



## CORPUS CHRISTI and ST. ANNE'S

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### Saturday 11th - Sunday 19th January 2025

#### BAPTISM OF OUR LORD C1

<b>Saturday</b>	11th	5.00pm	<b>Corpus Christi</b>	Holy Souls; Edward Trenchard
<b>Sunday</b>	12th	9.00am	<b>St. Anne's</b>	Ann Upton & family; Debora, Sergio & Silvio; Chris McGuire; Molly McGinness
		11.00am	<b>Corpus Christi</b>	Fr Sandy Brown; pro populo
<b>Monday</b>	13th	No Mass		
<b>Tuesday</b>	14th	6.00pm	<b>Corpus Christi</b>	Adoration and Benediction
		7.00pm	<b>Corpus Christi</b>	Margaret Rocks; Margaret & John Duddy
<b>Wednesday</b>	15th	9.15am	<b>Corpus Christi</b>	Holy Souls
<b>Thursday</b>	16th	9.30am	<b>St Anne's church</b>	Kathleen Mackenzie; Jack Upton
<b>Friday</b>	17th	9.30am	<b>St Anne's</b>	John & Helen
St Anthony		6.00pm	<b>Corpus Christi</b>	Rosary and adoration
<b>Saturday</b>	18th	9.30am	<b>St Anne's</b>	Mary McSharry

#### 2ND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME C1

<b>Saturday</b>	18th	5.00pm	<b>Corpus Christi</b>	People of the parish
<b>Sunday</b>	19th	9.00am	<b>St. Anne's</b>	Maria & Giovanna Rinaldi; Doreen Cadden
		11.00am	<b>Corpus Christi</b>	Fr Stephen Fawcett

Please pray for **Eseleose Nathan Okaiwele** who will be baptised at 9am Mass this Sunday, that he and his family will grow in faith through this great sacrament.

### Second Collections

#### this weekend

Parish Debt/  
Karis Centre

#### next weekend

Pax Christi

### Extraordinary Ministers and Readers

#### THE BAPTISM

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

#### 2ND SUN OF THE YEAR

5pm: Marie Anne Bowell;  
*Helen Ward.*  
9am: Stella Antasi;  
*Jocelyn Gallen.*  
11am: Peter Akinsanya,  
Patti Hyng-Anderson;  
*Anne Malize.*

### BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

#### Responsorial Psalm

Bless the Lord, O my Soul! My God, how great you are!

#### Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, Alleluia, alleluia!**

He who is mightier than I is coming, said John.  
He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

**Alleluia, Alleluia, alleluia!**

### Financial Matters

	Corpus Christi	St Anne's
<b>First Collection</b>		
Gift-Aided (+SOs)	£319.80	£101.00
Non Gift-Aided	£185.75	£67.43
<b>Total</b>	<b>£504.55</b>	<b>£168.43</b>
<b>Second Collection</b>		
Karis Centre	£344.34	
Parish Debt		£46.32

*Thank you!*

**“The heavens were opened, and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove, and a voice came from heaven, ‘You are my beloved Son; with whom I am well pleased.’”**

Jesus' Baptism is simple, mysterious and powerful. On the earthly level, Jesus simply joins the queue of people who go into the River Jordan with John, to be baptised for the repentance of their sins. But of course, Jesus is sinless, so has no need of this, and John is quite right in saying that he should receive Baptism from Jesus. But two mysteries say otherwise: the first is that Jesus takes on our sinful flesh (without sinning), and so it is fitting that his flesh is baptised. Also, God chooses to mysteriously save us through the physical - in the sacraments - through words, water, bread and wine, oil. The Church has always seen the baptism of Christ as the event where water is changed, and given the new potential of giving divine life. The older I get, the more powerful this mystery is, to me. Our flesh is affected by what happened to Christ's flesh. All water is affected by what happened to this water.

Luke makes a distinction between Jesus' Baptism, and the Holy Spirit coming upon him as the Father's beautiful words are heard. Allow yourself to hear those words today, and be renewed in the Holy Spirit. You don't deserve the Holy Spirit, but we receive him because Jesus deserves the Holy Spirit to be given to all whom he asks.

**Safeguarding:** The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdiocesan 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](mailto:sg.candstanne.covty@rcaob.org.uk) or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/ [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concern.

Dear Parishioners,

I hope you didn't find it too hard to get back to normality and routine. I found it a bit of a struggle! And the weather didn't help, did it? But it does look like it should be back to normal soon too, and I suppose we haven't done so bad so far - especially compared to L.A.!

Having said that, we are still in Christmas! The Baptism of Our Lord is part of the revealing of Christ to us: at Christmas, in the flesh; at the Epiphany as the Saviour of all - Jew and Gentile; at his Baptism as the Christ. Particularly in Year C, this year, this is extended by next Sunday's Gospel being the wedding at Cana - when he first was revealed in power and glory. And if you go to the Vatican, you'll see the crib up in St Peter's Square until 2nd Feb - the Presentation of Our Lord. But we'll take our crib scenes down before next Sunday. I'm dreading how bare the sanctuaries will look! In fact, we're going to take the Christmas trees down at Corpus Christi after the 11am Mass this Sunday, so if anyone can stay behind, to make light work of it...

We've had some good meetings this Saturday about visiting the housebound, and giving them Holy Communion, about maintaining the defibrillators (which are still being used regularly!), and looking after the notice boards, libraries and piety stalls. Thanks to all involved. We still have been particularly unsuccessful in getting a sick list. Are you sure you don't know any Catholic in our parish who doesn't come to church because of ill health or old age? We can't help them if we don't know about them.

**CONFIRMATION PREPARATION** our last session is this Thursday, Corpus Christi Church, 6pm. Please remember to bring your child to Confession that day too: either from 5.20pm or after the session. You're welcome to come too. Please collect your Confirmation Card this weekend, and bring it filled in on Thursday.

Everyone, please do pray for our 17 Confirmandi. It's such an important moment in their lives. It would be good if some parishioners could come to the Confirmation Mass itself, 7pm on Thursday 23rd January at Corpus Christi, as well as both choirs.

**JOURNEY IN FAITH** this Thursday 16th at Sacred Heart, 7.45-9pm.

**DEANERY READERS DAY** Sat 25th January, 2025, 9.30am - 1pm, at St Osburg's. Please note, I've been saying St Mary's and Benedict's, and it's not. **Definitely, St Osburg's!** We need to all be there.

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. Please look at your tickets and see if you have won, else we're going to be left with a lot of prizes.

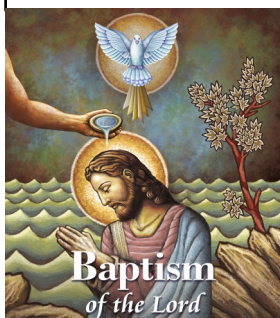
**PARISH COUNCIL** Our next meeting is next Saturday, 18th January, 10.30am - 12 noon, at St Anne's. I have sent you the agenda, including sorting out the Constitution of the Parish Council itself. There is quite a lot of important stuff to think through, so I think it will take the hour and a half.

**KARIS COMMUNITY CENTRE** We're still on course for work to start January. Probably best for it not to start during this very cold spell. Please keep the project in your prayers. We'll need a meeting in February, for all those who want to help in sorting out the furnishing of the place. I'll explain more beforehand, but I think this is our last big step, and it is something that most of us can help with - so please be generous in coming to that meeting, when it happens, and playing your part.

**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?

A little later than I said, we are starting **CHILDREN'S LITURGY** at St Anne's next weekend. Children should be old enough to join in without a parent and young enough not to have received their First Holy Communion - so roughly 4-8 years old, I'd say. It's a new thing, so please be patient. I'll invite the children to come forward after the Opening Prayer.

Yours in Jesus and Mary,



### **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.

