistant Priest: Fr David Howell MA (Oxon) STL

Telephone: 020 7274 4625 - Twitter @BrixtonRC

The Priest's House 11 Trent Road London SW2 5BJ

Email: BrixtonRC@btinternet.com

Parish website: www.corpuschristibrixton.org

Archdiocesan website: www.rcsouthwark.co.uk

Franciscan Missionaries of Mary 020 7274 6082

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: **£1547** 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

Where do you act out of shame or fear this week?

Who does the Lord send you with the message 'Do not be afraid' this week?

How will you do what God asks of you this week?

For Children

Almost but not yet! The last purple candle is alight and we wait to celebrate the coming once more of Emmanuel. Is there anything else you need to do to be ready for Him?

What dreams do you have? How does God speak to you?

Write a grace to pray before Christmas dinner.

For Families

Christmas is a time for families and in the Gospel, we hear that Joseph is a son of David. Take time to think of your extended family especially if you are not able to be with them.

How will you make them present at your celebrations?

Is it possible to spend time away from the practical preparations to pray together this week?

Prayer

O Wisdom, O Lord and Ruler, O Root of Jesse,
O Key of David, O Rising Sun, O King of the nations,
O Emmanuel, Come, Lord Jesus. **Amen**

Children's Orchestra. If any children would like to play at the 6pm Mass on Christmas Eve, there is a rehearsal at 10.30am on Saturday 24th December to prepare. If you can help please let us know by contacting Bill [10.30 Mass], Marion or Tessa [at 12 noon Mass or on 07866 303710]. Any child who turns up at the rehearsal is welcome to play

Prepare the Way ... (reflecting on our Jesse Tree)

JESSE TREE



Our Jesse Tree symbols this week began with Hezekiah's Tent to remind us of God's presence in difficult times, and the Ember and Tongs to represent how we too, like Isaiah, can be cleansed of our sins by the Lord and speak out his word to others. The Tears of Jeremiah, represented his grief at how God's people had turned from the Lord; Habakkuk's Watchtower, symbolised his waiting in watchfulness upon the day of the Lord's coming; with Nehemiah's Wall

around Jerusalem standing for how it should be kept a holy place (a sad reference to the division in the Holy Land today and how the current wall around Jerusalem keeps people out). Next we have our first reference to the New Testament, with a Scallop Shell symbolising John's baptism and our own Christian journey of pilgrimage as we await the Lord's return. The White Lily this Sunday symbolises the purity of Mary, the Handmaid of the Lord, and our hope in the dawn of life eternal. Monday's symbol will represent the Motherhood of Mary and her cousin Elizabeth and Tuesday's symbol represents how Elizabeth's husband, Zechariah, used a Writing Tablet, to proclaim the name of John the Baptist. The carpenter's hammer on Wednesday's ornament represents Joseph's profession and his unique role in the story of our salvation; followed by the white candle, symbolizing Christ; the light of the world and reminding us of the white candle of our Advent wreath which will be lit at the celebration of the Nativity of our Lord. The Nativity is represented on our Jesse Tree by the manger that cradled the infant Jesus and on Christmas Day we place the last of our symbols, the Chi-Rho monogram, a combination of the first two letters for the Greek word of Christos, Christ – the true Light that came into the world on the first Christmas Day. As we draw nearer to Christmas let us remember in prayer all those who find this a time of difficulty and hardship, God bless, Fr Adrian

Thank you to all those who have been able to help to make a difference to those in need through your generous response to our Christmas Foodbank appeal. Throughout Christmas we will continue to support charities by giving donations of toiletries to Thcce Spires and to the Women at the Well, with any financial donations to the Missio refugee appeal'. Please visit our Crib and make a prayerful donation to help support vulnerable families in 2017. For example, please give either a toiletry item (e.g. shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste etc.) or money, where every penny will go directly to supporting Missio's vital work with refugees.

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 Usoh, Marva & Donna Ricketts, Beverley Lesley, Marisa Delpoio, Caoimhghin McCann, Judith Newman, Mrs Fashola, Kathleen Hetmanski, Anne Spencer and Sam & Wendy Simpson.

Children's Mass, Christmas Eve:

If any children would like to read or take part in the tableau at the 6pm Mass on Christmas Eve then please come to the Church Hall with a snack supper at 4.30pm on Saturday 24th December to rehearse, sing, snack and get dressed. All children will be welcome and given a part to play in the Mass. If you have any questions, please contact Fr Adrian. **Altar Servers - Please note:** If you already Serve at the Saturday Vigil or on Sunday at 6pm, please come to a Servers' practice at 4.30pm in the church on 18th Dec., thank you.



Anchor Bingo for Christmas on Tuesday 20 December. Doors open at 7.30 pm with 'eyes down' at 8pm. Admission 25p. **Everyone is welcome.**

Corpus Christi Grand Christmas Draw Sat 17 December. A BIG THANK YOU to all who bought and sold tickets for our Grand Draw (the amount raised will be published soon). Do please look at the result sheet in the porch and if a winner please ask Peter for your prize or see Fr Adrian if it is a cash win. Special thanks to our sponsors **Grapevine Letting** who covered our costs and to Holy Smoke and all those who came along to the Parish Party.

A message from our Justice and Peace Group.

As in previous years we invite you to send a Christmas card to a prisoner of conscience, writing a message of hope that they are remembered. Cards will be available in the hall after Mass on Sunday morning. Children are invited to make their own cards. These messages really make a difference each year so please come and sign one. www.amnesty.org/en/get-involved/write-for-rights



Please Help the Jesuit Refugee Service without it costing you anything!

The Jesuit Refugee Service assists refugees by exchanging supermarket vouchers they have been given, for cash, which they need for other expenses. If you would like to help the Jesuit Refugee Service to continue changing vouchers back into cash, please send a cheque for £15 payable to the Jesuit Refugee Service requesting a Tesco voucher and please do enclose a self-addressed envelope for the voucher to Jesuit Refugee Service, 2 Chandler Street, London E1W 2QT. Thank you.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of

John O'Shea who died recently and for George Ramdeal, Annie Collins, James Murphy, Owura Ampong, Michael Neagle, Beatrice Welcome, Kevin Guiste, Paolina Sammut, Blanca Duenas-Flores 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 1

TEAS & COFFEES: Team 5

ALTAR SERVERS: 18 Dec Rota A

NEXT 01 Jan Group 2

NEXT 01 Jan Team 6

01 Jan Rota B

RC Archdiocese of Southwark: Registered Charity No. 235468