



## 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 5<sup>th</sup> January 2014

The Epiphany of the Lord

### WELCOME TO OUR SUNDAY MASS

Readings from p.48 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	Mick Hynes RIP
	6.00 pm	Kathleen Tormey
Sunday	9.00 am	Josie Curtin
	10.30 am	Lisa Mooney RIP
	12.00 pm	UCM
Monday	6.00 pm	For our Parish Family
	9.30 am	Felicia Elabor
Tuesday	9.30 am	Anne O'Driscoll
Wednesday	9.30 am	Sarah Payne RIP
Thursday	9.30 am	Dr Khan & Family
Friday	9.30 am	McCann Family
<i>Next weekend</i>		<i>Next Saturday &amp; Sunday</i>
Saturday	9.30 am	Lawrence Family
	6.00 pm	Tony Flaherty RIP
Sunday	9.00 am	For our Parish Family
	10.30 am	<i>No Intention given</i>
	12.00 pm	Morris Family
	6.00 pm	<i>No Intention given</i>

**Please join us for reflection before the Blessed Sacrament and Confession this Saturday from 12 – 1 pm with the opportunity of praying the Rosary.**

#### Next week's Readings: *The Baptism of our Lord*

12 Jan. Isaiah 42: 1-7 Psalm 28  
Acts 10: 34-38 Matthew 3: 13-17

I am saddened to announce the death of Silas Pullen, a young boy we've been praying for, who was known to a number of parishioners and of Joseph Phokeerdos, a member of our Parish Family, who died on 30<sup>th</sup> December – with my condolences and prayers for all their family and friends. When I have news of any funeral arrangements they will be printed in the newsletter. The names of Silas and Joseph are included in our prayer requests in this week's newsletter and will be remembered at each Mass this weekend, *Fr. Adrian.*

**We welcome the staff and pupils of Corpus Christi Primary school to our 9.30 Parish Mass on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January as we continue to herald in the New Year and as they begin a new term.**

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#### Jesuit Clergy Covering Weekend Masses

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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: **£1088** 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 166 Prep of Gifts 604  
Communion: 150 Closing: 170

**12:00 Mass Hymns:** Opening 166 Prep of Gifts 846  
Communion: 662 Closing: 170

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

What guides you to the Lord this week?

Where does the Lord's presence perturb you this week?

What gift do you offer the Lord this week?

**Quite a few of the parish have been away over the Christmas and New Year period so I've deliberately repeated my 'thank you' from last week's newsletter:**

*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.*

Thanks again to all who contributed to **Our Grand Draw** which raised **£3,193.35** for the Fr Tom Memorial Fund. **To date the Parish has raised over £28,000 so thank you for all your endeavours.** At the request of the Diocese the fund closes at the end of December however, 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 Macongong [please forgive any incorrect spelling] as it is most important that they contact Peter as soon as possible. Thank you.**

**Thank you** again to all those who were able to help make a difference to those in need through the generous response to our Christmas appeal. Local probationers were touched in response to our gifts as they were moved to see Christian care in action by our help in reaching out to vulnerable families who genuinely need food and support at this time.

**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.

**CHILD SAFEGUARDING DETAILS:** Childline advice 0800 1111  
Local Advisor: Yogi Sutton 07891039861  
Diocesan Advisor: Helen Sheppard 020 7960 2504

**ALTAR SERVERS:** 12 Jan Rota A 15 Jan Rota B

Thank you for being available to serve at the altar. Please remember: **up to 8** children can serve each Mass and there are some Masses where we have little or no servers. **By way of a 'thank you' to those who were able to help over Christmas and as a general appreciation of all our servers we are planning an Altar Servers Party.** Parents - please email Fr Adrian if you are available to help with this and please suggest a range of dates and times so that the date chosen can be when most of the servers are around ☺

**CLEANING THIS WEEK:** Group 3 please check with Peter Beaumont over times and access, thank you.

**TEAS AND COFFEES NEXT SUNDAY:** Team 1

**From the Preface of the Epiphany of the Lord** "...today you have revealed the mystery of our salvation in Christ as a light for the nations, and, when he appeared in our mortal nature, you made us new by the glory of his immortal nature."



#### **A prayer for Epiphany**

Lord Jesus Christ, hope of your people,  
hope of your world, touch now our lives  
as we gather before you. Shine in our hearts,  
illumine our minds and light up our spirits,  
so that we will grasp more clearly the hope you give us in  
turn: the assurance of your love and the joy of life in all its  
fullness, here now and for all eternity. Amen.

**At this time of year** we remember the names of the Magi as Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar, although these names are not to be found in Scripture and have been handed down to us over time. A custom that has been handed down to us is that Epiphany is traditionally the time when Catholic families bless their homes. It is in the home that we meet and welcome Christ in family and friends, visitors and strangers. It is in the home where we share our faith, where it grows and is lived out. At the end of the house blessing it is usual to 'mark' the home with chalk in the following way: the first letters of these three names C, M, B are inscribed on the door frame. C M B also stands for "Christus Mansionem Benedicat" meaning "May Christ bless this house." These letters (CMB) are inscribed between the numbers of the year. So this year it will say: 20 CMB 14. As you leave Mass today a sheet of paper with a house blessing and a piece of blessed chalk are available for you to take away so that you too may mark your home.

**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, 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, Felicia Elabar and Elizabeth Oghenedaro.

**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 Silas Pullen and Joseph Phokeerdoss who died recently, and for Julia Honan, Joseph Nicholas, James Lally, Beatrice Morgan, David Edwards, Bernard Hetmanksi, John Armstrong 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.**