



## CORPUS CHRISTI and ST. ANNE'S

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### Saturday 4th - Sunday 12th January 2025

| <u>EPIPHANY C1</u>            |             |  |                            |   |
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| <b>Saturday</b>               | <b>4th</b>  | <b>5.00pm</b>  | <b>Corpus Christi</b>      | Betty Clark; P & P; pro populo                                  |
| <b>Sunday</b>                 | <b>5th</b>  | <b>9.00am</b>  | <b>St. Anne's</b>          | Anne & Maurice O'Donoghue; Christine                            |
|                               |             | <b>11.00am</b>   | <b>Corpus Christi</b>      | Danny Harrington; Sir Athan O Ukah                              |
| <b>Monday</b>                 | <b>6th</b>  | No Mass  | The Epiphany was on Sunday |   |
| <b>Tuesday</b>                | <b>7th</b>  | <b>4.00pm</b>  | <b>Corpus Christi</b>      | <b>Reception for Maureen O'Sullivan</b>                         |
|                               |             | <b>6.00pm</b>  | <b>Corpus Christi</b>      | Adoration and Benediction                                       |
|                               |             | <b>7.00pm</b>  | <b>Corpus Christi</b>      | Pat, John & Kate Lavelle  |
| <b>Wednesday</b>              | <b>8th</b>  | <b>9.15am</b>  | <b>Corpus Christi</b>      | Toman family  |
|                               |             | <b>1.30pm</b>  | <b>Corpus Christi</b>      | <b>Funeral Mass for Maureen O'Sullivan</b>                      |
| <b>Thursday</b>               | <b>9th</b>  | <b>9.30am</b>  | <b>St Anne's church</b>    | St Anne's parishioners;<br>Irena & Alex Koricevicius            |
| <b>Friday</b>                 | <b>10th</b> | <b>9.30am</b>  | <b>St Anne's</b>           | Kazimir & Christina;<br>Regina Kerskiene                        |
|                               |             | <b>6.00pm</b>  | <b>St Anne's</b>           | Rosary and adoration  |
| <b>Saturday</b>               | <b>11th</b> | no Mass, Confessions or adoration at St Anne's this morning - sorry:<br>8.15am adoration and 9am Mass at <b>Sacred Heart</b> (CV2 4BT) |                            |   |
| <u>BAPTISM OF OUR LORD C1</u> |             |  |                            |   |
| <b>Saturday</b>               | <b>11th</b> | <b>5.00pm</b>  | <b>Corpus Christi</b>      | Holy Souls; pro populo  |
| <b>Sunday</b>                 | <b>12th</b> | <b>9.00am</b>  | <b>St. Anne's</b>          | Ann Upton & family; Debora,<br>Sergio & Silvio; Molly McGinness |
|                               |             | <b>11.00am</b>   | <b>Corpus Christi</b>      | Fr Sandy Brown  |

### Second Collections both weekends

Parish Debt/  
Karis Centre

### Extraordinary Ministers and Readers

**THE EPIPHANY**  
 5pm: Claire Reay;  
*Julie Martin.*  
 9am: John Fallan;  
*Franklin Darko.*  
 11am: John Teeling;  
*Chukwudi Malize.*

**THE BAPTISM**  
 5pm: Caroline Ward;  
*Pat Timmons.*  
 9am: Seamus Brannigan;  
*John Fallan.*  
 11am: Victoria Uche;  
*Mary Pearson.*

*There'll be a new rota out  
this week, including all our  
new ministers and readers*

**EPIPHANY**  
**Responsorial Psalm**  
 All the nations on earth shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord

**Gospel Acclamation**  
**Alleluia, Alleluia, alleluia!**  
 We saw his star when it rose  
 and have come to worship the Lord  
**Alleluia, Alleluia, alleluia!**

| <u>Financial Matters</u> |                |                  |
|--------------------------|----------------|------------------|
|                          | Corpus Christi | St Anne's        |
| <b>First Collection</b>  |                |                  |
| Gift-Aided (+SOs)        | £287.00        | <i>sorry</i>     |
| Non Gift-Aided           | <u>£232.24</u> | <i>not</i>       |
| <b>Total</b>             | <b>£519.24</b> | <i>available</i> |
| <b>Second Collection</b> |                |                  |
| Karis Centre             | £302.02        |                  |
| <b>THANK YOU!</b>        |                |                  |

### The mystery that has now been revealed is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the same promise in Christ Jesus, through the Gospel.

Today is a great feast for us. Without today, Christmas would have little meaning for us. It is the day that unites Jews and Gentiles - we are all offered his Son, by the Father, as our Saviour. That is always very powerful, but never more so than now. The return of the Jews to the Holy Land was sort of prophesied by St Paul - he in fact spoke of their conversion to Christ, but it hard to see how that might happen, without them first regaining the land God gave them 3,500 years ago. Of course, regaining that land, partly 108 years ago, but more fully 77 years ago, has not been without problems. And these problems have boiled over into violence and suffering these last 15 months. The situation is complex, especially if we are to get to the root cause of the problem, rather than seek superficial solutions, or even worse, just superficial blame.

What we need, alongside that, is peace and security for all - which is what today's feast offers. Let us pray for the salvation for Jew and Gentile united that Christ offers. Let us pray for peace for Jew and Muslim. Let us pray that as followers of Christ, we can play our part in breaking down barriers, and in witnessing to truth and love. One good starting point for that is blessing your house for the year, under the protection of the three wise men. Please take a prayer sheet and piece of blessed chalk for this. If all our homes are places of peace this year, then the whole of our community will benefit.

**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,

It was good to have time of with the family, and then a day or two away this week, too. Thanks for your generosity to me over Christmas - much appreciated. I was here for new year's eve and day and it was very impressive that we had over 200 people come to those Masses in total. A great way to dedicate the year to God. I'll do that again!

There are two funerals this week. On Tuesday I'm conducting the funeral of **Ernest Egbe Isang** - Rosemary from St Anne's choir's husband. It's at Cannon Hill Chapel at 11.15am. Later that day we receive the body of **Maureen O'Sullivan** at Corpus Christi (4pm), with her funeral being at 1.30pm on Wednesday. Please pray for them and their families.

I made a mistake - sorry. So there's no Mass at St Anne's on Saturday morning. There is the usual 8.15am Adoration and 9am Mass at Sacred Heart, our twin parish. So, you're obviously welcome to go there.

Also next **Saturday, 11th Jan** we have three meetings. So, again, I am sorry, but can we move those to the Tuite Room, Corpus Christi - same time, but different place?

**10.30am** for anyone interested in **visiting the housebound**, including ministers taking Holy Communion to them - please be generous with this, we do need to improve our visiting of the parish sick.

**11.30am**, meeting for those who have volunteered to help maintain the **defibrillators**;

**12 noon**, for anyone at either church interested in helping with **notice boards, piety stall and/or library**. A few have already volunteered, so it'll be good to see you - but also anyone else who wants to join in is welcome, too.

**CONFIRMATION PREPARATION** restarts this Thursday, 9th, Corpus Christi, 6pm.

**JOURNEY IN FAITH** also restarts Thursday 9th at Corpus Christi, 7.45-9pm.

**BAPTISM PREPARATION** is this Friday, 7.30-8.30pm: 1st session with Fr Tony at St Anne's; 2nd session with myself at Sacred Heart Presbytery.

**DEANERY READERS DAY** Sat 25th January, 2025, 9.30am - 1pm, St Mary & St Benedict's.

Our next **CHARIS EVENING** is Fri 24th January, Corpus Christi, 6-8pm followed by light refreshment. We got off to a good start in November: let's build on that. All welcome, all ages, but especially young adults. Fr Paul Burch is coming to give the talk and preside at Mass, and he's always worth listening to!

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

**RAFFLE** This year we raised £450! Well done Rosaria and helpers. There are still lots of prizes uncollected...

**KARIS COMMUNITY CENTRE** Obviously nothing has happened over the last two weeks. Let's pray that the last few hurdles can be overcome in the next two weeks, and then building can start. Just to recap, as some of you have asked why we have named it the Karis Centre. We have discussed this for 18 months, and it came up at parish meetings and parish council meetings, and in the newsletter. As the centre is going to have a nursery, with its own name, we thought it would be good for the rest of it to have a simple name too. We couldn't see people saying, 'Shall we meet up at the Corpus Christi Community Centre Café for a cuppa?' - bit of a mouthful! We want the centre to be for all the community, but are obviously proud of who we are, too. People did wonder if simply calling it Corpus Christi Parish Hall or such would make it sound like it was just for us. But neither did we want to 'sell out' and call it something completely secular. A suggestion that sought the middle ground was to call it the Karis Centre. Karis means 'kindness, grace, favour' - it is a Biblical word from which we get the word charity. It is the word Gabriel uses of Mary, which gets translated as 'full of grace' or 'most highly favoured'. Alongside the logo of a dove with an olive branch in its beak and two open hands, we thought all three acknowledged our faith, but in an invitational way. I proposed calling the café the Karis Café, and the rest of the building Corpus Christi Community Centre, but it was rightly felt that that was just complicating things, and it is still a mouthful. So, the Parish Council unanimously agreed to call the whole lot the Karis Centre - on the weekend that the Archbishop's pastoral letter then talked about caritas and charity (and agape) - so, I said then that that seemed to be an approval from on high. I hope that answers people's questions.

**BOTH CHURCHES** We are now looking to have a projector and screen in both churches - and at the same time we might as well check the sound systems and fix anything that needs it. This will help us, particularly with our music. If any of you have any expertise in these areas please volunteer to help me get things right. Also, if you have any comments - loop system? ability to hear in different parts of the church? online or not?

Yours in Jesus and Mary,

*Fr Stephen*



### **Prayer to St Michael**

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.

