



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 24th December 2017

4th Sunday of Advent [Year B]

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

Mass details		Intentions
Saturday	9.30 am 6.00 pm	In Thanksgiving Carmel Cremin
Sunday	9.00 am	For Our Parish Family
Prison Mass	9.15 am 10.30 am 12.00 pm	Aley Cherian & Rosemary Anthony RIP Dec'd Russell Cruise family RIP NB THERE IS NO NOON MASS
Christmas Eve	6.00 pm	John O'Kane RIP
Midnight Mass	12.00 am	Holy Souls
Monday	9.00 am	Marian O'Malley & Maureen Reid
Christmas Day	10.30 am 12.00 pm 6.00 pm	Margaret Smith & Sean Hughes RIP Genowesa Sekula RIP NB THERE IS NO 6pm MASS
Tuesday	9.30 am	In Thanksgiving to God
Wednesday	9.30 am	In Thanksgiving to God
Thursday	9.30 am	In Thanksgiving to God
Friday	9.30 am	In Thanksgiving to God
Next weekend		
Saturday	9.30 am 6.00 pm	In Thanksgiving to God In Thanksgiving to God
Sunday	9.00 am 9.15 am 10.30 am 12.00 pm	In Thanksgiving to God Prison Mass For Our Parish Family Kenneth Cananvan & family
New Year's Eve	6.00 pm	Patrick Stephens RIP
New Year's Day	9.30 am	Sue Murray RIP

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: *The Holy Family (B)*

31 Dec Genesis 15:1-6,21:1-3 Psalm 104
Hebrews 11:8,11-12,17-19 Luke 2:22-40

Music & Hymns for the Mass

10:30 Hymns: Entrance: 113 Prep of Gifts: 604
Communion: 111 & 347 Closing: 112

Please note: there are two Masses in Church on the morning of Sunday 24th December; there is no Noon Mass,

the first Mass of Christmas is a Family Mass with the Nativity Tableau at 6pm with Confessions from 5pm.

The next Mass of Christmas is at Midnight, preceded by Confessions at 11pm and Christmas Carols at 11.30pm.



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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: **£1308** 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 is the Lord inviting you to be unafraid?
How will you bear Christ to those you meet?
What does it mean to you to know that nothing is impossible to God?

For Children

Who are the angels in your life?
'May it be done according to your word.'
How will you say Yes to God this week?

For Families

How do you recognise God's messengers?
Look back over Advent, where are you aware of the presence of the Holy Spirit moving within your family?
Where do you magnify the Lord?

Prayer:

Hail Mary, Full of Grace
The Lord is with you,
Blessed are you among women
And blessed is the fruit of your womb Jesus. Amen.

PLEASE NOTE - ON THE EVENING OF CHRISTMAS DAY THERE IS NO MASS AT 6PM



In the final countdown to the symbols on our Jesse Tree this week, the White Lily symbolises the purity of Mary, the Handmaid of the Lord, and our hope in the dawn of life

JESSE TREE



eternal. Tuesday's symbol will represent the Motherhood of Mary and her cousin Elizabeth and Wednesday'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 Thursday'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 so close to Christmas, let us remember in prayer all those who find this period a time of difficulty and hardship, especially as we commemorate how six months have passed following the tragedy of the deaths at Grenfell Tower and can celebrate how diverse communities can come together to support one another. With our prayers, God bless, Fr Adrian

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, Francis Nisbett, Lizete Neves, Marisa Delpoio, Jim Barley, Sonia McGahren, Sarah Wallis, Marva & Donna Ricketts, Beverley Lesley, Rita Duffy, Caoimhghin McCann, Judith Newman, Mimi Cosgrave, Kathleen Hetmanski, Anne Spencer, Egbert Smith, Ethna Fitzgerald, Nora Ryan, Idris Morris, Peter Hayes, Bridget Rawley, Sean Callaghan and Mark Roubians.

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

Patrick Stephens, William Kojo Tawiah, Henry Tan and Tommy McKernan who died recently and for Elizabeth Arhagba, Patrick Sheehan, Antonio Santillo, Adrienne De Doncker, Margaret Smith, Mary Behan, Guy Lee, Catherine Whittaker, Christopher Johnson, 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**

CHILD SAFEGUARDING DETAILS: Childline 0800 1111

Local Advisor: Yogi Sutton 07891039861

Diocesan Advisor: Helen Sheppard 020 7261 1606

RC Archdiocese of Southwark: Registered Charity No. 1173050

Once again, **A BIG THANK YOU** to all those who supported our Parish Party last Saturday as a 'thank you' for all the help in the Parish over the last year in our fundraising activities and the life of the Parish. With a special thank you to Grapevine Lettings and anonymous parishioners who sponsored the Grand Draw and Parish Party. All prizes, drinks, and food were donated; so thanks to all for coming and to Holy Smoke for the entertainment. The total profit going to the parish funds is £2,563.40 The winning tickets for our raffle and the Grand Draw are posted in the Porch with congratulations to Jacob Elliott James who won the 1st prize of £200, Betty Gordon who won the 2nd prize of £100 and to Lawson Ekpo who won the 3rd prize of £50. Please look out for your name and see Peter Beaumont in the Repository if you need to claim a prize.



Many thanks to everyone who organised and attended our Christmas Lunch for Senior Citizens on Monday 18 December! It was a great success with wonderful food, music and entertainment. Thanks especially to John Bateson-Hill and all who coordinated the event.



THANK YOU to all the Children who will be taking a part in our Nativity Tableau and to those who will be reading or playing an instrument at the 6pm First Mass of Christmas on Sunday 24th December.

Please remember to come along to the practice before the evening Mass and email lulubuglione@googlemail.com for any more information. Thank you.



Advent Reflection: *Mary is the closest one to priests. No one could have been a better priest than Our Lady. She really can, without difficulty, say, 'This is my Body', because it was really her body that she gave to Jesus. And yet Mary remained only the handmaid of the Lord, so that you and I can always turn to her as our Mother. She is one of our own, so that we can always be one with her. That, of course, is why Mary was left behind after the Ascension: to strengthen the priesthood of the apostles, to be a mother to them, until the Church, the young Church, was formed. St Teresa of Calcutta*

A message from Fr Michael Kirwin SJ

Dear friends at Corpus Christi, just a quick word of festive greeting, to let you know I've not forgotten you and this wonderful parish. I am living in Dublin these days, teaching theology at the Loyola Institute, Trinity College. I do come back to London from time to time, but my main contact address is 35 Lower Leeson Street, Dublin, D02 CD93, Republic of Ireland. My email is mkirwan@jesuits.net As some of you know, I'm not the greatest correspondent, but if anyone does get in touch I'll do my best to reply eventually. May God bless you and fill you with joy and peace this Christmas and New Year!

CLEANING THIS WEEK: Group 3
TEAS & COFFEES: Team 6
ALTAR SERVERS: 24 Dec Rota A

NEXT Group 4
NEXT Team 1
31 Dec Rota B