



### 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

25<sup>th</sup> December 2016

### The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ [Year A]

### WELCOME TO OUR CHRISTMAS MASS

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

Mass details	Intentions
<b>Christmas Eve 6.00 pm</b>	Our Lady of Sorrow
<b>Midnight</b>	John Boyle RIP & Kay Raczkowaska
<b>Christmas Day 9.00 am</b>	For Our Parish Family/Josie Curtin
<b>9.15 am</b>	HMP Brixton
<b>10.30 am</b>	Cruise Family RIP [FM] & Bridie Power
<b>12.00 pm</b>	Margaret Smith RIP
NB there is no 6pm Mass	NB there is no 6pm Mass
Monday 9.30 am	*
Tuesday 9.30 am	Mary Ampah
Wednesday 9.30 am	*
Thursday 9.30 am	Pat O'Malley RIP and Maureen Reid
Friday 9.30 am	*
<b>Next weekend</b>	<b>Next Saturday &amp; Sunday</b>
Saturday 9.30 am	Joseph Cassar RIP [Anniv.]
6.00 pm	Henryka Szymaneka RIP [Anniv.]
<b>New Years Day 9.00 am</b>	*
<b>9.15 am</b>	HMP Brixton
<b>10.30 am</b>	For Our Parish Family
<b>12.00 pm</b>	Kitty Bayles RIP
NB there is no 6pm Mass	NB there is no 6pm Mass



### 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: Feast of Mary Holy Mother of God (A)

<b>01 Jan</b>	Numbers 6:22-27	Psalms: 66
	Galatians 4:4-7	Luke 2:16-21



A number of Children's Liturgy Helpers have contacted the Parish Office to say that they will be away for the Christmas holidays. We hope that all our helpers and children have a great time with family and friends during the Christmas break. Once everyone is back from holiday we will resume on January 8, 2017. Once again - thank you to all our Children's Liturgy Leaders and the volunteers who help them, your ministry is greatly valued in the Parish.

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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**

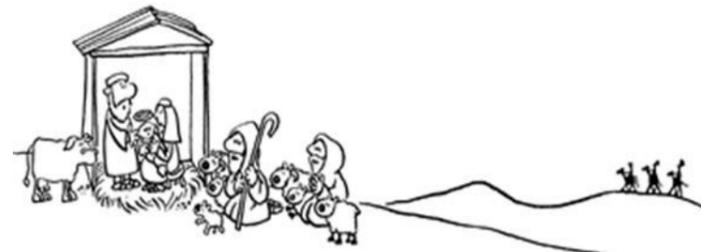
**Hall Bookings call 01372457651 or 07886000882**

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 last week raised: **£1339** 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.*

**10:30 Hymns:** Entrance: TBC Prep of Gifts: TBC  
Communion: TBC Closing: TBC

**12:00 Hymns:** Entrance: TBC Prep of Gifts: TBC  
Communion: TBC Closing: TBC



**Thank you again** to all those who have been able to help make a difference to those in need through your generous response to our Christmas appeal. Throughout Christmas we are supporting two Charities by giving donations of toiletries and non-perishable goods to The Spires and to the Women at the Well, who both help people who have been homeless or struggling on the streets. We also have the tradition of giving money at the Crib and any financial donations will go to the Missio Iraqi Refugee Appeal.

May God's blessings be with all of us for the New Year ahead and always; with our thanks and prayers,

*Fr. Adrian and Fr David.*

### LIVING THE WORD MADE FLESH

Emmanuel! How do you keep this a reality this week?

#### For Children

Remember that Christmas lasts for twelve days...celebrate the Season not just the day.

#### For Families

Light your white candle and put Jesus in the Crib ...reflect, pray, enjoy.

**Prayer.** May the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the perseverance of the wise men, the obedience of Joseph and Mary, and the peace of the Christ child be ours this Christmas.

#### Amen

**Christmas Party & Grand Draw.** Thanks to all who made a success of our recent Christmas party and draw. Special thanks to Grapevine Lettings, our sponsors and "Holy Smoke" our house band for entertaining us. Thank you to all who came assisted in any way, brought food, sold and bought tickets. The results have been published and the winners contacted. The amount raised was a very creditable £3,024.70. profit to Corpus Christi Parish.



### Our Parent and Toddler 'Stay & Play' group [PATS]

Please remember that they meet each Friday morning during term-time, and resume on 6 January.

They used to meet on Wednesday and Friday but have had to close one day due to lack of help.

If you can help please see Fr Adrian.

### Please pray for the repose of the souls of

Patrick Sheehan, Antonio Santillo, Adrienne De Doncker, Margaret Smith, Emma Comfort Agyepong, John Joyce, Mary Behan, Guy Lee, Catherine Whittaker, Isobel McKenna, Christopher Johnson, Eileen O'Callaghan

**May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, Rest in Peace. Amen**

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

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, Anne Spencer and Sam & Wendy Simpson.

If you know of anyone who is sick, going to hospital or in need of prayers, please let the Parish Office know in writing or by email if you would like their name added to (or withdrawn) from this list. Thank you. Please remember that the Data Protection Act does not allow hospital staff to let the parish know when a Catholic patient enters hospital. In order for a patient to receive the



Sacrament of the Sick or Holy Communion the Hospital Chaplaincy team should be notified as well as letting Fr Adrian know. If you have a loved one in hospital, please be assured of our prayers and concern.



### A message from Fr Adrian and Fr David

Thank you for the kind cards and Christmas gifts that we received over the last few days, they are all so much appreciated and will be a great help throughout the New Year ahead. We would especially like to thank all those who support the parish throughout the year including Yogi, Pat, Nicola and Vincent who help in the Parish Office, our Parish Council and Finance and Building Committee, Mary, Teresa, Wiggy and John our sacristy helpers, our Readers, Extraordinary ministers, helpers with Children's Liturgy, Peter who opens the church on weekdays, our tea & coffee teams, collection takers and counters, flower arrangers, welcomers, cleaners and altar servers: without your support our parish would grind to a halt. You provide a wonderful, loving act of service to the Lord and our prayers are that we continue to be "Corpus Christi" – the Body of Christ together – and be a witness of God's love to those around us. With our continued prayers and thanksgiving that you and your family may have a Happy and Holy Christmas and a New Year filled with God's blessings, *Fr. Adrian and Fr David.*

**OUR FAITH ENQUIRY [RCIA] GROUP** for adults who wish to learn more about their faith or to be baptised or confirmed will resume group meetings in the Parish Hall at 7.30pm on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2017. All are welcome but please see Fr Adrian, Bridget or Yogi for some more information if you would like to come. Thank you.

### First Holy Communion and Confirmation News.

**First Holy Communion parents** are reminded that the next dates that the groups will meet are

The **Thursday Group on 12 January** and the **Sunday Group on 15 January.**

**Confirmation candidates** are reminded that their next meeting is at **6 pm on Sunday 22 January 2017.**

### 6<sup>th</sup> Form, Secondary School Transfers and Nursery/Reception Applications

If you have moved into the Parish over the course of the last year or you have particular questions, then **please see Fr Adrian after Mass to book an appointment.**

**Please note:** appointments cannot be booked over the phone and are not open 'drop-in' times, so please make sure you see Fr Adrian after Mass on a Sunday if you need to book one. **Please return the Parish "Pink form" before booking an appointment so that Fr Adrian can have your details to hand. Thank you.**

### Parish Council Annual Prayer and Reflection

Please remember that all PPC members are called to take part in this time of reflection. We begin at 9 am on Saturday 21 January, and close at 3 pm on Sunday 22 January, with a further invitation to the Holy Hour and Vigil Mass from 5pm on the Saturday.

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

**CLEANING THIS WEEK:** 01 Jan Group 2 **NEXT** 08 Jan Group 3  
**TEAS & COFFEES:** 01 Jan Team 6 **NEXT** 08 Jan Team 7

**ALTAR SERVERS:** 01 Jan Rota B 08 Jan Rota A  
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