



### 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 30<sup>th</sup> November 2014  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent [Year B]

### WELCOME TO OUR SUNDAY MASS

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

| Mass details        | Intentions                        |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Saturday 9.30 am    | Dec'd Hibbert Family              |
| 6.00 pm             | Cesare Romano RIP                 |
| Sunday 9.00 am      | Dec'd Nossa Carrillo Family       |
| 10.30 am            | Ophelia Nazareth & Family         |
| 12.00 pm            | Dec'd Hibbert Family/Pro Populi   |
| 6.00 pm             | Eugenio Corsini RIP               |
| Monday 9.30 am      | <i>Private Intention</i>          |
| Tuesday 9.30 am     | Rosa-Clarisse Agneroh             |
| Wednesday 9.30 am   | George Usoh                       |
| Thursday 9.30 am    | <i>Private Intention</i>          |
| Friday 9.30 am      | Holy Souls                        |
| <b>Next weekend</b> | <b>Next Saturday &amp; Sunday</b> |
| Saturday 9.30 am    | Agneroh Fidel RIP                 |
| 6.00 pm             | For Our Parish Family             |
| Sunday 9.00 am      | Ken Proctor RIP                   |
| 10.30 am            | Peter & Margaret Banasko          |
| 12.00 pm            | UCM                               |
| 6.00 pm             | Holy Souls                        |



Please join us for our Holy Hour of reflection before the Blessed Sacrament this Saturday from 12-1 pm. The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is available during this time.

### Next week's Readings: Second Sunday of Advent (B)

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| 7 Dec | Isaiah 40:1-11 | Psalms 84  |
|       | 2 Peter 3:8-14 | Mark 1:1-8 |

### Living the Word, this week:

- What task does the Lord need you to carry out this week?
- 'Stay Awake!' Where might you awaken to the presence of the Lord this week?
- Where will the Lord find you waiting expectantly to be with Him this week... 'evening, or at midnight, or at cock-crow, or in the morning'.

**Sorry to be out of touch ...** if you've been waiting for a reply to an email you sent unfortunately there will be some delay, as for the last fortnight we have had little or no access to email. It turns out that BT say our problems "were a result of an underwater fibre cable cut ... by a third party while fixing a separate cable." The little or no access problem has also been as a result of an engineering team rerouting email. Eventually we received the message "We apologize for the inconvenience as we certainly understand email is a critical service for our customers." As BT hasn't fully fixed the problem I'm sorry to say that there will still be some delays, so I add my own apology to a situation that is out of our control.

### Parish Priest: Fr Adrian McKenna-Whyte BTh MSc

The Priest's House 11 Trent Road London SW2 5BJ

With Mass cover arranged by Fr Michael Kirwan SJ

### Parish Details:

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Archdiocesan website: www.rcsouthwark.co.uk

**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: **£1105** 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 21p from the Government for every £1 you give. Please ask Nigel or Joe (in the Repository) for details. Thank you.*

\*Please pray for the family of our banking volunteers as illness has meant we have been unable to publish the figures this week.

**10:30 Hymns:** Entrance:92 Prep of Gifts: 84  
Communion: Choir & 775 Closing: 983

**12:00 Hymns:** Entrance: 932 Prep of Gifts: 609  
Communion: 846 Closing: 721

**As we begin the season of Advent** you'll notice a few changes around the church, the easiest to spot perhaps are the purple linen and the Advent candles, signifying the start of a new year in the life of the Church's worship and our preparation for heralding the Lord at Christmas. **In addition we have a couple of new Votive stands allowing more space for votive prayers to St Anthony, St Joseph, to Our Blessed Mother and to the Sacred Heart. As we budget very carefully the stands are on a free loan to us but the increasing costs of maintaining the Parish result in the request please that when lighting a votive candle please consider giving a donation of at least 25 pence or more.** By helping in this way your prayers not only come to the aid of your votive request, but help to look after the church by allowing us to use your donation after the cost of the candle where it is most needed, whether that is for a fixing a broken hinge or helping a family in need. Your help is also needed in completing our **Parish survey** as we would love to hear your views on how our church can develop, drawing on our strengths and looking out for our weaknesses. Forms can be found and filed in the porch along with some suggestions for the Sacred Heart statue so please let us know what you think. With my thanks and prayers as ever, *Fr Adrian*

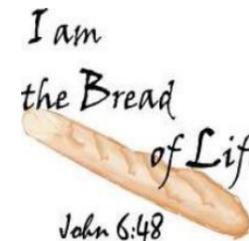


6<sup>th</sup> Form, Secondary School Transfers Sept. 2015 and Nursery/Reception Applications **PLUS "Open Hours" time for any general enquiry to see Fr Adrian.**

The next of many 'drop-in' times when open appointments are available will be held in the Priest's House on: **Friday 5 Dec from 4-6pm**



**PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR PARISH PARTY** with live music by 'Holy Smoke' on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December in the **School Hall from 7pm.** Please share in the festive fun by celebrating all the cultures and food represented by our community by dressing in your national costume and bringing your favourite food. To help us know how many will be there tickets are on sale this weekend for £1 per adult [accompanied children free]. **To help us plan the table layout please let us know what food you will be bringing for our shared buffet by using the sign-up sheet in the porch.** All proceeds raised by the evening will be used to help provide the CCTV system that will help to keep our church open and safe for the whole community.



**Our Christmas Grand Draw** will be held on **Saturday December 13<sup>th</sup>** during our Parish Party in the **School Hall from 7pm.** All are welcome, so please see the note above and come along. The draw this year is generously being sponsored entirely by Highways Ltd. Tickets are priced at 50p each and a whole book at £5. The 1st Prize is £200, 2nd £100 and 3rd £50.

**Corpus Christi Parent and Toddler Playgroup** are blessed with a number of toys and equipment but have little space to tidy them away. It would be amazing if someone could help build some lockable cupboards in our Hall storage as the area is quite unsafe. If you are a Carpenter/Joiner and can help, or you could help donate the materials, please contact Fr Adrian. Thank you

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

**CLEANING THIS WEEK:** Group 4  
**TEAS & COFFEES:** Team 7

**NEXT Group 5**  
**NEXT Team 8**

**ALTAR SERVERS:** 30 Nov Rota B 7 Dec Rota A

**THANK YOU TO ALL OUR ALTAR SERVERS,** your assistance at Mass is a great help. Currently we have 50 children signed up to serve at our Masses, but not everyone turning up. If your child has stopped serving please let Fr. Adrian know if they would like to serve again or if they would like to leave the Servers group.

**If you are currently serving please reserve the dates below for important practices for existing and new servers plus a meeting to plan the Christmas services. If you would like to serve at Christmas please sign the sheets in the Sacristy as up to 8 servers can serve at each Mass. Thank you**

**Sunday 7th December 4-5pm** new & existing servers  
**Saturday 13th December 5.15-5.45pm** all servers please



Thank you to all who help in any way in our Parish with special thanks to our Readers and Extraordinary Ministers. A new Ministry rota is available from the Repository together with a gift from the Parish of the prayer book 'Walk with Me': a journey of prayer for Advent and Christmas tide. If you are a Reader or Extraordinary Minister and haven't yet received your rota or your prayer book please see Joseph in the Repository. **Please also set aside the morning of Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February from 9am to 1pm for a time of Reflection and Renewal of your Ministry.**

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**FAITH ENQUIRY [RCIA] GROUP** If you would like to learn more about being a Catholic Christian or about how to be baptised or confirmed you are warmly invited to a series of enquiry meetings in the Parish Hall each Wednesday from 7.30-8.45pm. For more information please see Fr Adrian, Bridget or Yogi.

### ADVENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION

Over the next few weeks all are welcome to join our Wednesday faith enquiry group for a time of discussion, prayer and reflection on the following topics:

- 3 December The Ten Commandments
- 10 December Salvation history (the Fall and beyond)
- 17 December The Christmas Story

**Please join us in the Parish Hall from 7.30-8.45pm.**

**Please join us for a festival of readings and carols on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent, 21<sup>st</sup> December from 5.30-6pm, leading directly into the last Advent Mass at 6pm (refreshments in the Hall 5-5.30pm)**

### Please pray for the repose of the souls of

Estela Cabelin who died recently and for Alder Ravera, Bridget Page, Mary Clifford, Kathleen Moore, Michael Haughton-James, Joseph Rider, John Barrett, William O'Brien, Patricia Ivory

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:**

Eileen O'Callaghan, Magdeline Pooe, Margaret Rakgomo, Gail Mylne, Brian White, Sonia Miller, Alfred Owusu, Martin Ward, Teresa McGarvey, Tom Glennon, Terry Thomas, Anna Lourenco, Peter Flaherty, Jacob Pridmore, Joyce Hall, Veronica Fitzpatrick, Vanda Haughton-James, Beverley Owens, James Apea, Elizabeth Brown, Elizabeth Oghenedaro, Jane Willcox, Judith Newman, Kathleen Tormey, Magdalene Hibbert, Dave Spencer, Barbara & Marva Ricketts, Sue Murray, Esmerelda McKay, Catherine & Patricia Alade, Lolita Bartlett, Sam & Wendy Simpson and Sr. Franca Emenyeonu

**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.**