



CORPUS CHRISTI and ST. ANNE'S

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Saturday 14th - Sunday 22nd December 2024

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT GAUDETE SUNDAY C1

Saturday	14th	5.00pm	Corpus Christi	James Duddy; Kathleen Durkan
Sunday	15th	9.00am	St. Anne's	Angelo Dicensa; pro populo. David Reid
		11.00am	Corpus Christi	Fernanda Maria Mendonca; Sir Athan O Ukah
Monday	16th	no Mass		
		7.00pm	St Anne's	Penitential Service (all with Confessions)
Tuesday	17th	12.15pm	Corpus Christi	Special Intention
		6.00pm	Corpus Christi	Adoration and Benediction
		7.00pm	St Mary's & St Benedict's (CV1 5QF)	Penitential Service
Wednesday	18th	9.30am	Corpus Christi	Mary D & family
Thursday	19th	9.30am	St Anne's church	The staff of St Anne's school
Friday	20th	9.15am	Corpus Christi	Mr Shakespeare & family
		6.00pm	Corpus Christi	Rosary and adoration
		7.00pm	Sacred Heart (CV2 4BT)	Penitential Service
Saturday	21st	9.30am	St Anne's	Marie Reid & Kath Stanley
<i>followed by adoration and Confessions until 10.30am</i> Confessions also at St John Fisher 11am-12 noon				
4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT C1				
Saturday	21st	5.00pm	Corpus Christi	Betty Clark; pro populo
Sunday	22nd	9.00am	St. Anne's	Edna & Christine Kent; baby Isaac
		11.00am	Corpus Christi	Paulo Calip

Second Collections

**This weekend
and
Next weekend**
Parish Debt/
Karis Centre

Extraordinary Ministers and Readers

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
5pm Marie Anne Bowell;
Caroline Ward.
9am Seamus Brannigan;
Jocelyn Gallen.
11am Patti Hynd-
Anderson; *Mary Pearson.*

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
5pm Pat Timmons;
Julie Martin.
9am Jocelyn Gallen;
John Fallan.
11am Chukwudi Malize;
Maria Bloodworth.

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Responsorial Psalm

Shout aloud and sing praise,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
he has sent me to proclaim good news to the poor.

Alleluia, Alleluia, alleluia!

Financial Matters

	Corpus Christi	St Anne's
First Collection		
Gift-Aided (+SOs)	£477.60	£162.80
Non Gift-Aided	<u>£142.37</u>	<u>£128.97</u>
Total	£619.97	£291.77
Second Collection		
Poor parishes	£226.76	£136.37
Thank you!		

Karis Centre fund-raising £13,201 (of £15,000)

SA fund-raising £7,287 (of £8,000)

‘Rejoice in the Lord, always. Again, I say rejoice.’

Have you ever gone out of your way to do something special for someone, and then, when the moment comes, they're just not grateful, or too preoccupied, or just too down to appreciate what you've done - and the joy you were hoping for just falls flat on its face? We need to do our best for that not to happen to God. He has prepared the universe for the coming of his Son for billions of years since the moment of creation, and prepared us for nearly 2,000 years from Abraham onwards. Mary has shared his silent joy for 9 months, and now it is finally time for his greatest gift possible to be revealed - at the birth of his Son. Whatever our struggles - and they are real and many - the joy of this gift should surpass all depression. Whatever our darkness, the light of Christ will conquer. Let us put aside our panic, our stress and our temptation to control and, in joy, make the finishing touches to ourselves to be ready for his coming.

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.candstanne.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,

Many of you spoke of how powerful and peaceful last weekend's Laying on of Hands was - and I have to agree. It's lovely how it has so easily become part of our Advent and Lenten journeys. Please pray for our new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (to give them their proper title) as they are commissioned this weekend.

We had some wonderful nativity plays at St Anne's school - by Reception and Y1: the singing in particular was very impressive - real fitting praise to the Christ-child. And we had an amazing Carols and Cake experience at Corpus Christi: Y6 had made cards for us, sang for us, danced for us, waited on us and chatted to us. It was lovely, and everyone left with a spring in their step!

Advent without Confession is like a Christmas Tree without decorations: what's the point? If we are not willing to clean out our souls ready for Christ to enter this Christmas, then in what way are we longing for him? There are Penitential Services 7pm on Monday, Tuesday and Friday this week: look overleaf to see where. There is also one at St John Fisher 11am next Saturday, 21st.

Christmas Masses are: Christmas Eve, St Anne's: 5pm Carols, 5.30pm Mass (followed by refreshments and raffle until 8pm); Corpus Christi, 8pm Carols, 8.30pm Mass; Christmas Day 10am Corpus Christi; St Stephen's Day, 10am Corpus Christi.

MISSALS Our new Sunday Missals have arrived. Please take any you ordered, pay, and tick by your name.

FIRST CONFESSION AND HOLY COMMUNION Letters and application forms are now available from the porch to enrol your child for these great sacraments. First preparation session is Thursday 30th January, 6pm at Corpus Christi.

CONFIRMATION We've had some great sessions so far; our next one is 9th January.

JOURNEY IN FAITH This Thursday's meeting, 19th December, is at Sacred Heart, 7.45pm: bring your family to see The Nativity Story. Fr Tony provides the popcorn!

RAFFLE We're having a normal raffle at St Anne's this Christmas - and hopefully try the bigger one for Easter. Donations of prizes gratefully received. Tickets on sale in the porch at both churches.

KARIS COMMUNITY CENTRE We're getting there! It's all a bit scary when we're dealing with such large sums of money, but it's exciting too, so, after nearly 2 years of preparation we've now sent our new contract to the diocese for approval, after our Parish Council and Finance Committee unanimously approved it. If we get permission - and if Building Control are happy with things - work will start early in January. We can afford the contract. Unfortunately, the only way of doing that was to forego underfloor heating and revert to radiators. Underfloor is better in many ways - ecologically and comfort-wise - and it is a now or never things, while the floor is up, but bottom line is it would have cost us £30-35,000 extra, so unless someone volunteers to make inroads into that in the next two weeks, we have to let our heads rule us and go for radiators. We still will have to refurbish the centre too, so in January, I'll be asking us to roll our sleeves up for another communal task, but it will actually allow us to really own the centre and I think it's more appealing to buy tangible things like new tables etc, than it is to give to a pot that we don't see - if you know what I mean.

DIARIES My Day by Day diaries are available in the porch, £3.50 each. I find them good with the ring binding, and the saints' days etc.

VOLUNTEER TO VISIT THE HOUSEBOUND and PARISH SICK LIST In the porch are forms for people having their name on the sick list. It looks wordy, but it just needs the person or a friend/relative to fill in 3 or 4 things. Please overcome any admin frustration and take one for anyone you can think of who might appreciate this - and then return it. We are having a meeting Saturday 11th January, 10.30am at St Anne's for anyone interested in visiting the housebound, including ministers taking Holy Communion to them.

SICK LIST Please do pray for Ann Sweeten, Philomena Morrison, Dominic King, and Maureen Stevenson.

LARGE PRINT NEWSLETTERS a small number of larger print newsletters are now available.

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

Yours in Jesus and Mary,



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.

