



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 4th December 2016

WELCOME TO OUR SUNDAY MASS

2nd Sunday of Advent [Year A]

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

Mass details		Intentions
Saturday	6.00 pm	Dec'd of Brixton & Stockwell KSC
Sunday	9.00 am	For Our Parish Family
	9.15 am	HMP Brixton
	10.30 am	Carmen Portelli RIP [9 th Anniv.]
	12.00 pm	UCM
	6.00 pm	*
Monday	9.30 am	Helen Montague RIP
Tuesday	9.30 am	Rosie Clara RIP
Wednesday	9.30 am	Patrick Murray and family
Thursday	9.30 am	John McGuckian RIP
Friday	9.30 am	Tony Ellul RIP [Anniv.]
		Next Saturday & Sunday
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Saturday	9.30 am	Ned Butler RIP [Anniv.]
	6.00 pm	Doug Hamill RIP
Sunday	9.00 am	HMP Brixton
	9.15 am	M. Ndougo & M.B. Amboumba RIP
	10.30 am	Tim and Bridget O'Sullivan
	12.00 pm	For Our Parish Family
	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: Third Sunday of Advent (A)

11 Dec	Isaiah 35:1-10	Psalms 145
	James 5:7-10	Matthew 11:2-11

Music & Hymns for the Mass

10:30 Hymns: Entrance: 92 Prep of Gifts: 610
Communion: Music & 651 Closing: 883

12:00 Hymns: Entrance: 99 Prep of Gifts: 609
Communion: 627 Closing: 102

Thank you to our Foodbank Heroes – all those who help to provide and transport goods to our local foodbank throughout the year. The appeal in the run up to Christmas has been a great way of helping families in need so thank you for all your donations. Our focus changes now to a request for small toiletry items that can be donated in the basket by the Lady Altar (where the crib will be). Items such as shampoo, toothpaste, deodorant etc. will be donated to charities helping men and women who have been homeless or in prison.

We welcome the Knights of Columba at our Vigil Mass.

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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: £1176 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

With all the joy that Advent brings, this week's call to repentance can seem jarring. How do repentance and joy weave together for you this week? What will you do to 'prepare the way of the Lord' this week? Where do you recognise the gifts of the Holy Spirit this week?

For Children

Imagine you are John the Baptist...what does the food taste like? What is it like to be in itchy clothes all the time? How could you prepare for Jesus?

Teens

You have been (or soon will be) baptised with the Holy Spirit. How does this make a difference to your life? Read the beginning of the first reading again and remind yourself of the gifts of the Holy Spirit...do you need to pray for any to be refreshed in you?

For Families

Think about how you can put Christ at the centre of your Christmas preparations this week...5 minutes of reflection, an Advent grace, consciously giving to those in need...

Prayer. God of Love,

Your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us. He is a sign of your love. Help us walk in that love during the weeks of Advent, As we wait and prepare for his coming. We pray in the name of Jesus, our Saviour. Amen

December 200 Club Winners

103. Clare Stangroom £250 124. Marina Zephr- £80
144. Josie Sullivan £50

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 Jesse 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.

JESSE TREE



Over the course of last week we placed the first symbols of our Jesse Tree: a dove reminding us of the peace and harmony of creation as God intended; a fruit representing the original sin of Adam and Eve to remind us that Jesus is the New Adam who wipes away that sin; Noah's ark, reminding us of God's covenant to save his people; a field of stars, showing that we are God's children in fulfilment of his promise to Abraham; a ram, representing the sacrifice Abraham made to God and a link to the ultimate sacrifice of God's own Son; we have Jacob's ladder as a reminder that Heaven and Earth are united in God's care; Joseph's sacks of grain to represent God's provision, even in difficult times and on Sunday we place the burning bush to represent the presence of the Lord and our personal response to how God calls us, even today.



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.

On December 12, we are having a Christmas Lunch at 12.45pm for our senior parish members. Anyone who would like to come are asked to make a reservation, so we know how many will be coming. 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.

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 Ushoh, Marva & Donna Ricketts, Beverley Lesley, Marisa Deloio, 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

Igho Ojaruega and Wojciech Janikowski who died recently and for Joseph Rider, John Barrett, William O'Brien, Patricia Ivory, Carl Daley, Sheila Willis, John Baron and all those whose anniversaries occur near this time.



As we continue into 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 December for 10.30 Servers, 18th December 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" are in the Priest's House on: Wednesday 7 December from 16.00 to 18.00

Please note: appointments cannot be booked over the phone and are not 'drop-in', so please make sure you see Fr Adrian after Mass on a Sunday if you need to book one. All parents applying for a school reference must see Fr Adrian and complete a Parish request for each child seeking a place or transfer. This is a Parish form, not the school one and is called the "Initial Application for a School Reference from the Parish Priest" These pink forms can be collected from Fr Adrian after every Mass each weekend. To avoid any confusion: the Parish form is not the Priest's Reference that the schools either send out or give to the parents. If you have received a Priest's Reference from the school(s) you have applied to, please follow the instructions printed on that form as each school has a different process.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION NEWS

A big thank you to all our Catechists, parents and children who made their First Confession last Sunday. Each child will receive a First Confession certificate after Christmas and we resume our classes in January.

CONFIRMATION NEWS

Thank you to those who came to the Confirmation class last Friday evening. Please remember that our next class is next Friday 9 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.

£1 adult or 50p child tickets are on sale this weekend and will be available on the night 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 4
TEAS & COFFEES: Team 3
ALTAR SERVERS: 04 Dec Rota A
NEXT Group 5
NEXT Team 4
11 Dec Rota B