



CORPUS CHRISTI and ST. ANNE'S

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The days, times & locations for Mass: Sat 28th Aug - Sun 5th September 2021

The 22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time B1

Saturday 28th	5.00 pm	Corpus Christi	Walter & Kathleen Fearick; Mary & John Mernagh
Sunday 29th	9.00 am	St. Anne's	People of the Parish
	10.30 am	Corpus Christi	Fr Gerard & Tina McNeil
Monday 30th	9.30 am	St Anne's	Mark Angliss
Tuesday 31st	6.00pm	Corpus Christi	Adoration and Benediction
	7.00pm	Corpus Christi	Alan Owen
Wednesday 1st	9.30am	Corpus Christi	Charlie & Angela Gormley, Frances Glancey
Thursday 2nd	9.30am	St Anne's	Bob Angliss
	5.00pm	Corpus Christi	Funeral Reception - Mary Murray
Friday 3rd	10.00am	Corpus Christi	Funeral Mass - Mary Murray
Pope St Gregory			
Saturday 4th	9.30am	St Anne's	Communion Service
followed by adoration and Confessions until 10.30am			

The 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Saturday 4th	5.00 pm	Corpus Christi	Karen & Family, Megan & family
Sunday 5th	9.00 am	St. Anne's	People of the parish
	10.30 am	Corpus Christi	Mick Fensom

Extraordinary Ministers and Readers

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

4th/5th September: 5pm Marie Anne Bowell, *David Haywood*; 9am Chuk McCaughley: John *Fallan*
10.30am: Patti Hynd-Anderson, David ; *Sarah Pearson*

Open Doors

We do now have all times covered by volunteers so that both our churches can be open 10am-4pm on Saturday 11th September - thank you. If you can think of any way to make them a littler more welcoming or help people know about it, please go for it.

Afternoon Tea at St Anne's: Saturday 18th September 3pm

This annual event is back on for all members of the parish: £10 per ticket, proceeds to Mary's Meals. Tickets will be on sale from next weekend. It would be great to see you there.

Frank Park wrote to me this week to say that Fr Christy O'Brien died on 14th August. Some of you may remember him as a curate at Corpus Christi 1964-69, with Fr Glynn as parish priest. Frank himself was also a curate here for just over one of those years, and writes fondly of the parish and Sr Sabina and the sisters! Please remember Fr Christy in your prayers.

Financial Matters

	Corpus Christi	St Anne's
First Collection		
Gift-Aided (+SOs)	£330.55	£152.50
Non Gift-Aided	<u>£161.67</u>	<u>£197.65</u>
Total	£492.22	£350.15
Second Collection		
P. D. F.	£180.38	£158.51

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

If you pay Income Tax then please remember...

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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

Confessions after Masses and on request whenever possible

Balamna Satram

Dear Fr Stephen and parishioners of St Anne's and Corpus Christi,

I wish to thank you all for listening to my appeal on 15th August to help those in our care in the village of Balamna Satram. I am most grateful for your generosity, raising over £1,800 from the weekend collection and from private donations. With love and prayers, Mary. God bless you all.

"You put aside the commandments of God to cling to human traditions"

This is a real danger of all religion - that whatever our initial motives, we too easily can forget the spiritual and instead get caught up in the external. But, as Jesus told us last week, 'it is the spirit that gives life; the flesh has nothing to offer. Over the last few weeks, in our 'Mass MOT', we have been called to think through the spiritual reasons why we do what we do at Mass, and it has done us good. At Vatican II the bishops of the Church called us all to go through a similar process. This was important, but also had an unfortunate side-effect: rather than reclaiming the spiritual, too many jettisoned the physical, which we need as well. Holy pictures, Bibles, lighting candles, devotional practices all help our spiritual journey, so long as we don't make them an end in themselves. It is worth asking ourselves if we need to bring some of them back into our lives.

Last week I asked you to listen to the readings of the Mass, instead of reading them there and then (unless of course you are sufficiently hard of hearing to need to read). Please give it a go. Can readers also please commit to our readers day on Sat 25th September 9:30am - 2:30pm at St Anne's? And can you consider whether you could serve the parish as a reader, if you don't already? We can help you overcome any difficulty, but we can't say yes for you. Please bring something for a shared table that day. Regarding my suggestion that we move Corpus Christi Sunday Mass to 11am, the majority of feedback has been that it isn't an issue and that you can see my reasoning behind it. The one negative consequence is regarding coffee after Mass - some who go to it feel that the extra half an hour might stop people coming to it. I agree that this is a concern; a welcoming coffee after Mass offers a chance to build community. Something to ponder. Please continue to feedback for the next couple of weeks and I'll then be in a position to make a decision.

I have asked us all to think in terms of one parish, two churches, and there have been a few instances this week which have confirmed the importance of seeing our reality like this. There is absolutely no chance, for the foreseeable future, that we will move to being two communities - having one priest between the two churches is not a temporary decision. In fact, the diocese is increasingly likely to start closing parishes, rather than being able to repopulate them with priests. So, you're stuck with each other! Which isn't so bad, especially as for two decades we were initially one parish. 'Communion' comes from the Latin 'com' and 'munus', which translates as 'working together' or with a common purpose. This is so important. Communion doesn't primarily come from thinking things; it comes from working together with a common purpose. Which is why seeing us as one parish is so important. As is actually doing things.

With this in mind, as we get ready for a new academic year, could I ask you to think about ways in which you could help the parish? We do need more readers and extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist; we do need help in restarting children's liturgy and helping our children know the beauty and truth of our faith; we need someone to help Caroline with the health and safety requirements of the parish; we are hoping to restart the parish lottery and need help with offering tickets at the back of church - that will do for now! Community life is about little steps - lots of people doing small amounts makes a huge difference. Not only do things get done, but by working together, with a common purpose, we grow in communion with Christ and each other.

I'm gradually getting clearer about sacramental preparation, and am talking to our two head teachers, so will have something soon to say about Confirmation, First Confession and First Holy Communion. In the meantime, can I repeat last week's call for any parent who has children between 7-18 and who want to become Catholic, to get in touch with me, so that we can sort out a way forward.

There is a free coach ticket for going to March for Life from Coventry this Saturday, 4th September, as one person who was coming is now unable to. Any takers?

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.

