



## CORPUS CHRISTI with ST. ANNE'S

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### Times of Masses and Services 14th December - 22nd December 2019

#### Third Sunday of Advent - Gaudete Sunday

Saturday **Corpus Christi** 5.00 pm Rita Jordan: Michael Tobin: Jimmy Sweeten: Alan Stanley  
 Sunday **St Anne's** 9.00 am Patrick McSharry: Michael & Julia Johnston: Christine Angliss  
**Corpus Christi** 10.30 am Anthony Sullivan (70th Birthday): Anna Tripolino:  
 Malcolm Knight  
**Corpus Christi** 1.00 pm **Baptisms** Osborne, Chipo & Tanaka

Monday 10.00 am **Corpus Christi Convent** Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion  
 Tuesday 7.00 pm **Corpus Christi** John & Margaret Morris  
 Wednesday 10.00 am **Corpus Christi** Joseph & Mary A. Brady  
 Thursday 9.30 am **St. Anne's Whole School Mass** Angelo Rotolo  
 Friday 9.30 am **Corpus Christi Whole School Mass** Mary Staples  
 1.30 pm **Corpus Christi Requiem Mass** John Mernagh

#### Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday **Corpus Christi** 5.00 pm Stewart & Johanna Richardson: Patrick Maloney:  
 Simon Ngale Motimbe  
 Sunday **St Anne's** 9.00 am Edna Kent: Cath & Tony Mitrovic: Angela Sciandra  
**Corpus Christi** 10.30 am John Hampshire: Joseph & Elizabeth Keeley

#### Exposition & Benediction of The Blessed Sacrament

In Corpus Christi Church, every Tuesday evening beginning at 6pm.

**Confessions** - After all Masses & by appointment except Sunday and Monday.

**The Rosary** - Prayed in St. Anne's Church on Thursdays & Fridays before Mass.

If you pay Income Tax then please remember...

#### GIFT AID

your offering. For every £1 given the Government will give the Parish 25p.

*Thank you!*

#### SECOND COLLECTION IN BOTH CHURCHES

This weekend  
 Christmas Flowers

Next weekend  
 P.D.F.

#### St. Anne's Sanctuary Lamp Intention

This week

Next week  
 Kazy & Christina  
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To request a candle, please complete a form and hand it into the Sacristy.

**Candles are £3.50 each**

DATE	READER	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER
Saturday 14th November 5.00 pm	Claire Reay	Marie Anne Bowell: Tony Kirby: Helen Ward
Sunday 15th December 9.00 am	Bill Byrne	Sandhya Mathew: Jim Rossiter
10.30 am	Patti Hynd-Anderson: Hermela	Mary Pearson: Loveline Nana: Maureen Stevenson
Saturday 21st December 5.00 pm	Marie Anne Bowell	Julie Martin: Pat Timmons: David Haywood
Sunday 22nd December 9.00 am	Seamus Brannigan	Helen Fallan: Pat Kennedy
10.30 am	Joe killick: Soliana	Trevor Bloodworth: Sarah Pearson: Anne Malize

<b>Sacred Heart Candle</b>	<b>Our Lady Candle</b>	<b>St. Joseph Candle</b>	<b>St. Paul Candle</b>	<b>St. Anthony Candle</b>	<b>St. Clare Candle</b>
This Week: Brady Family	This Week: Morris & Duffy Fam.	This Week:	This Week:	This Week:	This Week:
Next Week: Holy Souls	Next Week: Holy Souls	Next Week: Holy Souls	Next Week:	Next Week: Holy Souls	Next Week: Holy Souls

<b>Inf. of Prague Candle</b>	<b>St. Padre Pio Candle</b>	<b>St. Peter Candle</b>	<b>St. Patrick Candle</b>	<b>St. Juliana Candle</b>	<b>St. John Candle</b>
This Week: Analie Samson	This Week: Maureen England	This Week:	This Week:	This Week:	This Week:
Next Week: Analie Samson	Next Week: Holy Souls	Next Week:	Next Week:	Next Week:	Next Week: Holy Souls

#### Financial Matters

	Corpus Christi	St Anne's
<b>First Collection</b>		
Gift-Aided	£314.95	£177.00
Non Gift-Aided	£196.34	£107.60
<b>Total</b>	<b>£511.29</b>	<b>£284.60</b>
<b>Second Collection</b>		
Poor Parishes Fund	£263.27	£130.11

*Thank you for your support!*

#### Sortitio / Lottery

<b>Corpus Christi:</b>	Winner: B. Prue	No: 17	Amount: £22.00
	Winner: T. Bloodworth	No: 57	Amount: £22.00
<b>St Anne:</b>	Winner: M. McSharry	No: 66	Amount: £19.00
	Winner: P. Tomson	No: 59	Amount: £19.00

Numbers are on sale before and after Mass in the Church porch. Each number costs £1. Half the money will go to Fr. David's new jet skis, and the other half is divided equally between two lucky winners.

**Safe Guarding: Corpus Christi** - Caroline Ward & Pat Timmins      **St. Anne** - Rosaria Petrucci & Lisa Davison-Walters

### Refreshments after the Sunday Masses

Refreshments are served after the Sunday Masses; in the Joachim Room at St. Anne's Church and in the Fr. Tuite Room at Corpus Christi Church .



All are welcome!

### St. Anne's Carol Service

The parishioners of St. Anne's parish warmly invite you and your family and friends to join their Carol Service on:

Sunday 15th December at 4pm.

Festive Food to follow afterwards in the Joachim Room.

All are welcome!

### St. Anne's Christmas Raffle

St. Anne's Christmas Raffle began on 24th November and will be drawn after the Advent Carol Service on 15th December. Tickets are £1 a strip.

Thank you to those who have donated prizes.

All proceeds to go towards the Parish Development Fund.

Thank you for your continual support.

### Corpus Christi Church Brass Cleaning for Christmas

Thursday 19th December, 10am onwards please.

### Mass Times for Christmas

#### Christmas Eve

St. Anne's Church 6pm

Corpus Christi Church 8pm

#### Christmas Day

Corpus Christi Church 10am

#### St. Stephen's Day/Boxing Day

St. Anne's Church 10am

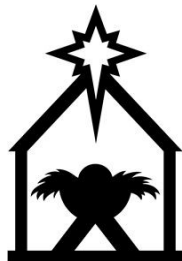
#### **ALL ALTAR SERVERS TO BE PRESENT**

**New St. Stephen's Medals will be given at this Mass.**

Confessions during Advent after all Masses except Sunday.

For other Deanery parishes and Penance Services please check the Deanery Website.

[www.coventry-catholicdeanery.org.uk](http://www.coventry-catholicdeanery.org.uk)



### Blessing of Straw

The traditional blessing of Straw, a custom found in countries like Poland and Lithuania will take place at all masses on the Third Sunday of Advent.

**T'was the night before Christmas**, God glanced over the earth. He looked to and fro, all over its girth.

They missed it again He said with a sigh, a heavy heart and a tear in his eye.

I gave them my Son, so they could be free. My greatest gift, to them from me.

They traded me in, for a man in red. A little tree and horse-drawn sled. How do I save them, and make them see. My love is complete, my grace is free. How do I help them, when all they know. Is a talking snowman and a box with a bow.

Maybe next year, they will stop and see. The biggest gift of Christmas, is the little child from me. **Author unknown**

### The Year of the Word - 2020

The year 2020 has been earmarked as a focus on the Bible and 'The God Who Speaks' by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales and the Bible Society. 2020 has been chosen as it is the 10th anniversary of *Verbum Domini* – Pope Benedict XVI's Apostolic Exhortation on 'The Word of the Lord' and the 1,600th anniversary of St Jerome's death. It is therefore a wonderful opportunity to once again thank our Readers for their Ministry in the parishes but also to remind them of the enormous responsibility placed on them as they approach God's Word. In the proclamation of the Sacred Scriptures one should never take a casual approach to God's Word anymore than one would to The Blessed Sacrament. God is present in both. Both are Sacred. As a reminder then, we are re-publishing some helpful points that were made in the parish newsletter during April 2019:

Acquire a copy of the Readings a week before hand and practice. Note the difference in text; is it poetry, song, narrative or dialogue? : put some life into the words: Inflection, tone, speed, pauses and looking up at the congregation are a great help in achieving this. The Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist are not drama, but they do need to be dramatic; they are not theatre but they do need to be Theatrical.

Ensure the Lectionary is open at the correct page, before Mass begins and that the microphone is switched on. The Reader must wait until the Opening Prayer and the Creed has finished with the words "AMEN" before they come out of their seat; there is no hurry. Pause after the First Reading before the Psalm and again before the Second Reading and please give the congregation a chance to stand before you come in with the Gospel Acclamation, i.e. "Alleluia, Alleluia..."

### Second Collection - Christmas Flowers

On the weekend of 14th and 15th December the Second Collection will be for flowers to decorate our churches.

### Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Offertory Collection

The Collection taken during the Offertory on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, is traditionally an offering for the Parish Clergy.

Next weekend, the 14th and 15th December we will put out near the entrance to the Churches a special envelope if you wish to use one for the Parish Priest's Christmas Offering.

### Corpus Christi Primary School

Corpus Christi Primary School invite you to prepare for Christmas with them, by sharing in their Carol Service :

Years 3 and 4 - Carols by Candle light  
Monday 16th December at 2pm in  
Corpus Christi SCHOOL

Years 5 and 6 - Carols and Lessons  
Wednesday 18th December at 7pm in  
Corpus Christi CHURCH

### Mass of St. John the Evangelist

Friday 27th December is the Feast of St. John the Evangelist. We have been invited to offer Mass in Abbey Park Methodist Nursing Home off the Humber Road that day at 3.30pm. All are welcome!

### Abbey Park Methodist Home on Humber Road

Please can you help us to provide a traditional Christmas carol singing party which will be sung to all the residents in Abbey Park Methodist Home on Humber Road on Thursday 19th December – 6pm. To 7pm. Music, words and festive refreshments provided. We need as many voices as possible. Rev. Pauline Warner (Chaplain)

### Decorating the Churches for Christmas

We would like to begin to decorate our Churches for Christmas on Sunday 22nd December and Monday 23rd December. The 12 foot and 8 foot Christmas Trees in Corpus Christi will need some assistance to erect and open after the 10.30am Mass on the 22nd December.

### Of your charity

Please pray for the soul of John Mernagh of Soden Close whose Requiem Mass will be offered for his eternal soul on Friday 20th December at 1.30pm in the Church of Corpus Christi .

*Eternal Rest, grant unto him O Lord*