



CORPUS CHRISTI and ST. ANNE'S

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The days, times & locations for Mass: Sat 17th July - Sun 25th July 2021

The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B1

Saturday 17th	5.00 pm	Corpus Christi	Tom Quinn
Sunday 18th	9.00 am	St. Anne's	Anne Upton
	10.30 am	Corpus Christi	Pro Populo
Monday 19th	9.30am	St Anne's	Desmond Boyle
Tuesday 20th	7.00 pm	Corpus Christi	Fr Sunday (ordination anniversary)
Wednesday 21st	9.30 am	Corpus Christi	Patricia Upton
Thursday 22nd	NO MASS		
Friday 23rd	NO MASS		

The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 24th	5.00 pm	Corpus Christi	Mary Teresa McHugh
Sunday 25th	9.00 am	St. Anne's	Fr Stephen's Induction Mass People and priest of the parish
	10.30 am	Corpus Christi	Fr Stephen's Induction Mass People and priest of the parish

Exposition & Benediction - Tuesday evenings beginning at 6pm in Corpus Christi Church.

Confessions - by appointment and after Masses.

Sorry there are no Masses this Wednesday or Thursday;
there is a Monday Mass at St Anne's this week, and next for our patronal feast.

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

P.D.F.

St. Anne's Sanctuary Lamp Intention

This week

Next week

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

Candles are £3.50 each

There is 24 hour CCTV on Corpus Christi site

DATE	READER	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER
Saturday 17th July 5.00 pm	Caroline Ward	David Haywood
Sunday 18th July 9.00 am	Seamus Brannigan	Sandhya Mathew
10.30 am	Chukwudi Malize	Maria Bloodworth
Saturday 24th July 5.00 pm	Pat Timmons	Julie Martin
Sunday 25th July 9.00 am	Gloria and Terry	not needed thanks
10.30 am	Emmanuel and Soliana	not needed thanks

As we return to normal, it would be good if people could volunteer to oversee rotas for the above ministries

Sacred Heart Candle	Our Lady Candle	St. Joseph Candle	St. Paul Candle	St. John Candle	St. Clare Candle
This Week: Michael Crampsie					
Next Week:	Gaffney family	Ian Pace	John Gafney		

Inf. of Prague Candle	St. Pio Candle	St. Peter Candle	St. Patrick Candle	St. Juliana Candle	St. Anthony Candle
This Week:					
Next Week:	George				

Financial Matters

	Corpus Christi	St Anne's
First Collection		
Gift-Aided (+SOs)	£355.70	£ 124.00
Non Gift-Aided	<u>£168.35</u>	<u>£ 119.36</u>
Total	£524.05	£243.36
Special Collection		
For the Apostleship of the Sea	£174.89	£181.23
<i>Thank you for your support!</i>		

Prayer To St. Joseph, for the Year of St. Joseph

Hail guardian of the Redeemer,
spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son.
In you, Mary placed her trust.
With you, Christ became man.
Blessed Joseph, show yourself a father to us as well,
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage
and defend us from every evil. Amen

Safeguarding: Corpus Christi - Caroline Ward & Pat Timmons

St. Anne - Rosaria Petrucci & Diana Petrucci

“... and he took pity on them, as they were like sheep without a shepherd.”

‘The best laid plans...’ as they say. Jesus was showing his wisdom in realising that his disciples needed a re-charge after their return from ministry. He planned some rest and relaxation for them. Alone. But the crowds had other ideas. They saw in Jesus something they longed for. They thirsted for his guidance and teaching. And so when he got out the boat, there was a large crowd already waiting for him. He probably felt like shooing them all away - and we tend to be firmer about such things when it is someone else we are protecting. But when he looked at them, they were lost - like sheep without a shepherd. His natural compassion took over, so he took a deep breath, found the energy, and taught them at length.

Wouldn't it have been marvellous to be there, in that crowd. How inspiring!

Except, with all our information overload, and our focus on choice and individualism, would we have been so thirsty for his teaching? A question central to our faith journey, especially in our culture, is: are you comfortable admitting that you are lost, and like a sheep without a shepherd? Do you thirst for Jesus' teaching, or see it more as a burden, or simply unnecessary?

Induction, Lifting of Restrictions, and the Sign of Peace

I spoke last week about my induction Mass - where we commit to our journey together into God. I thought it wouldn't really work during the August break, and by September I'll be old news, so, although it is a little bit quick, we're going to go for next Sunday, 25th July -at the 9am and 10:30am Masses. This does mean that the 5pm Saturday Mass misses out, but there's no way around that. Canon Tom, our dean, has very kindly agreed to carry out the induction. The service is actually quite lovely, and only adds 10 minutes to the Mass, so please make an effort to come: I'm only human, and supporting me at the beginning of my ministry with you is more important than being kind when I go! I've invited the children from the respective schools to come, and hopefully some will respond to that. There will be light refreshments afterwards - which will be easier to organise if the weather is good!

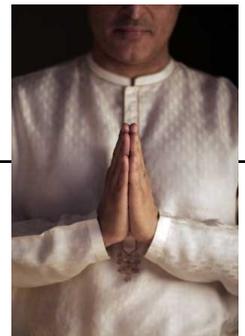
These Masses coincide with our first weekend without lockdown restrictions. As from Monday 19th, we now have no legal requirements regarding social distancing and masks. However, countrywide there is an increase in delta variation infections, and people are returning to Mass who will feel quite vulnerable after being away - so it is important that we are sensitive to each other. The diocese suggested the possibility of having designated area where masks must be worn - I tend to think this might make people more self-conscious, and that it is better to first see if we naturally work it out ourselves. We will keep windows and doors open, the church is very spacious, and we are all facing the same way - so my sense is that this will be enough. If in doubt, please put the other person first. We can review as we go on, if we haven't got the balance quite right. Let's also start praying the prayer to St Michael after Mass - perhaps over the pandemic we haven't relied on spiritual help enough, as well as the practical.

- So, let's keep how we do Holy Communion for now - and I will continue to sanitise and wear a mask for this - as it doesn't really inconvenience us.
- We no longer need to keep 2 or even 1 metre apart, but let's keep distance when it is easily possible.
- Wearing of masks is optional, but please don't feel awkward continuing with one if that helps you (I will, just for Holy Communion).
- We now can have singing - though I obviously now need to find out what has been the norm previous to Covid, and take it from there.
- The track and trace system will continue as it has the last few weeks.

Then there's the sign of peace! I have lived in Ethiopia, and visited India, and was always impressed with their simple sign of peace: joining our own hands in prayer, facing the other and bowing, while simply saying 'peace'. In Ethiopia everyone did this to the priest, to the left and to the right and that was it. This was indeed a sign of peace. It is so easy for handshaking to be a 'sign of rumpus' - i.e. we are left more agitated, having lost our prayerful peacefulness, no matter how good intentioned it is. So, I have always preferred the 'African version' - if I can call it that, from Ethiopia. My suggestion is that we try that here, with it having the obvious benefit that it is Covid-friendly. Like everything else, it will seem strange to start, but will soon feel normal.

Yours in Jesus and Mary,

Fr Stephen



Funeral

There is a Funeral Mass for Kathleen Elizabeth O'Toole at 1pm on Friday 30th July. May she rest in peace.
It looks like we won't need wardens, thanks.