



CORPUS CHRISTI and ST. ANNE'S

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Saturday 30th November - Sunday 8th December 2024

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT C1

Saturday	30th	5.00pm	Corpus Christi	Esther Cummiskey; pro populo
Sunday	1st	9.00am	St. Anne's	Phil Harvey; Guisepppe Sciandra
		11.00am	Corpus Christi	William & Anne Mara
<i>Blessing of the Crib, 4pm Broadgate: please support</i>				
Monday	2nd Dec	No Mass		
Tuesday	3rd	6.00pm	Corpus Christi	Adoration and Benediction
St Francis Xavier		7.00pm	Corpus Christi	Holy Souls
Wednesday	4th	9.15am	Corpus Christi	Fr David Lloyd
Thursday	5th	9.30am	St Anne's church	Christine Angliss
Friday	6th	9.30am	St Anne's	Tony Kavanagh; Mary & Neville Cherry
St Nicholas		6.00pm	Corpus Christi	Rosary and adoration
Saturday	7th	9.30am	St Anne's	Christina & Kazimir Bielialaukas
<i>followed by adoration and Confessions until 10.30am</i>				

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT C1

Saturday	7th	5.00pm	Corpus Christi	Mary Healy; Mary Cherry
Sunday	8th	9.00am	St. Anne's	Phil Harvey; Alan Stanley
		11.00am	Corpus Christi	Pat & Mary McCann; pro populo

Confessions after Tuesday 7pm Mass, and after both Saturday Masses, and on request

Second Collections

This weekend

Parish Debt/
Karis Centre

Next Weekend

Poor parish fund

Extraordinary Ministers and Readers

1st Sunday of Advent

5pm Claire Reay;
Helen Ward.
9am Stella Atansi;
John Fallan.
11am Emmanuel;
Kay Lewis.

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

5pm Caroline Ward;
David Haywood.
9am Mateusz Dabrosz;
Franklin Darko.
11am David Akinsanya;
Anne Malize.

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Responsorial Psalm

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul

Gospel Acclamation

Show us, O Lord, your mercy,
and grant us your salvation
Alleluia, Alleluia, alleluia!

Financial Matters

	Corpus Christi	St Anne's
First Collection		
Gift-Aided (+SOs)	£550.65	£160.00
Non Gift-Aided	<u>£202.40</u>	<u>£87.78</u>
Total	£753.05	£247.78
Second Collection		
Youth Service	£308.81	£314.17
Thank you!		

Karis Centre fund-raising £12,875 (of £15,000)

SA fund-raising £5,674 (of £8,000)

‘And then you will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory’

Today we start the great season of Advent. preparing for Christ's coming. As always, we are asked to reflect on his three comings: his coming amongst us through Mary, revealed in his birth at Bethlehem; his coming amongst us now - in our minds and hearts; into our world - At Mass, at Christmas, in so many ways; and his coming in glory at the end of time. The Church invites us to start with this one. Reflecting on his second coming focuses our minds and rids us of complacency. It also gives us hope - although to receive the full hope it offers, we need to grapple with it. Ultimately, his second coming in glory assures us that his kingdom is growing, that his will is being done. Jesus himself warns us that, right up to the end, it won't seem like that. But then very, very few people in the world went to bed on the first Good Friday knowing the world had been saved, or indeed that it was any different at all. It is with the eyes of faith that we see the victory, realising that Christ's victory comes through the Church and the world entering into his passion, death and Resurrection.

Safeguarding: The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives are Caroline Ward, Pat Timmons & Rosaria Petrucci. They can be contacted at: sg.ccandstanne.covty@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/ safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.

Dear Parishioners,

As we start **ADVENT**, may we open our minds and hearts to God, as he seeks to create a place for his Son to be born anew.

Please try and make it a genuine season of spiritual preparation for Christmas. We can't ignore the society we are in, but we should be strong enough to keep our focus on the coming of Christ. To help us we have **my Day by Day** and **Walk with Me** booklets, £1 each - and free calendars. There are cribs available for £15. Christmas cards also available at St Anne's.

On 7th/8th December we will have our normal Laying on of Hands during Mass. On 14th/15th December we institute our new ministers. There are Penitential Service the week before Christmas: Mon 16th Dec 7pm at St Anne's; Tuesday 17th 7pm at St Mary's and St. Benedict's, and Friday 20th, 7pm at Sacred Heart. What times would you like our Christmas Masses? I promise to listen - but I'll listen to others too!

MISSALS AND BOOK OF GOSPELS We also start today with our new lectionaries. Sadly, our new Sunday Missals haven't been delivered. They were meant to be here by now. People have donated money to buy a Book of the Gospels at Corpus Christi, which will be good to use in procession and obviously at the Gospel.

It was a sad day for our country, on Friday, when the **assisted suicide bill** got passed its second reading by 330 votes to 275. It's not law yet, but normally, once acts pass their second reading they very, very rarely get stopped. This is disastrous for our country - it changes the whole nature of the health service, on top of abortion - so that doctors no longer are there solely to help us to health, but will soon be there to assist in dying. And it won't stop there. In The Netherlands euthanasia and assisted suicide have been legal for over 20 years. It is now legal for anyone over the age of 12 suffering from 'unbearable suffering with no prospects of improvement' - which includes 'psychological suffering' - to be assisted in suicide. How open to error is that? Now, 40% of euthanasia cases there happen without the patient's consent, because they have been designated 'no longer competent to give it'. Let us pray for God to have mercy on our country.

CORPUS CHRISTI SCHOOL invite us all to **Carols and Cake**, 12th December, 11.15am. Please come along.

NEW EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS AND RECEIVING CHRIST'S PRECIOUS BLOOD We had a truly inspiring meeting of new ministers last Saturday. So, in 2 weeks time we will commission 8 more ministers for the parish. I did suggest we might start receiving Communion under both kinds - it is what Jesus commanded, and God knew what he was saying when he asked us to drink from the one cup. I genuinely didn't know or hear of anyone catching COVID from coming to Mass during the pandemic, and obviously we weren't receiving the Precious Blood then, but it is an important thing to note. However, viruses do seem to be on the increase at the moment - probably connected with the colder weather, so let's wait until Maundy Thursday when we're hopefully over this bout. I ask you to prepare for it though, by pondering Christ's command.

CONFIRMATION Next session, this Thursday, 5th December, at 6pm at Corpus Christi Church. Please be on time - it's only fair to the others and me.

JOURNEY IN FAITH This Thursday's meeting, 5th December, is at Sacred Heart 7.45pm.

RAFFLE Things came to a bit of a standstill this week, so we'll have a normal raffle at St Anne's this Christmas - and hopefully try the bigger one for Easter. Donations of prizes gratefully received.

KARIS CENTRE Not much to report this week - conversations are still happening; prayers are still needed; we will have to find some more money - at least for furnishings. But let's see.

VOLUNTEERS I'm still getting through the different lists of volunteers. Soon, I'll be getting in touch with those who offered to visit the housebound - and connected with that, we'll try again to get a sick list up and running. First name! Please pray for Anne Sweaton and all who are ill at this time.

FOODBANK Could we begin to help a bit more as winter kicks in?

MISSIO RED BOXES If you have a Red Box, could you bring it in for collection by next weekend, please?

CHRISTMAS TREES Are you free 3pm on **Sat 14th Dec** to help put up the Christmas Trees at Corpus Christi?

Yours in Jesus and Mary,

Fr Stephen



Prayer to St Michael

to protect the Church, our parish and our churches

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.

