



### 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

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> December 2015

The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ [Year C]

### WELCOME TO OUR CHRISTMAS MASS

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

Mass details	Intentions
<b>Christmas Eve 6.00 pm</b>	Robert Sullivan
<b>Midnight</b>	Private Intention
<b>Christmas Day 9.00 am</b>	Josie Curtin
<b>10.30 am</b>	Cruise Family RIP [FM]
<b>12.00 pm</b>	Donna Gatward and Family
<b>Next weekend</b>	<b>Next Saturday &amp; Sunday</b>
Saturday 6.00 pm	For our Parish Family
Sunday 9.00 am	Holy Souls
10.30 am	Martin Doyle RIP
12.00 pm	Bridie Power
6.00 pm	Marion and Pat O'Malley
Monday 9.30 am	Maureen Reid
Tuesday 9.30 am	Michael Scully RIP
Wednesday 9.30 am	Marion and Pat O'Malley
Thursday 9.30 am	Bridie Scully
New Year's Day 10.00 am	Olivia DeSouza RIP

### 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.

NB: though we have no morning Mass on Saturdays there is Mass at 10 am

at Our Lady of the Rosary, Brixton.

### Next Sunday's Readings: Feast of The Holy Family (C)

<b>27 Dec</b>	Samuel 1:20-28	Psalms: 83
	John 3:1-24	Luke 2:41-52



### CHILDREN'S Liturgy of the Word

A number of Children's Liturgy Helpers have contacted the Parish Office to say that they will be away for the Christmas holidays. We hope that all our helpers and children have a great time with family and friends during the Christmas break. Once everyone is back from holiday we will resume on January 9, 2016. Once again - thank you to all our Children's Liturgy Leaders and the volunteers who help them, your ministry is greatly valued in the Parish.

### 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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Parish website: www.corpuschristibrixton.org

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

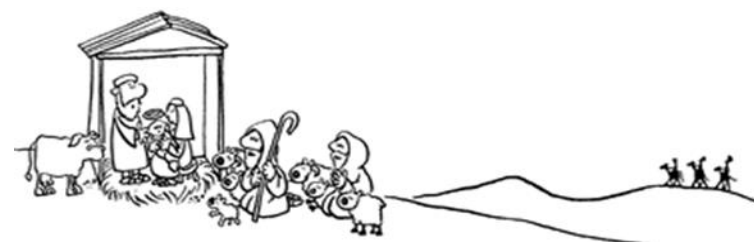
Please see Fr. Adrian after Mass.

**Office Open: Monday to Friday 10 am to 1 pm**

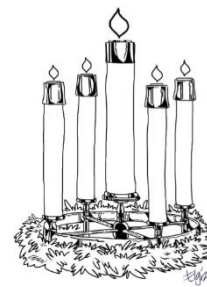
**Collections:** Our sacrificial giving is part of our participation at Mass and a sharing of the blessings God gives us. Thank you for your support, our collections last week raised: **£1382** for the work of the Parish. *These sums include monies given in Gift Aid envelopes. Our thanks also go to those 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.*

**10:30 Hymns:** Entrance: TBC Prep of Gifts: TBC  
Communion: TBC Closing: TBC

**12:00 Hymns:** Entrance: TBC Prep of Gifts: TBC  
Communion: TBC Closing: TBC



**Thank you again** to all those who were able to help make a difference to those in need through your generous response to our Christmas Hamper appeal. Throughout Christmas we will continue support two Charities by giving donations of toiletries and non-perishable goods to The Spires and any financial donations to the poorest families in Gaza and Bethlehem. Please visit our Crib and make a prayerful donation to help support vulnerable families in 2016. For example, 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*



The central white candle could be lit at all meals until Epiphany.

If you don't have the full Advent wreath you could simply gather around a single white candle.

### A Family Prayer for Christmas Day

Loving Father, on this special day we thank you for the gift of your Son Jesus who was born in our world as a helpless baby. We thank You for one another, for the love we share and the gifts we have exchanged as signs of that love. We remember those whom we love who are not with us today and ask You to bless us all. We give You thanks for this wonderful meal before us. Help us to be generous and caring to all those in need. **Amen**



### Our Parent and Toddler 'Stay & Play' group [PATs]

Please remember that from 6 January each Wednesday and Friday morning during term-time. **The group are looking for volunteers to help in the kitchen on Wednesday mornings from 9:00 to 11:30 am.**

Can you help? Do you know someone who can? Then please contact Carina on 07940 574783.

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

Fr Isidore Bonabom SJ who died recently, and for John Joyce, Mary Behan, Guy Lee, Catherine Whittaker, Christopher Johnson, Eileen O'Callaghan, Marie De Souza, Mary Jordan, Joseph Phokeerdoss, Joseph O'Flaherty, Maureen Bishop 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:

Teresa Morris, Magdalene Hibbert, Claire Gay, Sue Murray, Edith Emenyeonu, Kenza Tiehi, Ernest Henry, John Keane, Theo Wharfe, Esme Mckay, Catalina Snowdon, Marva & Donna Ricketts, Regina Oyonwo, Teresa Ush, Beverley Lesley, Sam and 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.

If you know of anyone who is sick, going to hospital or in need of prayers, please let the Parish Office know in writing or by email if you would like their name added to (or withdrawn) from this list. Thank you.

Please remember that the Data Protection Act does not allow hospital staff to let the parish know when a Catholic patient enters hospital. In order for a patient to receive the Sacrament of the Sick or Holy Communion the Hospital Chaplaincy team should be notified as well as letting Fr Adrian know. If you have a loved one in hospital, please be assured of our prayers and concern.



### A message from Fr Adrian

Thank you for the kind cards and Christmas gifts that I received over the last few days, they are all so much appreciated and will be a great help throughout the New Year ahead. I would especially like to thank all those who support the parish throughout the year including Yogi, Pat, Nicola and Vincent who help in the Parish Office, our Parish Council and Finance and Building Committee, Mary, Teresa, Wiggy and John our sacristy helpers, our Readers, Extraordinary ministers, helpers with Children's Liturgy, Peter who opens the church each day, our tea & coffee teams, collection takers and counters, flower arrangers, welcomers, cleaners and altar servers: without your support our parish would grind to a halt. You provide a wonderful, loving 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 continued prayers for you and your family that you may have a Happy and Holy Christmas and a New Year filled with God's blessings, *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 group meetings in the Parish Hall at 7.30pm on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2016. All are welcome but please see Fr Adrian, Bridget or Yogi for some more information if you would like to come. Thank you.

**Please note: the parents of our Confirmation and First Holy Communion candidates** are reminded to attend please the next two parents' meetings in the church at 7.30pm on **20 January and 3 February**. These are joint meetings with our RCIA group and focus on the Sacraments.

### 6<sup>th</sup> Form, Secondary School Transfers 2016 and Nursery/Reception Applications

If you have moved into the Parish over the course of the last year or you have particular questions, then **please see Fr Adrian after Mass to book an appointment.**

**Please note:** appointments cannot be booked over the phone and are not open 'drop-in' times, so please make sure you see Fr Adrian after Mass on a Sunday if you need to book one. **Please return the Parish "Green form" before booking an appointment so that Fr Adrian can have your details to hand. Thank you.**

### Parish Council Annual Prayer and Reflection

Please remember that all PPC members are called to take part in this time of reflection. We begin at 7.30pm on Friday 22 January, and close at 3.30pm on Saturday 23 January, with a further invitation to the Holy Hour and Vigil Mass from 5pm on the Saturday. Details to follow.

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

**CLEANING THIS WEEK:** Group 5  
**TEAS & COFFEES:** Team 7  
**ALTAR SERVERS:** 27 Dec Rota B  
**NEXT Group 1**  
**NEXT Team 8**  
**03 Jan Rota A**