



### 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 18<sup>th</sup> February 2018

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent [Year B]

### WELCOME TO OUR MASS

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

Mass details	Intentions
Saturday 9.30 am	Mary Osefo RIP
6.00 pm	Thomas Martin Gorhan RIP
Sunday 9.00 am	Our Parish Family
9.15 am	HMP Brixton
10.30 am	Mary Osefo RIP
12.00 pm	Bridget & Timothy O'Sullivan RIP
6.00 pm	Tom Glennon RIP
Monday 9.30 am	Family of Benedict Eluwa
Tuesday 9.30 am	O Nazareth RIP, C Béche RIP & A Amaji
Wednesday 9.30 am	Freya and Jessica Hennessey
Thursday 9.30 am	Jessica and Freya Hennessey
Friday 9.30 am	Rita Duffy RIP
<b>Next weekend</b>	<b>Next Saturday &amp; Sunday</b>
Saturday 9.30 am	Patrick Murray
6.00 pm	Private Intention
Sunday 9.00 am	Joseph Constable RIP [FM]
9.15 am	HMP Brixton
10.30 am	Private Intention
12.00 pm	J Reilly RIP and J Mc Cann RIP
6.00 pm	Our Parish Family



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: Second Sunday of Lent (B)

25 Feb Genesis 22:1-18 Psalm: 115  
Romans 8:31-34 Mark 9:2-10

Please join us each Friday at 2.30pm to pray the Stations of the Cross and the Divine Mercy prayers at 3pm.

The next Post-Confirmation Group will meet on Sunday 25 Feb after the 6pm Mass. It is open to all teenagers who have been Confirmed and would like to meet for pizza, fun, discussion and prayer. Thank you.

The Mayor of London is currently consulting on a low emission zone for heavy vehicles in 2020, and an ultra-low emission zone (ULEZ) to come in for other vehicles in 2021. The current proposals cut through our community with the proposed boundary on the northern side of the South Circular and the road itself excluded. Whilst the ULEZ will help tackle pollution in central London, the exclusion of the South Circular may lead to further congestion and will not reduce pollution in south London pollution hotspots sufficiently. Please join members of the Parish who are trying to get the Ultra-Low-Emission-Zone extended by filling in the easy response at <https://get.healthyair.org.uk/> If you are a concerned parent and would like more information, please contact [mumsforlungs@gmail.com](mailto:mumsforlungs@gmail.com) Thank you.

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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/Fr. David 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: **£1488** 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 feel the driving force of the Spirit pushing you to reach your fulfilment? How can Lent offer encouragement to enter more deeply into your life with Christ? Where might the opportunity of repentance equip you to a deeper belief in the Gospel?

### For Children

Lent is an invitation to grow closer to Jesus, through prayer, sacrifice and helping others. What have you decided to do for Lent? How will it help you to be closer to Jesus?

### For Families

If what we do for Lent makes us grumpy and cross with one another then it is not bringing us closer to God. How can we choose actions that echo Ash Wednesday's Reading when we give alms, pray and fast?

### Prayer

Dear Lord, May we too feel the presence of the Holy Spirit as we enter Lent, who gives us the strength and support to keep our Lenten promises.

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, may these promises bring us closer to you, equipping us to live by Gospel values to bring about the coming of Your Kingdom. **Amen.**

The next Corpus Christi Seniors' Exercise and Lunch Club will be held on Monday 19 February. For details please contact John Bateson-Hill on 07722 260 434.

CAFOD Family Fast Day this year is on Friday 23 February:

can you give up a meal, or eat a simple meal, in solidarity with children who suffer malnutrition? **Nearly three million children a year die from not having enough to eat.** Your fasting, prayers and donations will help more of God's children have enough food to eat. **Please collect your Fast Day envelope from the Porch for next week's collection. Thank you.**

During Lent you may not be able to join us for The Stations of the Cross each Friday, but please remember you can come in to pray before the Blessed Sacrament any day. The church is open each from 8.30am until 5.30pm and until 7.30pm on weekends. Each Tuesday in Lent we are exploring the book "Rediscover Jesus" (over 500 copies were given out over the last month) but don't worry if you missed a copy or haven't caught up on the reading plan below, please just join us on the following dates for a "book group" style discussion on how we can **Rediscover Jesus** in our lives:

7.30pm on... If you are able to, please read up to:	
Tuesday 20 Feb.	Chapter 11
Tuesday 27 Feb.	Chapter 17
Tuesday 6 March	Chapter 23
Tuesday 13 March	Chapter 29
Tuesday 20 March	Chapter 35
Tuesday 27 March	Chapter 40

**Our Church Cleaning Rota needs some new volunteers.** If you can help or would like some more information, please contact Peter Beaumont on 020 7274 6906. Thank you to Peter who coordinates the rota and to all our volunteer cleaners: **your service to the Lord is a great service to the Parish, 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, Francis Nisbett, Lizete Neves, Marisa Delpoio, Jim Barley, Sonia McGahren, Sarah Wallis, Marva & Donna Ricketts, Beverley Lesley, Caoimhghin McCann, Otis Kuhwald, Mimi Cosgrave, Kathleen Hetmanski, Anne Spencer, Egbert Smith, Ethna Fitzgerald, Nora Ryan, Idris Morris, Peter Hayes, Bridget Rawley, Anton Kilkenny, Sean Callaghan, Mark Roubians, Charles Young, Thomas Gorham and Anthony de Freitas.

**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**

Thomas Martin Gorham, Peter Kelly, Patricia Donnelly, Josephine Williams, Noel Ricketts, Judith Newman and Nilton DosSantos who died recently and for Carmen Spiteri, James Mullins, Betty Irving, Verdal Smith, Louis Beche, 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**

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### Catechism Corner

Over the course of future newsletters, this section will be used to help divide the Catechism of the Catholic Church (abbreviated as CCC) into short segments, designed to be read either on a daily or week by week basis. The Catechism can be read in book form or online via the website [http://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG0015/\\_\\_\\_P5.HTM](http://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG0015/___P5.HTM) (if you read the online version of the newsletter clicking on that link will take you straight to this week's text). The CCC sets out the 'how's' and 'why's' of our Christian faith and is divided up into four main sections: "the baptismal profession of faith (the Creed), the sacraments of faith, the life of faith (the Commandments), and the prayer of the believer (the Lord's Prayer)". This week's web link looks at articles 13 to 17 of the Catechism, so please spend some time looking at the outline of the text and if you get time, you might like to read the Prologue and articles 1-12.

**Pope Francis calls for day of prayer and fasting:** "Facing the tragic continuation of conflicts in different parts of the world, I invite all the faithful to a special day of prayer and fasting for peace on 23 February, the Friday of the first week of Lent." He asked that the day be offered specifically for the people of the Democratic Republic of the Congo and South Sudan and invited both non-Catholics and non-Christians to join "in the ways they deem most appropriate."

**Our 200 Club** is inviting all parishioners to join or renew their membership to the '200 Club' - **our Parish fundraising lottery.** Joining the 200 Club not only helps our Parish but also gives members a chance to win a monthly prize with the draw on the last Saturday of the month and a large draw in November. **The cost is £12 each year.** Each number has the same opportunity to win a cash prize each month, with a bumper amount in time for Christmas. All monies raised funds, after the cost of the prizes, go towards the upkeep of the Church: **please be in it to win it.** ☺

Why be 1 in a Million when you can be 1 in 200, with a greater chance of winning whilst supporting the church!

### RESTORATION NEWS ...

A huge THANK YOU to all those who have been able to support our **Sponsor-A-Brick** fund as, with the work on the lower part of the southern wall complete, **we have been able to raise nearly half** of the £50,000 we need. **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:** applications in the porch will give more details. **We are truly grateful for any amount received** but there is still an opportunity for 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.**



**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 2  
**ALTAR SERVERS:** 18 Feb Rota A

**NEXT** Group 2  
NEXT Team 3  
25 Feb Rota B