



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 27th November 2016

WELCOME TO OUR SUNDAY MASS

1st Sunday of Advent [Year A]

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

| Mass details | | Intentions |
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| Saturday | 6.00 pm | Libia Cuervo RIP |
| Sunday | 9.00 am | For Our Parish Family |
| | 9.15 am | HMP Brixton |
| | 10.30 am | Robert Amougou & Mathilde Melburo |
| | 12.00 pm | Martin Elabor |
| | 6.00 pm | Holy Souls |
| Monday | 9.30 am | Holy Souls |
| Tuesday | 9.30 am | Michael Oliver RIP |
| Wednesday | 9.30 am | Alix & Emmanuel d'Harcourt RIP |
| Thursday | 9.30 am | Deceased Legionaries |
| Friday | 10 am | Requiem: A J McNamee |
| Next weekend | | Next Saturday & Sunday |
| Saturday | 9.30 am | Bishop Medhin & Ethiopian Priests |
| | 6.00 pm | Dec'd of Brixton & Stockwell KSC |
| Sunday | 9.00 am | * |
| | 9.15 am | HMP Brixton |
| | 10.30 am | For Our Parish Family |
| | 12.00 pm | UCM |
| | 6.00 pm | * |

* = Mass Intention available



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.

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

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| 04 Dec | Isaiah 11:1-10 | Psalms 71 |
| | Romans 15:4-9 | Matthew 3:1-12 |

Music & Hymns for the Mass

10:30 Hymns: Entrance: 87 Prep of Gifts: 611
Communion: Music & 643 Closing: 100

12:00 Hymns: Entrance: 94 Prep of Gifts: 603
Communion: 777 Closing: 92

As we begin the season of Advent you'll notice a few changes; the easiest to spot perhaps is the purple linen and the Advent wreath and candles which symbolise the passage of the four weeks of Advent. A tradition is that each week represents one thousand years, to sum to the 4,000 years from Adam and Eve until the Birth of the Saviour. Three candles are purple, which symbolise the prayer, penance and preparation, and one is rose when we reach the mid-point of Advent. We light the final white one on Christmas Day to remember the Birth of our Lord.



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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 5-5.45 pm, ending with Benediction

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday 5-5.45pm & 6.50-7:15pm by arrangement

Baptisms and Weddings by arrangement

Please see Fr. Adrian to make an appointment.

Office Open: Monday to Friday 10 am to 1 pm

Hall Bookings call 01372457651 or 07886000882

www.lowcosthalls.co.uk or <http://tinyurl.com/gpqbz9>

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 on last week raised: £1286 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.

LIVING THE WORD THIS WEEK

Where do you need to stay awake in your faith this week?

Advent is here, how will you prepare for this season this week? Where can Advent be a time of waiting in joyful hope this week?

For Children

Advent is a difficult season. The shops are already full of Christmas and yet we are told to wait, and wait joyfully! Jesus comes to you every day. Be awake to Him and where He comes to you this week. Advent helps us to get ready for Jesus. What do you need to do to prepare your heart for Jesus this week?

For Families

What Advent traditions do you keep in your home? Are they still fit for purpose or do they need adapting? How can they help you to keep Advent as a time of preparation?

Prayer. Journey around the Church, choose someone who is waiting to pray for this week.

Advent: a time of joyful waiting, of Holy longing.

We pray for those for whom the waiting is not joyful, for those waiting for the bombs to drop, for those waiting to fly over combat zones, for those waiting for asylum for those waiting for a border to open, for those waiting for their next fix, for those waiting for to be evicted, for those waiting to be made redundant, for those waiting to die, for those waiting to hear from an estranged child, for those waiting for a spouse to come home for those waiting, waiting, we pray. Amen

As we enter Advent and draw near to thoughts of Christmas, please consider how you might be able to make way for Christ by volunteering in the church such as helping with our children's Nativity tableau or music group on Christmas Eve. If you already help as an Altar Server please note the following Sunday practices at 4.30pm in the church on ... 4th Dec. for 9am & 12pm Servers, 11th Dec. for 10.30 Servers and 18th Dec. for those who serve at the Saturday Vigil and on Sunday at 6pm. Thank you.

6th Form, Secondary School Transfers 2016 and Nursery/Reception Applications

The next "Reference appointments" will be held in the Priest's House on:

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| Monday 28 November from | 14.00 to 16.00 |
| Wednesday 30 November from | 16.00 to 18.00 |

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION NEWS

Parents: please remember to join your child on Sunday 27 November for their First Reconciliation (Confession). There will be a class for all 75 children in the hall starting promptly at 4pm, with small groups of the children being escorted to and from the church to join their parents who will introduce them to one of several priests for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Please see Fr Adrian if it is not possible to celebrate the Sacrament that day, thank you.

CONFIRMATION NEWS

Thank you to those who came to the first Confirmation class last Friday evening. Please remember that our next class is next Friday 2 December, starting promptly at 7 pm.

The classes are being held each Friday until 16 December when there will be a break for Christmas.

On 16 December, we will be holding a Service of Reconciliation in the Church for all candidates.

On December 12 we will be having a Christmas Lunch for our senior parish members. At the meal we will be holding a raffle and ask for donations for raffle prizes, so, if you have any items you can donate as prizes such as new unopened toiletries, chocolates, bottles of wine or any similar unopened products. For more information please contact John Bateson- Hill on 07722 260 434.

£1 adult or 50p child tickets are on sale this weekend for our

Party before Christmas in the Hall at 7pm on Saturday 17 December, with music, dancing, refreshments and our Grand Draw at 10pm.



Tickets for the Grand Draw, sponsored by Grapevine Lettings, are also available after our weekend Masses, costing 50p each or a book for £5. First prize is £200, second, £100 and third, £50. If you would like to donate a bottle of wine/spirits or some other new item as a prize, then please hand it into Joseph in the Repository on a Sunday, stating that it is for the 'Christmas Draw'. Thank you.

CHILD SAFEGUARDING DETAILS: Childline 0800 1111

Local Advisor: Yogi Sutton 07891039861

Diocesan Advisor: Helen Sheppard 020 7261 1606

CLEANING THIS WEEK: Group 3 NEXT Group 4

TEAS & COFFEES: Team 2 NEXT Team 3

ALTAR SERVERS: 27 Nov Rota B 04 Dec Rota A

RC Archdiocese of Southwark: Registered Charity No. 235468

Prepare the Way... As we begin the season of Advent you'll notice a few changes that highlight a change of pace in our liturgy; the easiest to spot perhaps is the purple linen, the Advent candles, the Magi on their journey to Christ and the tree on our sanctuary; however, at this stage we don't yet have a Christmas tree. The word "Advent" means "coming". It refers to the coming of Jesus, the promised Messiah and our time of preparation as we await his return and commemorate his birth.

Until Christmas the tree stands as a symbol of this time of preparation and, using picture decorations, helps tell the story of God's love and care for us throughout history, to the point of sending his Son into the world to live, die and rise again for us. The Nativity celebrates the coming of the King of kings and our tree is called a Jesse Tree after the Bible passage in Isaiah 11:1, "A shoot will come up from the stock of Jesse; from his roots a branch will bear fruit." Jesse was the father of King David, so our tree represents the 'family tree' of Jesus: in the first chapter of Matthew's Gospel, Jesus, the Messiah (the anointed King of kings), is traced from the line of king David, and back to Abraham, our forefather in faith. The use of a Jesse Tree during the Advent season is a great way to remind us of the Bible stories that lead us to Jesus and over the coming month we will look at the different symbols that represent these Bible figures.

JESSE TREE



An Advent Journey Just as many people today from all over the world have to leave their homes through no fault of their own, Mary and Joseph were forced to flee Israel with Jesus and become refugees. This Advent we invite you to find out a little more about the current refugee crisis and the lives of those involved by taking a journey around the church, ending at the Lady Altar where you will find ways to become more involved.

Foodbank Heroes – thank you to all those who help 'behind the scenes' by providing or transporting goods to our local foodbank. The foodbank is in great need in the run up to Christmas so if you can donate items in the basket at the altar, please bring them to any of our Masses over the next two weeks so that we can help to ensure those in greatest need can be helped this year.

Our prayers go out to all those who are in need of any kind in our parish, to those who are unwell and to all those who care for them: we remember especially all the petitions in our Sacred Heart Book of Prayer and Samira Rashid, Maria Nardese, Magdalene Hibbert, Sue Murray, Ernest Henry, Amanda Fenlon, Esme McKay, John Keane, Teresa Ush, Marva & Donna Ricketts, Beverley Lesley, Marisa Delpoio, Caoimhghin McCann, Judith Newman, Mrs Fashola, Kathleen Hetmanski, Anne Spencer, Eileen & Michael O'Keeffe and Sam & Wendy Simpson.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of

Anthony McNamee and Igho Ojaruega who died recently and for Mary Connolly, Fredrick Napp, Alder Ravera, Bridget Page, Mary Clifford, Kathleen Moore, Michael Houghton-James and all those whose anniversaries occur near this time.