



CORPUS CHRISTI and ST. ANNE'S

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Saturday 25th February - Sunday 5th March 2023

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT A1

Saturday	25th	5.00pm	Corpus Christi	Shaun Conroy; Tina McNeill; people of the parish
Sunday	26th	9.00am	St. Anne's	Peter & Janet Fahy; Alan Stanley
		11.00am	Corpus Christi	Jim & Olive Costelloe; Jack Bell
Monday	27th	No Mass		
Tuesday	28th	6.00pm	Corpus Christi	<i>Adoration & Benediction</i>
		7.00pm	Corpus Christi	Holy Souls
Wednesday	1st Mar	9.10am	Corpus Christi	Phyllis Capperelli
St David				
Thursday	2nd	8.20am	Corpus Christi	15 min Stations of the Cross Tony Kavanagh Reception for Steve Kennedy
		9.30am	St Anne's Church	
		5.30pm	Corpus Christi	
Friday	3rd	10.00am	Corpus Christi	Funeral Mass for Steve Kennedy Stations of the Cross and Adoration
		6.00pm	St Anne's	
Saturday	4th	9.30am	St Anne's	baby Isaac & family
2ND SUNDAY OF LENT A1				
Saturday	4th	5.00pm	Corpus Christi	John Gavin; People of the parish
Sunday	5th	9.00am	St. Anne's	Costa family; Mary Skaag
		11.00am	Corpus Christi	Margaret Rocks; Thanksgiving

Second Collections
This Weekend
 M.S.F./parish debt
Next Weekend
 Cathedral Maintenance

Extraordinary Ministers and Readers

25/26th February
 5pm Caroline Ward;
Pat Timmons.
 9am John Fallan;
Frank Darko.
 11am Victoria Uche;
Kay Lewis.

4th/5th March
 5pm Marie Anne Bowell;
Helen Ward.
 9am Ann Saju;
Helen Fallan.
 11am Chukwudi Malize;
Anne Malize.

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

Responsorial Psalm

Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

Man does not live on bread alone,
 but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

Financial Matters

	Corpus Christi	St Anne's
First Collection		
Gift-Aided (+SOs)	£278.43	£176.00
Non Gift-Aided	<u>£194.78</u>	<u>£ 99.01</u>
Total	£473.21	£275.01
Second Collection		
Aid to the Church in Need		£1048.77
Thank you!		

“You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.”

As always, on the first Sunday of Lent we get the Gospel of the temptations of Christ after his 40 days of fasting in the desert. The desert in Israel is phenomenally hot during the day: enduring that alone is incredible. Add to that no food, and it really does become an ordeal. Jesus is led into the desert for this ordeal, by the Spirit, straight after his baptism. In the Our Father he teaches us to pray not to be led into temptation, but he goes into the desert as the only one who could stand firm against the devil's wiles. He teaches us that penance actually makes us stronger - firstly because by saying no to ourselves, we have a greater ability to say no to the devil; and secondly because in our weakness we are less tempted to rely on our own strength and more likely and able to trust in God's strength.

It is important to realise that the devil seeks to stir up Jesus', and our, emotions and appetites; whereas God always speaks to our minds, strengthening us in truth. Furthermore, Jesus stands up to temptation through the power of Scripture. Our emotions always tend us to think about now, and pleasure; truth leads us to think of the long-term and about joy and goodness. It is good for us to be more aware of how temptation and conscience work in our lives; and to learn of the power of Scripture - though we can only be strengthened by one liners if we know them in the first place! So, knowing Scripture is an essential part of overcoming temptation. Ultimately, our spiritual battle of Lent should help us truly know that the spiritual is always more important than the physical; truth always more important than emotion; and saying no to ourselves frees us to say yes to God and others.

Safeguarding: Caroline Ward, Pat Timmons & Rosaria Petrucci

Dear Parishioners,

LENT

We got off to a good start to Lent with a really good attendance at our Ash Wednesday Masses. You make me happy! Let's keep it up. Thank you, also, for your great kindness in raising over £1,000 towards earthquake victims and other people Aid to the Church in Need help. Any further donations will be passed on to them. That's a good start to prayer and almsgiving - hope your penance is going as well.

We also had a good turn out for our Mass for Ukraine on Friday - on the week one of our Ukrainian families left for Birmingham after being with us for 9 months.

Possible things to do this week:

15 min stations of the Cross before school, Corpus Christi, Thurs 8.20-8.35am - especially for parents and pupils.

Join the children for school Mass, 9.10am, Corpus Christi, Wednesday.

Stations of the Cross, 6pm Friday, St Anne's, followed by option of 1/2 hour adoration.

Daily prayer with Aid to the Church in Need: acnuk.org/resource/40-days-of-prayer/

ACN Bible Stories for Children (similar to last year), £3 - read a story every day of Lent.

Still a few **Walk with Me**, and **My Day by Day** booklets available, £1 for adult ones, children's ones free.

Use our new library to read about a saint's life.

(We are getting more books for our libraries - firstly some spirituality books for adults, then some Mass and prayer books for younger children.)

Gospel Acclamation during Lent: As you know, we don't say the 'A' word during Lent. There are various replacements in the Gospel Acclamation. In our two Masses on Sunday, we will let the choir lead us. For other Masses, I'll sing a refrain which we then all repeat, and then all repeat after the verse.

FIRST CONFESSION AND HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION

Two more sessions, this Thursday, 2nd, and 9th March, 3.45-4.45pm at Corpus Christi Church, then First Confession services are, at Corpus Christi, 2pm Wed 22nd March, and at St Anne's, Mass and first Confessions 9.30am in church, Thursday 23rd March. Ideally, both parents are asked to present their child to the priest and welcome them back after Confession. Please consider coming to Confession yourself, too. I think we might need one extra session for the three children not at Catholic school, as they aren't getting the extra lessons at school.

JOURNEY IN FAITH Restarts this Wednesday, 1st March, 6-7.10pm in the Fr Tuite Room.

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION AND RINGING THE HOUSEBOUND

We do seem to have some enthusiasm in **ringing the housebound**. Our meeting is on **Saturday 11th March, 10.30-11.30am**. All are welcome, especially those who have put their name down already.

Our deanery **Day of Recollection** for current ministers is **9.30am - 1pm** on **Saturday 25th March**. It is at Christ the King, Coundon. Maybe ministers could car-share to get there? Attending this day keeps our commitment to God made last Maundy Thursday and allows ministers to renew their ministry at the Mass of the Lord's Supper.

RECENTLY DIED Please pray for Steve Kennedy (Fri 3rd March, 10am, reception Thursday 5.30pm, CC), Peter Tully (Friday 10th March, 1pm, SA), Mary Walsh (Tuesday 21st March, 11.30am CC) and Teresa Doran (Friday 24th March, 11.15am, reception Thursday 5pm, SA). May they rest in peace, and their families find hope and healing in Christ.

DEFIBRILLATOR We still need a training session at St Anne's to give us confidence in using the defibrillator that is now installed on the outside wall near the shrine to Our Lady. We need two or three people who are willing to attend. Please let me know, and then we can work out a time to ask Andy to come and teach us.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE After the victory in court for Isabel and Fr Sean, the 40 Days for Life vigil started on Ash Wednesday. It is still an uncomfortable situation that we have to pray 200 yards from the clinic because of the buffer zone. Would you consider praying the prayer to St Michael for us daily, during these 40 days? it really is a spiritual battle. It seems Ivan, a visionary from Medjugorje, has been asked by Our Lady to call us all to pray 3 Hail Marys at 6.30pm for the situation in Ukraine, before it widens and worsens. I'd say we could do worse than respond to that too.

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.

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