



## 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 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2013**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent** [Year A]

#### WELCOME TO OUR SUNDAY MASS

Readings from p.32 Parish Mass Book [Year A Part 1]

*Thank you for all those who help minister in the parish in any way, whether practically or prayerfully. Each of us has a role to play in serving the Lord and building his Kingdom in our local church and community. The Vision heading appears on each newsletter but please take time to read it and prayerfully think about the ways you can bring this vision to light in your life, in your home and in our Parish.*

Mass details	Intentions
Saturday 9.30 am	Paddy O'Malley RIP
6.00 pm	Joan Collins
Sunday 9.00 am	Puleng Mokhobo
10.30 am	Margaret Smith RIP
12.00 pm	Michelle Ennis RIP
6.00 pm	For our Parish Family
Monday 9.30 am	Gary Singh
<u>Christmas Eve</u> 6.00 pm	For the Parish Family
Midnight	Private Intention
<u>Christmas Day</u> 9.00 am	Gabriella Russell Cruise [FM]
10.30 am	John Appiah RIP
12.00 pm	Maureen Reid
	<i>There is no 6 pm Mass</i>
Thursday <sup>26th</sup> 10.00 am	Catherine Whittaker RIP [1 <sup>st</sup> anniv]
Friday <sup>27th</sup> 10.00 am	Marion & Pat O'Malley RIP
	<i>Next Saturday &amp; Sunday</i>
Saturday 9.30 am	Jose Maria Fernandes RIP
6.00 pm	Bartholomew Collins
Sunday 9.00 am	For our Parish Family
10.30 am	Michael Logue RIP
12.00 pm	George Hibbett RIP
6.00 pm	Helen & Paddy Kelly
Monday <sup>30th</sup> 9.30 am	Katy Djelou RIP
Tuesday <sup>31st</sup> 9.30 am	Anne Marie Sylge
<b>New Year's Day</b> 10.00 am	Pat & Yogi Sutton
Thursday <sup>2nd</sup> 10.00 am	Michelle Ennis RIP
Friday <sup>3rd</sup> 10.00 am	Rev. Michael Cuffe [FM]
	<i>Next Saturday &amp; Sunday</i>
Saturday 9.30 am	Mick Hynes RIP
6.00 pm	Kathleen Tormey
Sunday 9.00 am	Josie Curtin
10.30 am	Lisa Mooney RIP
12.00 pm	UCM
6.00 pm	For our Parish Family

**Please join us for reflection before the Blessed Sacrament and Confession this Saturday from 12 – 1 pm with the opportunity during Advent for silent prayer.**

#### Next week's Readings

**29 Dec.** Ecclesiasticus 3: 2-6, 12-14 Psalm 127  
Colossians 3: 12-21 Matthew 2: 13-15, 19-23

**Parish Priest: Fr Adrian McKenna-Whyte BTh MSc**  
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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 12-1pm, ending with Benediction

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday 12-1pm and 7-7:30pm by arrangement

#### Baptisms and Weddings by arrangement

Please see Fr. Adrian after Mass.

Office Open: Monday to Friday 10 am to 1 pm

**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: **£1214** 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 pension or income? Have you signed a Gift Aid form? It does not cost you any further money but it helps the Parish greatly: we receive 25p from the Government for every £1 you give. Please ask Joe or Nigel for details. Thank you.*

**10:30 Mass Hymns:** Opening 113 Prep of Gifts 651  
Communion: 111 & 775 Closing: 112

**12:00 Mass Hymns:** Opening 99 Prep of Gifts 113  
Communion: 663 Closing: 112

#### Living the Word in the Week Ahead:

How are you challenged to act with honour this week? In what ways are you called to act with courage this week? Where are you aware of God-with-us this week?

#### Parents please note - Christmas Eve Children's Orchestra:

If your child plays an instrument and reads music please consider if they would like to play in our Christmas Eve orchestra. If they would like to play please accompany them to the rehearsal with their instrument at 10 am on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December. The music we will be playing can be collected after Masses this Sunday from Bill McGrath or Tessa Crilly. We will rehearse again at 4.45pm before the 6pm Mass on Tuesday – Christmas Eve, thank you.



**A number of our parish family members are away over Christmas, so we look forward to seeing you on your return after a joyous time with family and friends. If you are away, please remember to take a Christmas Offering envelope from the porch for Fr Adrian. Our weekly collection is for the Parish, not Fr Adrian, and as he receives no salary your offering at Christmas helps to support him over the next six months, thank you.**



**Parish Newsletter**  
**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December 2013**

**Feast of the Holy Family [Year A]**

**WELCOME TO OUR SUNDAY MASS**

Readings from p.42 Parish Mass Book [Year A Part 1]

**10:30 Mass Hymns:** Opening 834 Prep of Gifts 141  
Communion: 145 Closing: 152

**12:00 Mass Hymns:** Opening 341 Prep of Gifts 145  
Communion: 165 Closing: 880

**Living the Word in the Week Ahead:**

Where are you called to be outside your comfort zone?  
How do you recognise the Lord when He speaks?  
For today's Feast - recall how your family is Holy.

Whilst writing this just a couple of days before our Christmas Masses already a number of people have brought gifts to the house. Thank you so much for your kind cards, prayers and Christmas gifts - they are all so much appreciated and will be a great help throughout the New Year ahead. I would especially like to thank Fr Michael, Fr Josef and the Jesuit Community, Pat and Yogi Sutton, members of the Parish Council, Peter Beaumont for his opening and closing of the church/hall and all those who support the parish throughout the year as sacristans, readers, extra-ordinary ministers, our First Holy Communion and Confirmation Catechists, Children's Liturgy helpers, refreshment volunteers, collection takers and counters, flower arrangers, Welcomers church cleaners and a number of other helpers: without your support our parish would grind to a halt - you provide a wonderful act of service to the Lord. May God's blessings be with us all for the New Year ahead and always; with my thanks and prayers, *Fr. Adrian.*



**Our Grand Draw 14 December:** Many thanks to all who contributed to last weekend's celebrations: the net profit achieved was a magnificent **£3,193.35** which goes to the Fr Tom Memorial Fund. The fund closes at the end of December and to date the Parish has raised over £25,000 so thank you for all your endeavours. The last fund-raising effort will be a sponsored swim by Wigberto 'Wiggy' De Souza, to which a number of people have already pledged. Although Wiggy is not back from India until February his sponsorship pledges will count towards our final figure. **Some prizes from Our Grand Draw still remain unclaimed so please see Peter Beaumont after Mass, including Mila Maconging [please forgive any incorrect spelling] as it is most important that they contact Peter as soon as possible.**

**Thank you** to all those who have contributed hamper-style gifts so far to the Parish's annual collection for local families and individuals in need. If you haven't been able to contribute so far we are seeking donations of biscuits, chocolates, etc. to give to our parishioners resident in Windmill Lodge and to local individuals and families in particular need. Donations can be placed before or after our Masses this weekend in the large box just inside the Sacristy door. Thank you.

**Our Christmas giving continues through the traditional Crib donations that our Diocese asks us to consider.** This time each year the money from our crib collections support the work of the Cabrini Children's Society, so please visit our Crib and make a prayerful donation to help support vulnerable children in the year ahead. Thank you.



In addition to the Diocesan collection we will again be collecting toiletries at the Crib over the Christmas period for the Jesuit Refugee Service, the Women at the Well charity and this year also for those in Brixton prison. Please leave all *unopened* toiletries such as individual shower Gel, shampoo, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant as well as nappies, and sanitary wear in the baskets by the Crib. Items in larger amounts are also welcome as the toiletry baskets (and Cabrini collection basket) will be emptied after each Mass. Thank you.

**SUPPORTING YOUR PARISH THROUGH STEWARDSHIP:** All our giving should be **Prayerful, Planned and Proportionate** so please give what you can to our collections after prayerful reflection on how you can support the ministry of the Church. Please consider giving the equivalent of at least one hour of your weekly income and think about how you can use your Time, Talents and Treasures in one of our parish groups, e.g. counters, cleaners, refreshment team, etc. If you are a UK tax payer please consider setting up a Gift Aid payment direct to the church bank account. Thank you for all your support.

**ALTAR SERVERS:** 22 Dec Rota B 29 Dec. Rota A  
Please remember: **up to 8** children can serve each Mass and do please volunteer to serve at the range of Masses we have over the Christmas period, thank you.

**CLEANING THIS WEEK:** Group 1 please check with Peter Beaumont over times and access, thank you.

**TEAS AND COFFEES NEXT SUNDAY:** Team 8

**Next week's Readings**

**05 Jan** Isaiah 60: 1-6 Psalm 71  
Ephesians 3:2-6 Matthew 2:1-12

**Our prayers go out to all the sick of our parish, or in need of any kind, and to those who care for them, especially:** Margaret Rakgomo, Gail Mylne, Paddy Skehan, Brian White, Eugene Azevedo, Mary Clarke, Sonia Miller, Violet Wilson, Silas Pullen, Alfred Owusu, Teresa McGarvey, Tom Glennon, Terry Thomas, Shane Canavan, Jorge de Almeida, Patricia Bellamy, Magdeline Pooe, Francis Bernard, Anna Lourenco, Pearl Harvey, Peter Flaherty, Jacob Pridmore, Margaret & Vanda Haughton-James, Veronica Fitzpatrick, Beverley Owens, Joyce Hall, Courtney & Martin Ward, Mary Magro & Ophelia Nazareth

**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** Isobel McKenna (Fr Adrian's aunt) who died recently and for Michael Kearns, John Sherry, Helen Ryan, Rosemary McGovern, Julia Honan, Joseph Nicholas, James Lally, David Edwards, Christopher Johnson, Antonio Santillo, Adrienne De Donker, Ellen Terrell, Mary Behan, Guy Lee, Paolina Sammut, Maureen Bishop, Maria DeSouza, Catherine Whittaker, Blanca Flores, Margaret Smith, Mary Jordan, Michel Soowambar 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.**