



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 28th December 2014

Feast of the Holy Family [Year B]

WELCOME TO OUR SUNDAY MASS

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

Mass details		Intentions
Saturday	9.30 am 6.00 pm	Antoni Majewski RIP
Sunday	9.00 am 10.30 am 12.00 pm 6.00 pm	Angus Carroll RIP John Armstrong RIP Teresa Usoh William Walsh RIP For Our Parish Family
Monday	9.30 am	Anne Kelly RIP
Tuesday	9.30 am	George and Martin Usoh
Wednesday	9.30 am	William Walsh RIP
New Year's Day	10.00 am	Mary O'Reilly RIP & Mary Tate RIP
Friday	9.30 am	Bridig Ledwith RIP
Next weekend		Next Saturday & Sunday
Saturday	9.30 am 6.00 pm	Patrick Doherty RIP Angus Carroll RIP
Sunday	9.00 am 10.30 am 12.00 pm 6.00 pm	John Armstrong RIP Teresa Usoh William Walsh RIP For Our Parish Family

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: Feast of The Epiphany (B)

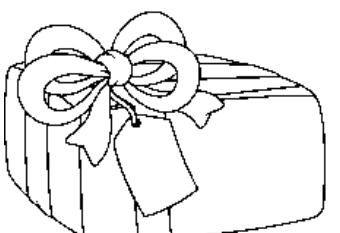
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Living the Word, this week:

- When does the Lord's presence disturb you this week?
- How are you being invited to bring the Word of God to birth this week?
- Where do you need to say 'Yes' to what God asks of you this week?

Christmas Hampers and Gifts: Thank you ...

to all those who donated hamper gifts at Christmas for parish families in need and for forty of our most isolated parishioners. A few items were received after the parcels had been given out so these items will be donated to our local Food Bank. Thank you for your help and for the support of our Food Bank throughout the year.



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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: £1100 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: 151 Prep of Gifts: 137

Communion: 142 Closing: 152

12:00 Hymns: Entrance: 162 Prep of Gifts: 600

Communion: 938 Closing: 880



A message from Fr Adrian

Thank you for the kind cards and Christmas gifts that I received over the last few days, together with the Christmas collection they are so much appreciated. I would especially like to thank all those who support the parish throughout the year including Yogi, Pat, Nicola, Claire and Vincent who help in the Parish Office, our Parish Council and Finance/Building Committee, Mary, Teresa and John our sacristy helpers, our Readers, Extraordinary ministers, helpers with Children's Liturgy, Peter who opens the church each day, Wiggy, our tea/coffee teams, collection takers and counters, flower arrangers, Welcomers and cleaners (to name but a few): without your support our parish would grind to a halt. You provide a wonderful act of service to the Lord and my 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 my prayers for God's blessings for you and your family for Christmas and the New Year ahead, **Fr. Adrian**

Annual Crib Collections

Each Christmas we support two Charities: this year we continue our help for the "Women at the Well" and will be giving any financial donations to struggling families in Gaza and Bethlehem. Please give either a 'travel size' toiletry item (e.g. shampoo or deodorant) or money where every penny will go directly to the poorest families supported by the charity 'Friends of the Holy Land'. May God's blessings be with all of us for the New Year ahead and always; with my thanks and prayers, **Fr. Adrian**

OUR FAITH ENQUIRY [RCIA] GROUP for adults who wish to learn more about their faith or to be baptised or confirmed will resume our group meetings in the Parish Hall on Wednesday 7th January 2015. All are welcome but please see Fr Adrian, Bridget or Yogi for some more information if you would like to come. Thank you.

6th Form, Secondary School Transfers Sept. 2015 and Nursery/Reception Applications.

Please note the next 'Open Hours' session will after the school break. However, please do remember to see Fr. Adrian if you have any outstanding Lilac or Green forms, or any outstanding school references. Thank you.

Thank you to all who help in any way in our Parish with special thanks to our Readers and Extraordinary Ministers. 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 remember to set aside the morning of Saturday 7th February from 9am to 1pm for a time of Reflection and Renewal of your Ministry. Registration forms for the morning of reflection will be available in the New Year, but please keep this date free in your diary. Thank you.**

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Tony Ellul, Doll Keely, George Ramdeal and Mary Feehan who died recently and for Guy Lee, Catherine Whittaker, Christopher Johnson, Marie De Souza, Mary Jordan, Joseph Phokeerdoss, Maureen Bishop, Rosemarie McGoven, Margaret Jordan 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 and Sam & Wendy Simpson

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.

POPE FRANCIS' CHRISTMAS MESSAGE 2014

Dear Brothers and Sisters, Happy Christmas! Jesus, the Son of God, the Saviour of the world, is born for us, born in Bethlehem of a Virgin, fulfilling the ancient prophecies. The Virgin's name is Mary, the wife of Joseph. Humble people, full of hope in the goodness of God, are those who welcome Jesus and recognize him. And so the Holy Spirit enlightened the shepherds of Bethlehem, who hastened to the grotto and adored the Child. Then the Spirit led the elderly and humble couple Simeon and Anna into the temple of Jerusalem, and they recognized in Jesus the Messiah. "My eyes have seen your salvation", Simeon exclaimed, "the salvation prepared by God in the sight of all peoples" (Lk 2:30).

Yes, brothers and sisters, Jesus is the salvation for every person and for every people! Today I ask him, the Saviour of the world, to look upon our brothers and sisters in Iraq and Syria, who for too long now have suffered the effects of ongoing conflict, and who, together with those belonging to other ethnic and religious groups, are suffering a brutal persecution. May Christmas bring them hope, as indeed also to the many displaced persons, exiles and refugees, children, adults and elderly, from this region and from the whole world. May indifference be changed into closeness and rejection into hospitality, so that all who now are suffering may receive the necessary humanitarian help to overcome the rigours of winter, return to their countries and live with dignity. May the Lord open hearts to trust, and may he bestow his peace upon the whole Middle East, beginning with the land blessed by his birth, thereby sustaining the efforts of those committed effectively to dialogue between Israelis and Palestinians.

May Jesus, Saviour of the world, protect all who suffer in Ukraine, and grant that their beloved land may overcome tensions, conquer hatred and violence, and set out on a new journey of fraternity and reconciliation. May Christ the Saviour give peace to Nigeria, where more blood is being shed and too many people are unjustly deprived of their possessions, held as hostages or killed. I invoke peace also on the other parts of the African continent, thinking especially of Libya, South Sudan, the Central African Republic, and various regions of the Democratic Republic of the Congo. I beseech all who have political responsibility to commit themselves through dialogue to overcoming differences and to building a lasting, fraternal coexistence. Dear brothers and sisters, may the Holy Spirit today enlighten our hearts, that we may recognize in the Infant Jesus, born in Bethlehem of the Virgin Mary, the salvation given by God to each one of us, to each man and woman and to all the peoples of the earth. May the power of Christ, which brings freedom and service, be felt in so many hearts afflicted by war, persecution and slavery. May this divine power, by its meekness, take away the hardness of heart of so many men and women immersed in worldliness and indifference, the globalization of indifference. May his redeeming strength transform arms into ploughshares, destruction into creativity, hatred into love and tenderness. Then we will be able to cry out with joy: "Our eyes have seen your salvation". With these thoughts I wish you all a Happy Christmas!

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 3

NEXT Group 4

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ALTAR SERVERS: 28 Dec Rota B

04 Jan Rota A

RC Archdiocese of Southwark: Registered Charity No. 235468