



CORPUS CHRISTI with ST. ANNE'S

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The days, times & locations for Mass: Sat 12th December - Sun 20th December 2020

The Third Sunday of Advent:- Gaudete Sunday

Saturday 5.00pm Corpus Christi Alan Stanley: The British Nation
Sunday 9.00am St. Anne's Alan Stanley: Stella & Tom Hardick
10.30am Corpus Christi Fr. David and Parishioners: Mary Fensom



Monday NO MASS
Tuesday 7.00 pm Corpus Christi Carol Flynn: Fr. John Ellis
Wednesday 9.30 am Corpus Christi Sister, Josephine, Anne & Brigid: Fr. Gerry Breen
Thursday 9.30 am St. Anne's John & Helen Fallan (Birthday): Fr. Jim McGloin
Friday 9.30 am St. Anne's Tom Quinn: Fr. David Barry

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday 5.00pm Corpus Christi Anthony McKiernan: The Holy Souls
Sunday 9.00am St. Anne's Patrick McSharry: The Deceased Parishioners of St. Anne's
10.30am Corpus Christi James Cannon: Mike Scott: Patricia Hancocks

Exposition & Benediction

Beginning again on Tuesday 8th December at 6pm in Corpus Christi Church.

Confessions

Confessions by appointment and after Masses, Tuesday - Saturday



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

P.D.F.

Next weekend

The Christmas Flowers

St. Anne's Sanctuary Lamp Intention

This week

Next week

Thomas Cadden

To request a candle, please complete a form and hand it into the Sacristy.

Candles are £3.50 each

DATE	READER	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER
Saturday 12th December 5.00 pm	Patricia Timmons	Caroline Ward
Sunday 13th December 9.00 am	Christine Angliss	John Fallan
10.30 am	Gerard McAleese	Anne Malize
Saturday 19th December 5.00 pm	Marie Anne Howell	Julie Martin
Sunday 20th December 9.00 am	Ogochukwu Okafor	Patricia Orisa
10.30 am	Patti Hynd-Anderson	Lucy Ojomo

Sacred Heart Candle **Our Lady Candle** **St. Joseph Candle** **St. Paul Candle** **St. John Candle** **St. Clare Candle**
 This Week: J Richardson This Week: Spec Int This Week: This Week: This Week: This Week:
 Next Week: Holy Souls Next Week: Holy Souls

Inf. of Prague Candle **St. Padre Pio Candle** **St. Peter Candle** **St. Patrick Candle** **St. Juliana Candle** **St. Anthony Candle**
 This Week: This Week: This Week: This Week: This Week: This Week: Anthony Sullivan
 Next Week: Holy Souls Next Week: Holy Souls

Financial Matters

	Corpus Christi	St Anne's
First Collection		
Gift-Aided	£416.99	£239.06
Non Gift-Aided	£147.15	£179.56
Total	£564.14	£418.62
Second Collection		
P.D.F.	£379.85	£112.15

Thank you for your support!

Sortitio / Lottery

Corpus Christi: Winner:	No:	Amount:
Christi: Winner:	No:	Amount:
St Anne: Winner:	No:	Amount:
Winner:	No:	Amount:

There will be no lottery in either parish for the time being. Thank you to all our supporters.

Safe Guarding: Corpus Christi - Caroline Ward & Pat Timmins

St. Anne - Rosaria Petrucci & Diana Petrucci

The Octave of Christmas

Many of us are familiar with the carol "*The Twelve Days of Christmas*." This carol reminds us that there are twelve days of Christmas to January 6th, the Epiphany. But the Church's Liturgy actually emphasises the eight days or the Octave of Christmas. The Church recognises that the days of the Christmas Octave are repeating the solemnness of Christmas for eight days, concluding on a high note on January 1st with the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, a Feast that echoes the solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord.

What is an Octave? An Octave means an eight-day celebration, that is, the prolongation of a feast to the eighth day inclusive.

Why are we talking about this Octave, in particular the Octave of Christmas? Well, due to the coronavirus, numbers in Church have to be restricted. This restriction will effect the number of people permitted in Church especial on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day which is normally the busiest period of the year. The Church's Liturgy gives the answer to our problem, to our conundrum. The clue is in the name, that for eight days we treat each day the same as the original feast day of Christmas. We celebrate Christmas Day every day within the octave, it is the feast all over again for eight days.

Therefore, if you don't feel comfortable about being in church at this time with large numbers, or you prefer to come to a quieter Mass for Christmas, or you cannot get hold of a ticket because they have all gone and we have reached our seating capacity then still by coming to Mass during the Octave you will have kept the Feast of Christmas.

Mother Church is a good psychologist; she understands our human nature perfectly. Our Christmas arrangements may not be what we are used to or would choose for ourselves, but 2020 is not a year any of us would want to choose. Yet, in the spirit of the Church's Liturgy Mother Church is saying to us that the great feast of Christmas can never be restricted to a single celebration anyway, but should continue on through a full week because the soul is amazed and not quite prepared to think profoundly upon its mystery in one day; but on the following days the mind finds it easy to consider the mystery from all sides, sympathetically and deeply; an eight day celebration affords a wonderful opportunity to make a synthesis of all points covered.

St. Anne's Crib

If you have five minutes to help after Mass on Friday 18th December to bring the Crib figures and the Stable over from St. Anne's Garage then your help will be gratefully received.

Christmas Offering Envelopes - These envelopes are designed to put in them a gift for your Parish Priest. These can be placed in the basket during the Christmas Masses or in the wooden box over the Octave for Christmas.

Responsibilities for Stewards for the Christmas Masses

First of all, thank you for offering to help steward the Masses (and to those who will be cleaning after). Please be in church an hour before Mass begins. Two stewards will be outside collecting tickets while the other two are inside assisting people. At least one Steward needs to remain at the entrance of the Church throughout the Mass to look after late comers. Please remember that, it isn't your responsibility to police the church or intimidate the parishioners, you are there simple to assist and guide them. If there are any issues, then Fr. David will deal with them. Your tasks are;

1- To Welcome. Welcome the person to church, say, "**Welcome to Corpus Christi/St. Anne's!**"

2- To Inquire. Ask the person for their ticket. "**Do you have your ticket please?**" The parishioner will present you with their ticket. Check to see if they have the correct ticket; look for the time, date and location on the ticket. There is no need to take the ticket from them. If they have lost or forgotten their ticket they cannot enter the church.

3- To Seat Encourage the parishioners to spread themselves around the Church. Catholics have a tendency to sit at the back of churches; encourage them to sit nearer the front. It is not for you to tell people where and where they cannot sit. Be mindful of any wheelchair/walker users.

4- No Ticket? What to say. "**I am sorry, due to the coronavirus pandemic we have a limited seating capacity this evening/morning admission is by ticket only**" If there are any tickets left for that particular Mass then you can give the person a ticket, or if there are tickets remaining for any of the other Masses, then you can offer them that possibility. They may say, "**No thank you**". Or you can invite them to come to Mass during the week, during the Octave of Christmas. What if the person responds to you saying, *Ok, but can I just light a candle or visit the toilet?* It is best to say, *Sorry, not at this time*. This is in case you have trouble asking them to leave the church once inside. If you have any trouble with people being awkward about not having a ticket, and not being let into church, then say, *please email or speak to Fr. David*.

Christmas Masses 2020

Christmas Eve : 5.00pm Corpus Christi

7.00pm St. Anne's

9.00pm Corpus Christi

Christmas Day: 10.00am Corpus Christi
(pending on more stewards and cleaners)

Confessions

During Advent Confession times remain unchanged, i.e. Confession after all Masses



Tickets for Christmas Eve & Christmas Day

We have the required number of Stewards & Cleaners for all Masses except Christmas Morning. Once we have our four stewards then we can confirm that there will be a Christmas morning Mass at 10.00am. The seating capacity for Corpus Christi has been set at 140, and for St. Anne's 110. Sadly only those parishioners with a ticket will be permitted into the Church. To ensure everyone has the opportunity to hear Mass for Christmas please only take one ticket per person, per Mass (unless you have a ministry or there are tickets remaining after Sunday 20th December). Please don't take bundles of tickets for friends or family.

By taking a ticket you are accepting our;

TERMS & CONDITIONS

- 1 - Please be seated no less than 10 minutes before the Mass is due to begin, so as to assist the smooth running of the celebration.
- 2 - On entry and exiting the church you will sanitise your hands.
- 3 - You must wear a face covering which covers your nose as well as your mouth while you are in church.
- 4 - You must comply with the stewards instructions and not cause a fuss. Please remember the stewards are there to keep everyone safe.

Foundation Governors needed

St. Anne's Primary School are looking for two new Foundation Governors. To find out more information please contact St. Anne's School directly on 02476306740.

St. Anne's Parish Raffle

St. Anne's Christmas Raffle tickets are on sale to help raise funds for the Parish. Tickets are £1 a strip. The First and Second Prize, are cash prizes of each worth £50.00. Thank you to those who have organised the raffle and to those who have donated the prizes for the raffle.