



### 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 2017

### 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
Saturday 9.30 am	In Thanksgiving
6.00 pm	Carmel Cremin
Sunday 9.00 am	For Our Parish Family
Prison Mass 9.15 am	Aley Cherian & Rosemary Anthony RIP
10.30 am	Dec'd Russell Cruise family RIP
12.00 pm	<b>NB THERE IS NO NOON MASS</b>
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	Margaret Smith & Sean Hughes RIP
12.00 pm	Genowesa Sekula RIP
6.00 pm	<b>NB THERE IS NO 6pm MASS</b>
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
<b>Next weekend</b>	<b>Next Saturday &amp; Sunday</b>
Saturday 9.30 am	In Thanksgiving to God
6.00 pm	In Thanksgiving to God
Sunday 9.00 am	In Thanksgiving to God
9.15 am	Prison Mass
10.30 am	For Our Parish Family
12.00 pm	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 Sunday's Readings: Feast of 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

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 have been supporting charities by giving donations of non-perishable goods to our FoodBank and toiletries to The Spires and the Women at the Well. We also have the tradition of giving money at the Crib and any financial donations will go this year to the Southwark Catholic Children's Society. 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.

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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.

### Living the Word

Take some time to rest in the presence of the Lord, focusing on what it means to be a faith-filled person at Christmas.

### Children

Remember to give thanks for all you have received, your family, your home, food, warmth and love.

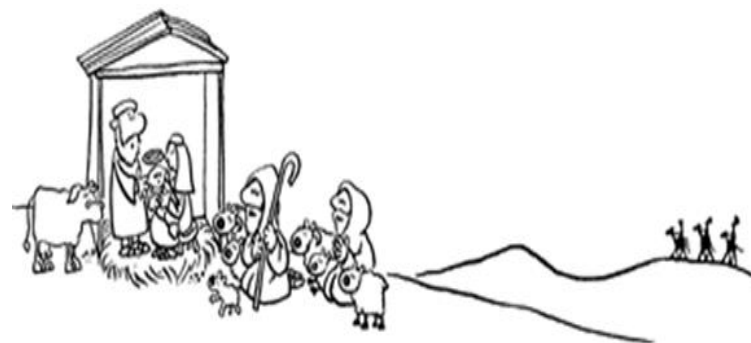
### Families

Put the figure of Jesus in your crib and make this the focus for your family prayer for the Twelve Days of Christmas when on the 6<sup>th</sup> January the Kings arrive to worship.

### Prayer

God of majesty and power  
Who spoke and this world was.  
Who breathed and this world lived.  
Who counts the hairs upon our head.  
Who sees our thoughts and reads our hearts.  
Who loves us more than we deserve.  
How can we not bring today  
Our sacrifice of praise?  
For in the child at Bethlehem  
Lies the promise of intimacy,  
With a Saviour who would die even for me,  
And the promise of an eternity  
In which to praise you more each day.  
God of promise we praise your name, Amen

Source: http://www.faithandworship.com/prayers\_Advent.htm



### 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.



### Children's Liturgy and Parent and Toddler News

Thank you to all our Children's Liturgy volunteers - your ministry is greatly valued in the Parish. 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 their holidays, our Children's Liturgy will resume on January 8, 2018.

Our Parent and Toddler 'Stay & Play' group [PATS] meets each Friday morning during term-time and will resume on 5 January.

### 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

### 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 Usuh, 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.



### 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, Vincent and Akosuah who help in the Parish Office, our Parish Council and Finance and Building Committee, Mary, Teresa and Wiggy 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 Priests' House at 7.45pm on Wednesday 10 January 2018. Thank you.

### First Holy Communion and Confirmation News.

First Holy Communion parents are reminded that there is a PARENTS' ONLY meeting on Friday 5 January from 7.30-8.45pm in the Parish Hall.

Following this the Thursday Group begins meeting on Thursday 11 January at 3.30-4.35pm and the Sunday Group begins meeting on Sunday 14 January at 5-6pm

Confirmation parents are reminded that there is a PARENTS' ONLY meeting on Friday 12 January from 7.00-8.15pm in the Parish Hall.

Following this the Candidates meet on Saturday 13 January 6pm for the Mass of Welcome then Friday 19 January from 7-8.15 pm in the Parish Hall

### 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 couple of years 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 form before booking an appointment so that Fr Adrian can have your details to hand. Thank you.

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

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

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