



# CORPUS CHRISTI and ST. ANNE'S

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## The days, times & locations for Mass: Sat 31st July - Sun 8th August 2021

### The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time B1

**Saturday 31st** 5.00 pm *Corpus Christi* Walter & Kathleen Fearick  
**Sunday 1st** 9.00 am *St. Anne's* Thanksgiving  
10.30 am *Corpus Christi* People of the parishes

**Monday 2nd** No Mass  
**Tuesday 3rd** 7.00 pm *Corpus Christi* Anna & Marcelle  
**Wednesday 4th** 9.30 am *Corpus Christi* Jim McCann & Anna Quinn  
**Thursday 5th** 9.30am *St Anne's* Ian Pace  
**Friday 6th** 9.30am *St Anne's* Tony Kavanagh

### The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time B1

**Saturday 7th** 5.00 pm *Corpus Christi* People of the parishes  
**Sunday 8th** 9.00 am *St. Anne's* Thanksgiving (J & H)  
10.30 am *Corpus Christi* Stokes family

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

**Confessions** - by appointment and after Masses.

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.

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 31st July 5.00 pm	Helen Ward	Stewart Richardson
Sunday 1st August 9.00 am		John Fallon
10.30 am	John Teeling	Kay Lewis
Saturday 7th August 5.00 pm	Caroline Ward	Pat Timmons
Sunday 8th August 9.00 am	Bill Byrne & Marcy	Sandhya Mathew
10.30 am	Chukwudi Malize & Hermela	Lucy Ojomo

### Mass Intentions

As your priest, I pray for you at least five times a day, by praying what is called the Divine Office, or the Prayer of the Church - a parish priest prays that specifically for his people. I hope you find strength in knowing that. Also, daily Mass in our churches clearly benefits us all, but from earliest Christian times people have asked for the priest to offer Mass for a specific intention also. There are envelopes available at the back of both churches for such requests. They are envelopes because, traditionally, people have always given a donation at the same time, though this is not necessary - just leave the envelope empty if money is tight for you. A normal donation currently is say £5 - £10, but I'm only telling you that so you have an idea - there is honestly no coercion here! Do use this opportunity to have Mass offered for your loved ones - living or dead.

### Financial Matters

**Corpus Christi**      **St Anne's**

#### First Collection

Gift-Aided (+SOs)      £347.34      £163.50

Non Gift-Aided      £217.60      £ 97.76

**Total**      **£564.94**      **£261.26**

#### Special Collection

P. D. F.      £296.58      £148.24

*Thank you for your support!*

### 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

**“He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst.”**

We enter a few weeks of teaching by Jesus on the Eucharist - from John's Gospel. This is very opportune, as the Eucharist is the centre of our parish - 'the source and summit' of our worship and our lives - and so, with my arrival and lockdown ending, it is perhaps a good time for us to have an MOT on our attitude to the Mass and the Blessed Sacrament.

Jesus' followers found it difficult to believe what he was saying: that he was the bread of life. Hardly surprising really: would you have coped with a man sitting in front of you and telling you his flesh was real food?! We have a better chance of believing him, because after the Last Supper, we can understand that he meant this sacramentally - that he would transform bread and wine into his Body and Blood. But this hardly makes it an easy teaching, and we should never lose our sense of awe and wonder in his presence. So, the first questions today are: do you show awe and wonder as you enter church and prepare for Mass? The genuflection should be a profound kneeling (arthritis and other ailments permitting!), not a casual bob. It should result in me inwardly saying 'wow', as I contemplate God's real presence before me.

Then, do I stay silent before Him, as we prepare for Mass? It is one thing to say hello to others in welcome, as we enter church - although we can normally do that silently - it is another to have conversations in the pew or the aisle. As is so often the case, we don't have to make an effort to talk in church, we have to make an effort not to. So, please, let's all of us, tighten that self-discipline of showing reverence to the Blessed Sacrament through our silence: it really does allow our hearts and minds to be stilled, ready for Mass. If you stop me in church to say something, I want to hear what you want to say, but I will normally invite you to come into the porch/sacristy area, so we can converse out of the church itself.

It is a great joy to me that we have holy hour before Mass at Corpus Christi on Tuesday evenings. I would have Eucharistic adoration in any parish, but in one called Corpus Christi it is surely a must! Two things I want to ask you in connection with this. Firstly, if we put Mass and adoration on at St Anne's on Saturday mornings (10am Mass, 10.30am Adoration and Confessions?) would you attend that? (I'm pondering Mass times in general in these early weeks, in the light of what I can offer, what we arrange with the two schools, and what desire there is in the parish.) Secondly, and more long term, is there any mileage in considering developing our Eucharistic adoration? Especially if we linked more with the rest of the deanery or at least the parishes nearest us? I don't know what that means yet; I suppose it would in part depend on the enthusiasm of your response. Please feed back to me.

A big thank you to all who have made my move to being your parish priest go so well so far - especially all those who did so much towards my Masses of Induction - it is all really appreciated, from the large to the small. The two Masses were very powerful in their simplicity - thank you Canon Tom for that. And it was so nice to have communal singing again. If you do do things in the parish, please come up to me and let me know who you are - it makes it so much easier for me to be able to put faces to names etc, and just slowly get my head around how things have worked. I'm already clear that I will need more help in the office, house and garden - Fr David had an incredible ability to look after all these; my strengths are, let's say, elsewhere. My Dad is also not getting any younger, and that will affect things too - he's coming over for a couple of weeks during August. For clarity, by the way, I think I'll refer to the one parish, and two churches - I think that's more uniting than talking of two parishes.



Yours in Jesus and Mary,

*Fr Stephen*

### **March for Life UK**

The third March for Life in London will be held on Saturday 4th September. Anyone interested in going, as a parish, or as a deanery? This day is so important in us standing up for the right of every person to life - especially the unborn - in a joyful, dignified way. A lot of effort goes into organising it, and it would be good to support it. We all long to make a difference, and this is one way you can. let me know. [info@marchforlife.co.uk](mailto:info@marchforlife.co.uk)



### **Prayer to St Michael**

(to be prayed after Mass)

Saint Michael, the Archangel, defend us in this day of battle,  
be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil;  
may God rebuke him, we humbly pray,  
and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God,  
cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits  
who wander through the world seeking the ruin of souls.  
Amen.

