



## 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 10 December 2017

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent [Year B]

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

Mass details	Intentions
Saturday 9.30 am	Private Intention
6.00 pm	Ned Butler RIP
Sunday 9.00 am	A Cherian & R Anthony RIP [Anniv.]
9.15 am	HMP Brixton
10.30 am	Peter Asoluka RIP
12.00 pm	For Our Parish Family
6.00 pm	Thanksgiving
Monday 9.30 am	Helen Schesnak RIP
Tuesday 9.30 am	Ophelia Nazareth RIP
Wednesday 9.30 am	Denis Gabourg RIP
Thursday 9.30 am	Maryse Bernard RIP [1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv.]
Friday 9.30 am	Holy Souls
<b>Next weekend</b>	<b>Next Saturday &amp; Sunday</b>
Saturday 9.30 am	Michael Mulhall RIP [Anniv.]
6.00 pm	For Our Parish Family
Sunday 9.00 am	Thanksgiving
9.15 am	HMP Brixton
10.30 am	Private Intention [Usoh]
12.00 pm	A Cherian & R Anthony RIP
6.00 pm	Christopher Dow RIP
	* = 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: Third Sunday of Advent (B)**  
17 Dec Isaiah 61:1-11 Psalm Lk 1  
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 John 1:6-28

### Music & Hymns for the Mass

**10:30 Hymns:** Entrance: 94 Prep of Gifts: 606  
Communion: Music & 639 Closing: 84

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

**Faith Enquiry for Children:** for those children who have applied to make their First Holy Communion, but have not yet been baptised, please remember the first class for children and parents is on Thursday 14 December at 4.30 pm in the Priests' House.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL BE NO NOON MASS ON CHRISTMAS EVE (Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> Dec.)**

**Do you support Catholic schools? Send this email!**  
The Government is deciding whether to overturn the admissions cap which stops Catholic schools admitting 100% of their pupils from Catholic families. Email them to help overturn the cap by visiting [www.catholicnews.org.uk](http://www.catholicnews.org.uk)

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Franciscan Missionaries of Mary 020 7274 6082

Cenacle Sisters 020 8678 1329

**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](http://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: **£1375** 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 are God's messengers for you that invite you to turn back to the Lord? Who would entice you to leave your comfort zone? What does it mean to you to be baptised with the Holy Spirit?

#### For Children

Do you know anyone who is like John the Baptist? Why do you think people wanted to be with him? Who do you want to see and hear because they tell you about Jesus?

#### For Families

Together choose a way to support a charity through buying or donating gifts. How can you prepare a way to live more fully as a faith filled family? What ways can you make it easier for others to come to know Jesus Christ?

#### Prayer.

Dear Lord, May we prepare a way for others to come to know You. May we make the way easy and not put hurdles in the way of Your love.

May we know what it is to be baptised with the Holy Spirit every day.

**Amen.**



**The Jesse Tree:** Jesse was the father of King David, so our tree represents the 'family tree' of Jesus. Over the course of last week we placed the first symbols on our Jesse Tree: a **dove**, reminding us of the peace and harmony of creation as God intended; a **fruit** representing the original sin of Adam and Eve to remind us that Jesus is the New Adam who wipes away that sin; **Noah's ark**, reminding us of God's covenant to save his people; a **field of stars**, showing that we are God's children in fulfilment of his promise to Abraham; a **ram**, representing the sacrifice Abraham made to God and a link to the ultimate sacrifice of God's own Son; and the **burning bush** to represent the presence of the Lord and our personal response to how God calls us, even today. On Saturday we placed the **Passover Lamb**, pointing us again to God's care and the sacrifice that Jesus made for us; and on Sunday the **Trumpet** represents the one that Joshua used to bring down the walls of Jericho in response to God's call.

### JESSE TREE



**RESTORATION NEWS ...** A huge THANK YOU to all those who have been able to support our Sponsor-A-Brick fund as, with the work complete, we now have pledged a wonderful **£20,000**. Sadly, the extent of the **weather damage has increased the cost of the repairs closer to £50,000**. Please help to keep our church safe by making a donation in the name of your family or in memory of a loved one so that your legacy can live on - flyers in the porch will give more details. We are truly grateful for any amount received but still have over £30,000 to raise, the equivalent of still asking £30 from a thousand parish members who have not yet been able to give; however, please give whatever you can to help our church be a beacon of Christ's Light on Brixton Hill for many years to come, 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:** we remember especially our petitions in the Sacred Heart Book of Prayer and for Samira Rashid, Maria Nardese, Magdalene Hibbert, Amanda Fenlon, Esme McKay, John Keane, Teresa Usoh, Mary Byrne, Margaret Boyle, Isabel Cullen, Francis Nisbett, Lizete Neves, Marisa Delpoio, Sonia McGahren, Sarah Wallis, Marva & Donna Ricketts, Beverley Lesley, Rita Duffy, Caoimhghin McCann, Judith Newman, Mimi Cosgrave, Kathleen Hetmanski, Anne Spencer, William Tawiah, Egbert Smith, Ethna Fitzgerald, Nora Ryan, Idris Morris, Sean Callaghan, Mark Roubians and Patrick Stephens. **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.**

**Please pray for the repose of the souls of** Peter Collard and William Kojo Tawiah who died recently and for Tess McKenna-Whyte, John Baron, Anthony Ellul, George Keefe, Mary Evans, Maryse Bernard, Aley Cherian, Rosemary Anthony, 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**

**CLEANING THIS WEEK:** Group 1  
**TEAS & COFFEES:** Team 4  
**ALTAR SERVERS:** 10 Dec Rota A

**NEXT** Group 2  
**NEXT** Team 5  
17 Dec Rota B

Please remember to hand in any outstanding money, stubs and unsold books for our Grand Parish Draw, thank you.

Please join us for the **Parish Party** in the Hall from 7.15pm next Saturday, 16 December as a 'thank you' for all your help over the last year in our fundraising activities and the life of the Parish.



**Tickets for our Grand Draw that night are still available at all Masses this weekend at a cost of 50p a ticket or £5 per book of 10 tickets for a 1<sup>st</sup> prize of £200, a 2<sup>nd</sup> prize of £100 and a 3<sup>rd</sup> prize of £50.** We also like to give smaller prizes so, if you would like to donate a bottle of wine, spirits or some other new item as a raffle donation, please hand these in to Joe in the repository. **Any outstanding draw money, stubs and unsold books should be handed in after Mass today** or posted through the Priest's house letter-box labelled "Christmas draw". Any last-minute tickets can be brought to the Christmas Party next Saturday. Thank you.

**Our free Christmas Lunch for Senior Citizens is on Monday 18 December from 11.30 am in the Parish Hall.**



If you would like to come to the lunch, please add your name to the list in the church porch. To serve as a helper, or for more information please contact John Bateson-Hill on 07722 260 434. We need to know numbers please so that we can know how many people to cater for. Thank you.

### 6th Form, Secondary School Transfers and Nursery/Reception Applications for 2018

Please note that all parents applying for a school reference are requested to see Fr Adrian to obtain and complete a Parish request for each child seeking a place or transfer. **This is a Parish form, not the school one and is called the "Initial Application for a School Reference from the Parish Priest"** This form can be collected from Fr Adrian after every Mass each weekend. **To avoid any confusion:** The Parish form is not the Priest's Reference that the schools either send out or give to the parents. If you have received a Priest's Reference from the school(s) you have applied to, please follow the instructions printed on that form **AS EACH SCHOOL HAS A DIFFERENT PROCESS.**

- PLEASE NOTE: if the school has requested that a parent has to return the reference then the form must be posted into the Priest's House after any weekend Mass, so that the reference can be collected from Fr Adrian after any Mass the following weekend.
- if the school has requested that Fr Adrian has to return the form then the form must be accompanied by an **envelope addressed to the school with a stamp attached sufficient for the postage required**. A separate envelope is required for each school but *if the form is for Corpus Christi Primary school only then no stamp or envelope is required as Fr Adrian will take the references himself.*

**Please note: if you have moved into the Parish over the course of the last two years or have particular questions about the application process, then you are requested to see Fr Adrian after Mass to book one of the 'school reference' appointment times. Thank you.**

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