



## CORPUS CHRISTI with ST. ANNE'S

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### The days, times & locations for Mass: Sat 26th December - Sun 3rd January 2021

#### The Feast of the Holy Family

**Saturday 5.00pm Corpus Christi** Walter & Kathleen Fearick: Marie-Anne & Greg Bowell:  
 Sr. Josephine; Johanna Richardson  
**Sunday 9.00am St. Anne's** Fr. Dominic & Fr Yen: Jack Upton: Christine Kent: Nina's Family  
**10.30am Corpus Christi** Theresa Anatuanya: Maria Pia & Family

**Monday** NO MASS

**Tuesday 7.00 pm Corpus Christi** Chukwudi Malize: Tim & Frances Glancy

**Wednesday 9.30 am Corpus Christi** KSC Coventry '93: Ethan Cambers

**Thursday 9.30 am St. Anne's** James McNicholas: Edna Kent



#### The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God: New Year's Day

**Friday 10.00 am St. Anne's** To End Abortion: Molly McGinnes:  
 The Conversion of Russia



#### Second Sunday after the Nativity

**Saturday 5.00pm Corpus Christi** Alan Stanley: The Holy Souls: Pro Populo

**Sunday 9.00am St. Anne's** Christina & Kazy Bieliauskas: Nina's Family:  
 Archbishop Bernard & Fr. Dominic

**10.30am Corpus Christi** Emmanuel Malize: The Gnosill Family



#### Exposition & Benediction

Tuesday evenings beginning at 6pm in Corpus Christi Church.

**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  
 For Fr. David - Christmas Offerings

Next weekend  
 P.D.F.

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

This week  
 Kazy & Christina Bieliauskas

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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 26th December 5.00 pm	Helen Ward	David Haywood
Sunday 27th December 9.00 am	Chuk McCaughley	Pat Kennedy
10.30 am	Chukwudi Malize	Anne Malize
Saturday 2nd January 5.00 pm	Claire Reay	Caroline Ward
Sunday 3rd January 9.00 am	Bill Byrne	Helen Fallan
10.30 am	Gerard McAleese	Chukwudi Malize

#### Sacred Heart Candle

This Week: B. Boswell  
 Next Week:

#### Our Lady Candle

This Week: Thanksgiving  
 Next Week:

#### St. Joseph Candle

This Week: Thanksgiving  
 Next Week:

#### St. Paul Candle

This Week:  
 Next Week:

#### St. John Candle

This Week: Jack Bell  
 Next Week:

#### St. Clare Candle

This Week:  
 Next Week:

#### Inf. of Prague Candle

This Week:  
 Next Week:

#### St. Padre Pio Candle

This Week:  
 Next Week:

#### St. Peter Candle

This Week:  
 Next Week:

#### St. Patrick Candle

This Week: Morris & Duffy  
 Next Week:

#### St. Juliana Candle

This Week:  
 Next Week:

#### St. Anthony Candle

This Week: Brady & McGlynn  
 Next Week:

#### Financial Matters

	Corpus Christi	St Anne's
<b>First Collection</b>		
Gift-Aided (+SO)	£330.68	£198.00
Non Gift-Aided	£157.03	£119.25
<b>Total</b>	<b>£487.71</b>	<b>£317.25</b>
<b>Second Collection</b>		
Christmas flowers	£330.99	£252.94

*Thank you for your support!*

#### Sortitio / Lottery

<b>Corpus Christi:</b> Winner:	<b>No:</b>	<b>Amount:</b>
<b>Christi:</b> Winner:	<b>No:</b>	<b>Amount:</b>
<b>St Anne:</b> Winner:	<b>No:</b>	<b>Amount:</b>
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**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



### Happy New Year!

Fr. David would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year. Come and join us in St. Anne's on New Year's Day at the later time of 10.00 am to celebrate New Year's Day and the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God.

### Thank you

Fr. David would like to say thank you for your card's , Gifts, and Christmas Offerings. Also on your behalf he would like to say a special thanks to all those who helped prepare our churches for Christmas; the decorations, the stewarding, the cleaning, the flowers, music and ministries.

### The Blessing of Chalk

Next weekend, 2nd/3rd January we will bless chalk after Mass. With the Blessed chalk we are invited to take a piece home and inscribe upon our homes the following:

### 20+C+M+B+21

2021 is the Year. C, M, B are the initials of the three Magi, Casper, Melchior and Balthasar. Or in Latin ; **Christus Mansionem Benedict, meaning Christ Bless this home**

Let us pray: Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only-begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who inhabit it.

Fill them (us) with the light of Christ, that their (our) concern for others may reflect your love.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. **R/. Amen.**

*The leader concludes the rite by signing himself or herself with the sign of the cross and saying:*

May Christ Jesus dwell with us, keep us from all harm, and make us one in mind and heart, now and forever. **R/. Amen.**



### Smile, you are on camera!

Since the damage caused to the outside crucifix on the front of Corpus Christi Church and the increase of people visiting the parish site caused by the Romero Academy and their plastic sports pitch it was deemed necessary to install security cameras. Corpus Christi Church, inside and out and the Presbytery will have 24 hour CCTV surveillance after this weekend. Images will be monitored for the sole purpose of public safety, crime prevention, detection and prosecution of offenders. It is sad that what was once a beautiful and peaceful place has been turned into business venture that has no history and spirit of our place

### The Second Collection

On the weekend of 26th/27th December the Second Collection in both Parishes will also be for your Parish Priest. The weekend not only falls during the Christmas Octave but also our parish clergy missed out on an Easter Offering. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

### Of your Charity

Please pray for the souls of James Deehan & Henry Maloney who have recently died. James' Requiem Mass has been cancelled.

Henry's Requiem Mass will be held on Tuesday 5th January at 12noon in Corpus Christi Church. (30 mourners **only**)

### A Pastoral Letter from His Grace, Bernard Longley, Archbishop of Birmingham

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, *This child is destined to be a sign...so that the secret thoughts of many may be laid bare.*

May I first of all wish you and all those close to you a blessed and happy Christmas. Every day of the Christmas Octave - in the week leading up to New Year's Day - is a continuation of the celebration of Christmas. But I know that this year - because of the coronavirus restrictions - it will be much more difficult for us to maintain the Christmas spirit across the traditional twelve days. Today's Feast of the Holy Family is particularly poignant in a year when it has been impossible for our families to gather together as they usually would. Perhaps this serves to emphasise some of the things that we can easily take for granted about family life and the value of our relationships. The family is part of the natural world that God has created and entrusted to us. All living creatures exist in some sort of kinship, guaranteeing their continuity and sustaining the quality of their lives. Pope Francis has said that we need education in the care of the common home to help people understand that environmental problems are linked to human needs. From the very outset of our lives the human needs on which we depend for life itself find their natural setting in the family. From the gift of life itself to the loving provision of food, shelter and all the benefits of human contact, the family is the gift that keeps on giving. A new-born baby becomes the focus of love and attention on the part of parents and family not because of anything it can do, but simply on account of its being. With the birth of his Son, the Father has revealed his unconditional love for us, irrespective of our ability to achieve anything in life or to merit God's love. St Paul has put it this way: It is proof of God's love for us, that Christ died for us while we were still sinners...While we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son. We see this unconditional love in the Holy Family - even when its demands caused some perplexity. St Luke's Gospel indicates something of this where it describes the journey of Mary and Joseph to Jerusalem, taking the infant Jesus to the Temple to present him to the Lord. The evangelist says the child's father and mother stood there wondering at the things that were being said about him. Looking back on the closing year, with all its extraordinary ups and downs, we may not always have seen the sense of what was happening to us or our families - we may often have felt anxious or perplexed about events unfolding around us, locally or nationally. At times of crisis we tend to fall back on those things that are fundamental to our lives and our beliefs. Hence, the need for our family and for our faith have been central to surviving 2020. This year we have missed those very special expressions of family life that continue to make Christmas an important season for believer and non-believer alike. Our parish communities have done their utmost - through the continued opening of our churches, alongside the live-streaming of Mass - to sustain the life of faith within our families. The familiar saying: absence makes the heart grow fonder can never have been truer than it is for 2020. Family life and Catholic faith teach us to hope that the things we have glimpsed, or experienced in part, will one day find their fulfilment in the Kingdom of God. The Holy Family of Nazareth shows us that we are called through Christ to the eternal communion of love and life in God. As the New Year approaches we ask the holy child - destined to be a sign...so that the secret thoughts of many may be laid bare - to give us the courage to bring our secret thoughts to God. A beautiful prayer from the Iona Community can help us prepare for 2021: *You keep us waiting. You, the God of all time Want us to wait For the right time in which to discover Who we are, here we must go Who will be with us, and what we must do.*

May the Holy Family of Nazareth help us all, this New Year.

With my prayers for you and my kindest wishes this Christmastide.

Yours devotedly in Christ. *Bernard Longley*, Archbishop of Birmingham