

## **CORPUS CHRISTI and ST. ANNE'S**

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## Saturday 12th - Sunday 20th April, 2025

| Passion Sunday (Palm Sunday) C1 |              |                             |  |   |
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| Saturday<br>Sunday              | 12th<br>13th | 5.00pm<br>9.00am<br>11.00am | Corpus Christi<br>St. Anne's<br>Corpus Christi     | Nancy & Patsy Diver<br>Margaret Ann Paris; Akaogu family<br>Michael & Annie; pro populo |
| Monday                          | 14th         | 9.30am<br>7.00pm            | Corpus Christi<br>Sacred Heart                     | Mass: thanksgiving PENITENTIAL SERVICE  |
| Tuesday                         | 15th         | 6.00pm<br>6.30pm<br>7.00pm  | Corpus Christi<br>Corpus Christi<br>Corpus Christi | Mass: Judy Hood Adoration for half hour PENITENTIAL SERVICE                             |
| Wednesday                       | 16th         | 11.30am                     | St Chad's Cathedral                                | CHRISM MASS   |

THE HOLY TRIDUUM begins

MAUNDY THURSDAY, 17th 7.00pm St Anne's Mass of Our Lord's Supper

Carol Hillier

including washing of feet, recommissioning of Ministers, and Holy Communion under both kinds followed by watching for an hour: 'Could you not watch with me one hour?'

GOOD FRIDAY, 18th 3.00pm Corpus Christi SOLEMN LITURGY

including St John's Passion, Veneration of the Cross, and Holy Communion

7.00pm St Anne's Stations of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY, 19th 10.00am Corpus Christi Blessing of Easter Baskets and Office of Readings

followed by practice for servers and all to be baptised, received and/or Confirmed

## **EASTER SUNDAY C1**

Saturday 19th 8.30pm Corpus Christi EASTER VIGIL

Malcolm Knight, Jack Bell; Pat & Win Fitzpatrick

including Blessing of Easter Fire and Paschal Candle, and Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Sunday 20th 9.00am St. Anne's Christina & Kazimir; Margaret Fleming 11.00am Corpus Christi Lillian Tierney; pro populo

# Second Collections this weekend

Parish Debt/ Karis Centre

GOOD FRIDAY Holy Places

#### **EASTER SUNDAY**

one collection for your parish priest

# Extraordinary Ministers and Readers

please see separate sheet

# Financial Matters

Corpus Christi
First Collection
A (+SOs) #381.11

GA (+SOs) Non GA

£220.91 £602.02

Karis Centre £487.08

St Anne's First Collection

GA (+SOs) £155.00

Non GA £<u>186.66</u> **£341.66** 

Parish Debt £76.70

Thank you!

## 'Be still and know that I am God'

This week, as much as we can, the Church invites us to put aside our cares and worries - genuine and traumatic though they may be - so as to focus on the Lord and his Passion and death. We ask Mary and our Guardian Angel to still our minds and hearts so as to genuinely journey with him in heart-to-heart unity. In fact, one of the reasons why God does allow you your hardships is to better appreciate what Christ chose to go through for your sake, for our sakes.

If you have been betrayed by a loved one then reach out to Christ in his betrayal by Judas. If you have suffered at the hands of any institution, but particularly the Church, then reach out to Christ plotted against by his own religious leaders. If you have been let down by a friend, then reach out to Christ as Peter denies him and his other disciples run from him out of cowardice. If you have been wrongly accused, reach out to Christ in his trial by false witnesses. If you have been trapped in any way, particularly in poverty or even in prison, reach out to Christ locked in the cell overnight. If you have felt helpless to care for loved ones, reach out to Christ who feared what his mother was going through. If you have suffering injury or disability, reach out to Christ in his scourging. If you have been ridiculed or made fun of, reach out to Christ in his being mocked by the soldiers. If you have derided for your modesty and chastity, reach out to Christ derided by lustful Herod. If you have had your good name attacked, reach out to Christ as the crowd demand his crucifixion. If your journey is hard, reach out to Christ carrying his cross. If you have felt an alien in a foreign land, reach out to Christ forced to go outside the city walls to be killed. If you have suffered in any way, reach out to Christ on the Cross in his emotional, spiritual, psychological and spiritual suffering. If you have felt deserted by God, reach out to Christ crying out on the Cross. continued overleaf.

**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.

from front page... If you have been kicked when your down, reach out to Christ as he is mocked by the chief priests, the crowd, the soldiers and even the bad thief - even in his hour of greatest torment.

Our suffering is hard, but the greatest truth that sets us free is the love Jesus has for each of us, and the sufferings we have undergone becomes a means by us knowing more deeply in our heart the depth of that love. After all, we didn't choose the suffering we have had to bear, but he did - out of obedience to the Father and out of love for us. Allow your suffering to be redeemed by allowing it to enter you more deeply into his Passion.

Everyone seemed to think our two Sunday Masses with our schools went amazingly well - and I agree. Great turn out, great atmosphere: a really holy experience. As were our two Whole School Masses leading the children into Holy Week, and the Stations of the Cross service Y3 and Y4 led parents and family in on Thursday. It touched us so deeply. Thank you children, and Miss Walker and your team of staff. Mr Shakespeare also had a good send off with his funeral Mass on Friday - the school choir, including pupils both past and present did him proud.

## HOLY WEEK PRACTICALITIES

**Altar Servers and Parents** We have a 15 minute practice after each Mass this week, and then please come to our prayer service 10am next Saturday, 19th, at Corpus Christi to then practise for the Easter Vigil. Please come 20 minutes before each service begins - we need to get ready.

**Readers** Please let me know when you arrive for the service at which you're reading. Passion readers for Good Friday - please pick up the book you need any time after 11am Mass this Sunday.

**Ministers** If you didn't get an email from me during the week, please get in touch. Thanks for all the sensible and sensitive conversations we've had about giving the Precious Blood out at Mass - because of them, a lot of fears seem to have been resolved, and sensible questions asked and discussed. Please take a sheet this weekend and reflect on the promises you are about to renew on Thursday.

**Choir Practice** at CC 7pm Monday, with our organist - please all attend. Then let's hope our first Triduum with projectors goes well!

**Those being Baptised, Received and/or Confirmed** Check list: a sponsor for children being received; godparents and white shawl for child being Baptised; Confirmandi: Sponsor and Confirmation saint. Please all come to the prayer and practice 10am in the morning of Saturday 19th.

**ALL OF US** Three genuine and fatherly requests from me. 1) Try and come to all of the Triduum. If you can't, you can't, no problem - for instance, the Vigil is late, especially for children. But to not want to attend isn't good, and to not go to a service just because it is at 'the other church' is mean and destructive. Thursday 7pm at St Anne's; Friday 3pm at Corpus Christi and Sat 8.30pm at Corpus Christi. One service. One Lord. Let's make it one people.

- 2) Please come to Confession this week, if you haven't been yet. Your sins crucified Jesus. He died for you to receive absolution. You are going to meet him as your judge when you die. Better to meet him as your Saviour beforehand. Do not be afraid. Any priest will help you with the words etc you just need to find time and courage.
- 3) If you receive Holy Communion, from Thursday onwards please receive the Body and the Blood, under the two species. It is what Christ commanded. It is his Blood that washes our sins away and seals the new and eternal covenant. You might have genuine reasons not to again, fair enough. But please don't think of a reason not to, just because, in truth, you just don't want to do not be afraid.

**PARISH DEBT BUCKET!** At St Anne's, we were asked to collect coins during Lent towards our debt -and bring them in Palm Sunday. So, there is a bucket in the porch to put anything you've collected in!

We've booked a coach for our parish **Jubilee Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Lourdes**, Hednesford, on Sunday 14th September. We set off at 12.30pm and return for 7pm. Places are only £10 each, and accompanied children are free. Please sign the list at the back of church, from next week. We will need payment in advance. It would be nice to have to book a second coach, too!

**KARIS CENTRE** This week, we finally got permission from Severn Trent to build our café. We just need Building Control completely sorted and a gas pipe redirected, and all our major admin will be complete. Continued prayers please. There are 3 meetings in May that will be very important in making sure we actually use the centre well. They are all in the Tuite Room, Saturdays, 11am:

Café Volunteers on Saturday 3rd May, 11am. Please think about joining us.

Linkline Volunteers on Sat 10th May, 11am. Please think about joining us.

Karis Centre Management Committee on Sat 17th May, 11am.

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.



