



CORPUS CHRISTI and ST. ANNE'S

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Saturday 18th -Sunday 26th February 2023

7TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME A1

Saturday	18th	5.00pm	<i>Corpus Christi</i>	James Cannon & all holy souls; People of the parish
Sunday	19th	9.00am	<i>St. Anne's</i>	Margaret Fleming; thanksgiving to Our Lord
		11.00am	<i>Corpus Christi</i>	Angelo Rotolo; Humberto
Monday	20th	No Mass		
Tuesday	21st	1.30pm	<i>St Anne's</i>	Funeral Mass for Philippa Peters
		6.00pm	<i>Corpus Christi</i>	<i>Adoration & Benediction</i>
		7.00pm	<i>Corpus Christi</i>	Eugene Donnelly
Wednesday	22nd	10.00am	<i>Corpus Christi</i>	Steve Kennedy
ASH WEDNESDAY		7.00pm	<i>St Anne's</i>	Dr Sarah & Rev T Raistrick
Thursday	23rd	9.30am	<i>St Anne's Church</i>	baby Isaac & family
		6.00pm	<i>St Anne's</i>	Reception for Pauline Pithie
Friday	24th	9.30am	<i>St Anne's</i>	Funeral Mass for Pauline Pithie
		6.00pm	Corpus Christi Mass	on 1st Anniversary of Ukraine war
Saturday	25th	9.30am	<i>St Anne's</i>	Dolan & Herron families
				<i>followed by adoration and Confessions and Day for New Ministers</i>
				<u>8TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME A1</u>
Saturday	25th	5.00pm	<i>Corpus Christi</i>	Shaun Conroy; Tina McNeill; people of the parish
Sunday	26th	9.00am	<i>St. Anne's</i>	Peter & Janet Fahy; Alan Stanley
		11.00am	<i>Corpus Christi</i>	Jim & Olive Costelloe; Jack Bell

Second Collections

This Weekend

Aid to the Church in need

Next Weekend

M.S.F./parish debt

Extraordinary Ministers and Readers

18/19th February

5pm Claire Reay;

Julie Martin.

9am Frank Darko;

Jocelyn Gallen.

11am John Teeling;

Anne Malize.

25/26th February

5pm Caroline Ward;

Pat Timmons.

9am John Fallan;

Frank Darko.

11am Victoria Uche;

Kay Lewis.

7TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is compassion and love.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

If anyone loves me he will keep my word,
and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Financial Matters

	Corpus Christi	St Anne's
First Collection		
Gift-Aided (+SOs)	£519.31	£165.00
Non Gift-Aided	£214.84	£144.19
Total	£734.15	£309.19
Second Collection		
LIFE	£255.28	£180.54

Thank you!

"Be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect."

We are never more like our Father than when we are helping another, especially someone in need. We can feel overwhelmed by the amount of need, we can sometimes feel our help is wasted, but a loving Father's heart will always go out to his children. We have Teresa coming to talk to us this weekend about the work of Aid to the Church in Need. It is a good charity - it doesn't just ask for money, but invites us to get involved in helping, and to pray for those in need as well, in solidarity. It also doesn't take much in overheads like many, even Catholic, charities. During Lent, we are being invited to specifically help people in Nigeria, but of course there are also the more urgent earthquake victims in Syria and Turkey. As you may have seen, there are some parts of Syria that are particularly difficult to get to, as aid has to cross 'rebel territory', but ACN have a huge advantage of already having an office in Aleppo, and so have been able to reach the areas others aren't managing to. They have already committed over £500,000 to the people affected by the earthquake. So, we are invited to listen to Teresa and be creative and generous in responding. Both our schools are committed to joining in both initiatives. It is a real healthy sign that we are able to all be responding together.

Baptism Preparation this Friday, 24th February, 7.30-8.30pm

If you're coming to the first session, it's at St Anne's with Fr Tony; the second session is being held simultaneously at Sacred Heart (CV2 4BT), with me.

Safeguarding: Caroline Ward, Pat Timmons & Rosaria Petrucci

Dear Parishioners,

LENT begins this week, with Ash Wednesday. This is a day of not eating meat, and for most of us a day of fasting: one main meal and two small meals and no food in between. We only have two compulsory fast days in the whole year, so please do keep to it. And please come to Mass, and bring your children. As Canon Paul was reminding us, shortly we will be asked to work together with other parishes, so it is way past the time for anyone to not go to Mass because it is not at Corpus Christi, or not at St Anne's - such an attitude is stopping us grow and has no place in God's plan. As we receive the ashes, one of the prayers the minister may use is, 'remember that you are dust, and unto dust you will return' - it is worth doing exactly that; it gives focus to our Lent and strips us of our stubbornness or apathy.

There are some Lent **Walk with Me**, and **My Day by Day** booklets available still - £1 each. **Infant and Junior My Day by Day** booklets are free. And do have a look at our mini-library at the back of both churches - a book on a saint might be good reading for Lent.

We will also have a short **Stations of the Cross** at Corpus Christi Church, 8.20-8.35am every Thursday of term time (so starting next week, 2nd March). This is especially for parents and children at Corpus Christi - it means setting out just a little earlier as an extra effort for Lent - but the benefits for you will be huge, because God likes nothing better than us all making an effort together. Connected with that, parents, why don't you make an effort to come to school Mass during Lent? (CC: Wednesday 9.10am in church; SA alternating 9.10am at school and 9.30am at church). They are inspiring.

We have had holy hour on Fridays 6-7pm for Ukraine ever since the war started. The people attending have been amazingly faithful, even through dark and cold. It is the anniversary of the war starting this Friday, so we'll mark that with a Mass at 6pm at Corpus Christi, instead. Please consider coming: Ukraine certainly needs our prayers. After that, during Lent we will alternate this hour between the churches, and start it with **Stations of the Cross**.

FIRST CONFESSION AND HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION

No session this week. Two more sessions on Thursday 2nd and 9th March, 3.45-4.45pm at Corpus Christi Church, then First Confession services are, at Corpus Christi, 2pm in church 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.

JOURNEY IN FAITH None this week - have a breather after our last session!

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION AND RINGING THE HOUSEBOUND

Next Saturday, 25th, is our long-awaited training day for those who are to start taking Holy Communion to the housebound. Obviously, it is really important that you come to this. It starts with **9.30am Mass at St Anne's**, and finishes at **1pm**. Maybe bring some light bites for us to nibble together!

Our **Ringing the Housebound** meeting is on **Saturday 11th March, 10.30-11.30am**.

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.

NOT GUILTY! Isabel and Fr Sean were both found not guilty after being charged with intimidatory behaviour by silently praying. Praise God! And thank you to all who prayed and who spread the word - both helped. Over 6 million people worldwide got involved. How much it was common sense prevailing, and how much it was just saving face, is hard to tell, but it is a victory. Of course, the buffer zone is still in place, criminalising us because people have been angry towards us!! So, prayers please for discernment in what needs to be our next step. But for now, let's enjoy the victory.

RECENTLY DIED Please pray for Gretta McGovern, Philippa Peters, Josie Fitzpatrick, Pauline Pithie, Steve Kennedy (Fri 3rd March, 10am, reception Thursday 5.30pm, CC), Peter Tulley (Friday 10th March, 1pm, SA), and Mary Walsh (Tuesday 21st March, 11.30am CC). May they rest in peace, and their families find hope and healing in Christ.

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.

