



CORPUS CHRISTI and ST. ANNE'S

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The days, times & locations for Mass: Sat 21st Aug - Sun 29th August 2021

The 21th Sunday of Ordinary Time B1

Saturday 21th	5.00 pm	Corpus Christi	Kath Stanley
Sunday 22nd	9.00 am	St. Anne's	Ann Sproul
	10.30 am	Corpus Christi	People of the parish
Monday 23rd	No Mass		
Tuesday 24th	6.00pm	Corpus Christi	<i>Adoration and Benediction</i>
	7.00pm	Corpus Christi	Anne Connor
Wednesday 25th	9.30am	Corpus Christi	Cannon family
Thursday 26th	9.30am	St Anne's	Special Int (TD)
Friday 27th	9.30am	St Anne's	Joseph Conroy
St Bernard			
Saturday 28th	9.30am	St Anne's	John & Hannah O'Connor
	<i>followed by adoration and Confessions until 10.30am</i>		

The 22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Saturday 28th	5.00 pm	Corpus Christi	Walter & Kathleen Fearick
Sunday 29th	9.00 am	St. Anne's	People of the parish
	10.30 am	Corpus Christi	Fr Gerard & Tina McNeil

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

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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

Confessions after Masses and on request whenever possible

Extraordinary Ministers and Readers

21st/22nd August: 5pm Pat Timmons, *David Haywood*; 9am Seamus Brannigan, *Christine Angeliss*; 10:30am Bernard Kimberley & Lynsey, *Chukwudi Malize*.

28th/29th August: 5pm Helen Ward; *Caroline Ward*; 9am Ogochukwu Okafor/Terry, *Pat Kennedy*; 10:30am Joe Killick & Mical, *Maureen Stevenson*.

Please pray for **Ariana Guinan** who is Baptised this Sunday, that she and her family will grow in love through this great sacrament.

Can you play your part?

This year's **March for Life** in London is on Saturday 4th September. Vivien McDonald, Mary and I are going there via National Express coach, leaving Coventry centre bus station at 7.30am and returning on the 5pm coach.

It costs £5.80 return. If you would like to travel with us, please buy your ticket from www.nationalexpress.com, and also let Vivien know on viv_mcdonald@hotmail.com Thanks.

As part of "**Open Doors - Faith Weekend**" in Coventry, we are asked to have our churches open from 10am-4pm on Sat 11th September: any volunteers to be a warden for an hour at either church on this day?

Please sign rota if you can: it's just about smiling and being a presence - nothing complicated.

So far, we have enough volunteers to have Corpus Christi open, but not quite for St Anne's.

Financial Matters

	Corpus Christi	St Anne's
First Collection		
Gift-Aided (+SOs)	£431.88	£160.66
Non Gift-Aided	<u>£150.61</u>	<u>£144.29</u>
Total	£582.49	£304.95
Special Collection		
P. D. F.	£546.85	£455.25

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

Balamna Satram, India and CAFOD emergencies

Thank you so much for your generosity in raising over £1,000 from our second collections last week, for Balamna Satram - the money is very useful, and the love behind it very inspiring. Well spoken Mary! Also, thank you for your continued support for the work of St Mary's Trust in India and Vietnam, of which there is a display in St Anne's porch. It sometimes does seem like world poverty is endless; but then it must feel like it even more acutely for those experiencing it. There are many emergencies at the moment with the Haiti earthquake, the Taliban, and wars causing extreme hunger in Tigray in Ethiopia, South Sudan and north-east Nigeria. CAFOD are trying to help in these areas <https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news> and you might be interested in helping out.

“Lord, to whom would we go? You have the message of eternal life.”

Peter's answer to Jesus is very powerful. He has heard the same teaching from Jesus on eating his body and drinking his blood as the crowd had: they left; he stayed - not because he understood the teaching fully, but because he trusted Jesus more, and had truly listened to what Jesus was saying, not just on a surface level.

All Jesus' teaching is rational - but it often has to first be accepted on trust. So, if we want to be like Peter, and not the crowd, we need to choose to trust Jesus and allow him to regularly reform our thinking. One important way we allow him to reform our thinking is the readings and homily at Mass. For this reason, it is important to remember that at Mass we are asked to hear the Word of God - not read it. When we read it, we tend to read it how we have read it before; when we listen we are more likely to hear it anew. Have you driven places using Satnav? Of course, it is really useful, and it gets us to our destination - but we don't learn the route. The next time we go to that place, we are starting from scratch again. Travelling without Satnav, we learn the route as well, though we have to concentrate harder. Reading the readings is like using Satnav; listening to them is like following directions. Please consider putting down books/missalettes for the readings and Gospel, unless you really can't hear the reader. Readers, this puts extra responsibility on us to prepare well, and be clear and thoughtful.

Following on from this, I am asking all readers - and all who would like to be - to come to a day of reflection 9.30am -2.30pm on Saturday 25th September, at St Anne's, starting with Mass and Adoration. Please bring some food for a shared lunch. Let's grow in love of the Word of God together.

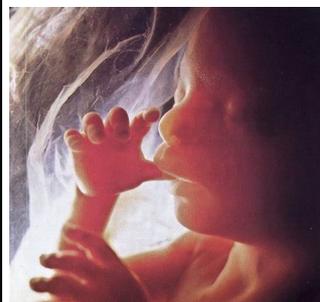
Many parents have asked me about sacraments and preparation for their children. I'm am getting clearer in my mind what to do, especially in the light of the 'Covid backlog' and Fr David having started the Passports 2 Faith - though I find it quite disturbing how many families aren't coming to Mass in August since the passports finished in July. A couple of parents have asked to have their children (not babies) baptised. Children from 7 years old to adulthood need to undergo proper preparation before becoming Catholic. So, have you any children between these ages whom you would like to undergo this journey? We would probably meet for an hour around Saturday lunchtime and journey together. it could be quite powerful. Please let me know.

Last week, I said I had two more requests regarding Mass, and the second and biggest is in regard to Sunday Mass times. Sunday Mass and the time after it are the most important moments in our parish's week. As it stands, I find it very rushed to get back to Corpus Christi for 10.30am, after 9.00am Mass at St Anne's, especially now coffee has restarted. The diocese has asked us to fit in with surrounding parishes regarding Mass times, but it also tells us that there should be 2 hours between Sunday Masses. I am suggesting we do this, and move the Corpus Christi Mass back to 11am. I have spoken to the Dean and he thinks this is a good suggestion; I will talk to my fellow priests too - but it is important I ask you first.

I went to Prinknash Abbey for a day of recollection on Wednesday - as I often do. Fr Mark there thought I needed a haircut - which I agreed with; he also thought he should give me one - which I was less sure about. But sometimes we have to trust in the Lord! So he did. I am relieved to say, I was not left looking like a monk, but it possibly does lack a professional touch! Thank you Fr Mark, though.

Dad is here with us for the next fortnight - after celebrating his 89th birthday on Thursday, so do make him welcome and wish him a happy birth-week!

Yours in Jesus and Mary,



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.

