



CORPUS CHRISTI and ST. ANNE'S

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Sat 1st - Sun 9th January 2022

Second Sunday of Christmas C2

Saturday 1st	5.00pm	Corpus Christi	Marieanne & Gez Bowell
Sunday 2nd	9.00am	St. Anne's	Bill Byrne
	11.00am	Corpus Christi	People of the parish
Monday 3rd		No Mass	
Tuesday 4th	6.00pm	Corpus Christi	Adoration
	7.00pm	Corpus Christi	Johanna Richardson
Wednesday 5th	9.30am	Corpus Christi	People of the Parish
Vigil Masses	7.00pm	St Anne's	Int. of Doreen Cadden
Thursday 6th	9.30am	St Anne's	Int. of Ann Upton
Epiphany	7.00pm	Corpus Christi	Int. of Patricia Brown
Friday 7th	9.30am	St Anne's	Carmel Long
Saturday 8th	9.30am	St Anne's	Int of Louis

Followed by adoration and Confessions until 10.30am

The Baptism of Our Lord

Saturday 8th	5.00pm	Corpus Christi	Jim Lopez
Sunday 9th	9.00am	St. Anne's	People of the parish
	11.00am	Corpus Christi	The Bassey family

Thursday 6th is the Solemnity of the Epiphany: there will be Masses at St Anne's

7pm on 5th and 9.30am on 6th, and at Corpus Christi 9.30am on 5th and 7pm on 6th.

Obviously 9.30am Wed is a very early vigil! But it's the only way to accommodate both schools.

Please pray for Caoilin Brennan who is Baptised this Sunday - that she and her family will grow in faith and love through this great sacrament.

Second Collections

This Weekend

P. D. F. / parish debt

Next Weekend

P. D. F. / parish debt

Extraordinary Ministers and Readers

1st/2nd Jan

5pm Pat Timmons;

Caroline Ward.

9am Seamus Brannigan;

Helen Fallan.

11am Chukwudi Malize

Maria Bloodworth.

We will also need readers for the evening Epiphany Masses

8th/9th Jan

5pm Helen Ward;

Maria Bloodworth;

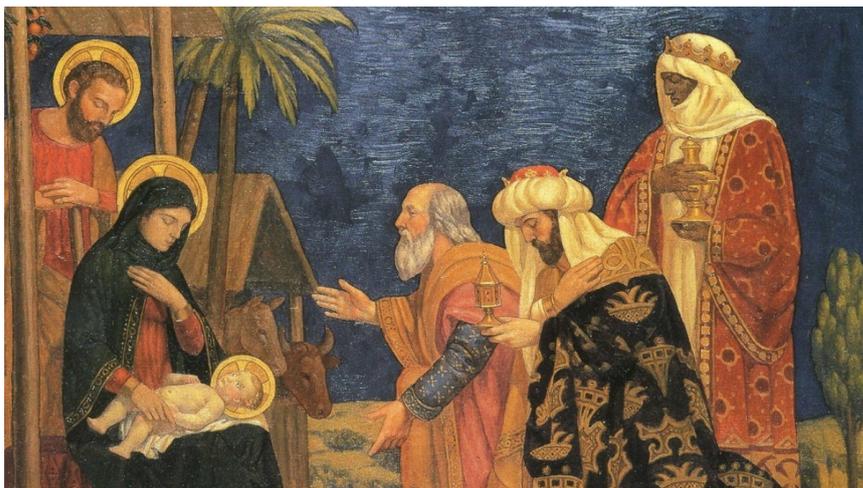
9am ;

Christine Angliss;

11am Patti Hynd-Anderson

& David;

Kay Lewis.



Responsorial Psalm for 2nd Sunday of Christmas

The Word was made flesh, and lived among us.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Glory be to you, O Christ,

proclaimed to the pagans;

glory be to you, O Christ,

believed in by the world.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Financial Matters

Corpus Christi St Anne's

First Collection		
Gift-Aided (+SOs)	£252.25	£ 158.50
Non Gift-Aided	£ 88.93	£
Total	£454.67	£158.50

Second Collection		
P. D. F.	£194.68	£70.82

St Anne's: Missio Crib collection £71.69
Christmas raffle: £288 - well done!

FIRST CONFESSION FIRST PREPARATION MEETING

This Thursday, 6th Jan, 4-5pm, online. Web address needed: meet.google.com/gmz-csbh-asp

We resume our Confirmation Preparation meetings next Thursday, 13th, 4-5pm.

Can we please all pray for the children and their families as they prepare for these sacraments.

Safeguarding: Corpus Christi - Caroline Ward & Pat Timmons

St. Anne - Rosaria Petrucci & Diana Petrucci

Grace and truth have come to us through Jesus Christ - the Word made flesh.

The start - or prologue - of St John's Gospel is, just from a literary perspective, one of the most beautiful prose ever written. But it's richness is completely unsurpassed. Theologically, it is the culmination of God's self-revelation to us. Please do try and find sometime this week to sit quietly and read it through - it is too rich to absorb simply from one listening. God gives us everything when he gives us his Word. The eternal one through whom everything was made, becomes part of his own creation, so as to save it and set it free - through his gifts of himself, of truth and grace. Our rejection of him is a core element of this story of salvation - but it cannot conquer his love for us. It would be understandable for a creature to ask for equality with God, and his offer be rejected by God; but in reality, it is God who offers equality to his creatures, and we reject his offer! We do not deserve saving. But thankfully, in Christ, we do not get what we deserve - we are given so, so much more. And understanding this finally allows us to be open to receiving him - and become children of God.

A huge thank you to everyone who helped make our Christmas services go well. Despite omicron, I think we had a good turn out - and more importantly, they were holy and inspiring services. And I have coped with many of my brother priests getting jealous about how our churches looked!

I also thank you for your generosity at the Christmas Masses, as well as the many gifts, cards and notes I have received. Maybe the most powerful ones were the messages from families of loved ones whose funeral I oversaw this year. The first Christmas after the death of a loved one is particularly hard, and your words of gratitude touched me deeply. Also, Dad and Mary have asked me to pass on their gratitude for the cards and good wishes they have received - which really did make them feel part of our community - which is important for them, and also for me - I need one family, not two! So, thanks all round.

This Thursday, 6th, 4-5pm we begin our preparation for First Confession. If this includes your child, please hand in an enrolment form to me before Thursday, and then join in that meeting - as parent and child - with the link: meet.google.com/gmz-csbh-asp The more important something is, the more important it is to prepare well, so the course does ask a lot, but it is right to: we are talking about the forgiveness of our sins and communion with Christ - it doesn't get much bigger. Let's unite in faith and charity to give your children the best. If you haven't already got a letter and enrolment form, there are some at the back of church/ in the porch.

We are nearing our Confirmation Masses. Our next meeting is Thursday 13th, 4-5pm. Many of you responded well to my last letter and Confirmation Commitment card. Thank you. I have challenged some of you, and I hope you can accept that as from a father who cares and wants what is best. I'm here to help you and your child. Some families don't seem to have got involved at all - if you know any, please do encourage them to, and to see me - the last thing I want to do is stop their child being Confirmed. Well, actually, no: the last thing I want is for them to be Confirmed not ready or prepared, so please don't leave me with just those two choices.

As I said last week, to start us off on our parish conversation, there is a questionnaire being given out alongside this newsletter, and a hymn book. The Word becoming flesh changes our lives for ever. There are two important points to reflect on which link the Incarnation - Christmas - and this dialogue or conversation we are starting. Firstly, God sending us his Word is the beginning of a communication, a conversation. He has given his Son to all people, because he longs for us to be one family that talk to him and each other. So, I invite you to see this questionnaire as just one small response to God sending us his Word. We all have something to share; none of us have all the answers - so let's all fill it in with that in mind. You don't have to answer every question or put your name on it, but if you can hand it back to us in the next couple of weeks, then we can then discern how we could meet as a parish and what we should discuss. For many parishioners, English isn't your first language, and so especially writing it can be hard. If you know someone in this situation, perhaps you could gently offer to help them, or if you are having difficulty yourself, please get in touch with me and we can just go through it face to face. The second point is that giving someone your Word is making a promise. God does this in Christ - he promises to redeem us and unite us with him and each other. So, if you feel any apathy or cynicism about this questionnaire - then please allow God's promise to overcome them. The things that tend to 'prove' apathy, fear and cynicism right are the apathy, fear or cynicism themselves. Let's overcome them in faith.

This week's second collection at St Anne's is the first in our move to begin to pay off the parish debt to the diocese. They say the first step of a journey is often the hardest! means that we experience joy and sorrow at the same time. God bless you all.

Please do your best to celebrate the Epiphany with holy Mass: let us bring Him our gifts - of ourselves.

Yours in the Christ-child and his blessed Mother,



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.

F. Stephen

7) Do you find it easy to get involved in the parish? Is there anything that could make it easier for you to join in? Do you think/feel you have something to offer?

8) Where do you think we could improve as a parish?

9) What do we do to help families and young people? What else might help? Would you be willing to help?

10) How relevant is the diocese, and being part of it, to you?

11) What do you think are the strengths of the diocese?

12) How could the diocese help us more? How could we help the diocese more?

13) What are your fears about the parish/diocese?

14) What three things would you want discussed by the parish?

Name Tel. No.....

These are optional. This form will be kept securely in the parish until the end of the diocesan conversation and then will be destroyed. Only relevant people will see the comments; only Fr Stephen will see names and telephone numbers.