



CORPUS CHRISTI and ST. ANNE'S

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Saturday 25th March - Sunday 2nd April 2023

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT A1

Saturday	25th	5.00pm	Corpus Christi	Michael Anderson; Shaun Conroy
Sunday	26th	9.00am	St. Anne's	Chris Kent; Christina & Kazimir Bieliauskas; People of the parish
		11.00am	Corpus Christi	Jacobus & Josephina Rahail; Ronan O'Brien; Katarina
Monday	27th	No Mass		
Tuesday	28th	6.00pm	Corpus Christi	<i>Adoration & Benediction</i>
		7.00pm	Corpus Christi	Trevor Bloodworth
Wednesday	29th	9.10am	Corpus Christi	John Hyland
Thursday	30th	8.20am	Corpus Christi	15 min Stations of the Cross
		9.30am	St Anne's church	Pat Travers
Friday	31st	9.30am	Corpus Christi	Mrs Karekia; Tony Kavanagh
		6.00pm	St Anne's	Stations then Adoration
Saturday	1st	9.30am	St Anne's	baby Isaac & family

PALM SUNDAY (PASSION SUNDAY) A1

Saturday	1st	5.00pm	Corpus Christi	Mary Gavin; people of the parish
Sunday	2nd	9.00am	St. Anne's	Debbie Payton; Pauline Pithie
		11.00am	Corpus Christi	Nina & family; Theresa Dolan

Holy Week: Penitential Services, all 7pm: Monday 3rd, Sacred Heart; Tuesday 4th St Thomas More; Wednesday 5th Corpus Christi.

MAUNDY THURSDAY	7.00pm	St Anne's	Mass of the Lord's Supper and watching
GOOD FRIDAY	3.00pm	Corpus Christi	Solemn Liturgy
HOLY SATURDAY	8.30pm	Corpus Christi	Easter Vigil

Second Collections This Weekend

M.S.F./ Parish Debt

Next Weekend

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Extraordinary Ministers and Readers

25th/26th March
 5pm Claire Reay;
Marie Anne Bowell.

9am Jocelyn Gallen;
John Fallan.

11am Gerard McAleese;
Kay Lewis.

1st/2nd April
 5pm Caroline Ward;
Julie Martin.

9am Chuck McCaughley;
Franko Darko.

11am John Teeling;
Chukwudi Malize.

Please also sign up for Holy Week

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Responsorial Psalm

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ, you are the king of glory!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
 whoever follows me will have the light of life.

Praise to you, O Christ, you are the king of glory!

Financial Matters

	Corpus Christi	St Anne's
First Collection		
Gift-Aided (+SOs)	£319.50	£174.00
Non Gift-Aided	<u>£264.44</u>	<u>£162.46</u>
Total	£583.94	£336.46

Second Collection		
M.S.F./ parish debt	£321.82	£140.59

Thank you!

"Our friend Lazarus is resting; I am going to wake him"

'I am the Resurrection and the Life, anyone who believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' This is a pretty good summary of our faith, and allows for only two answers - yes or no. We can be quite comfortable with a 'Hollywood' version of faith and life - things are good, then they go bad, but just before they go really bad, the hero comes to the rescue. Reality is a bit different: things are good, then they go bad, then they go really bad, and only after death does Jesus then resurrect us. They sound similar, but are very different. In the first, the saviour is important, but just helped make things better. In the second, I'm dead and the Saviour brings me back to life. How many times does an addict recover before hitting rock bottom? Hardly ever. Jesus saves us either after we have died or after we completely know that without him we are dead. As we are offered healing through the laying on of hands today, the more we come in honesty that without Christ we are nothing, and with him we share in everything, the more we will receive.

Clocks go forward this weekend - if you're reading this Saturday, don't forget.

If you're reading it Sunday and everyone is leaving as you arrive, you forgot.

Safeguarding: Caroline Ward, Pat Timmons & Rosaria Petrucci

Dear Parishioners,

Our First Confession went really well this week - the children showed a lot of love, courage and maturity: well done guys! Our **First Holy Communion prep** starts at **St Anne's Church, this Thursday, 3.45pm**. It'll finish an hour after it starts! You should have your new Commitment Cards from last weekend - please do go them signed.

JOURNEY IN FAITH this Wednesday, 6-7.30pm in the Fr Tuite Room for our Haggadah service. No one will be received into the Church at the Easter Vigil, but hopefully four people will be receiving sacraments at Pentecost.

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION, VISITING AND CALLING

Our Day of Recollection went very well this weekend - thanks for such a good attendance from our parish. Sheets are at the back of church for the renewal of vows at the Maundy Thursday Mass of Our Lord's Supper.

We also had a good meeting of our planning team for our ringing the housebound initiative. It will take a little while for it to start, but good steps are being made.

Three of you have nudged me about visiting - but not taking Holy Communion. I'll be in touch after Easter Week, so if anyone else wants to join in with this, please let me know by then. And I still could do with a couple of ministers visiting a care home each in the parish...

FOODBANK There are now over 120 people visiting the Hagard Centre foodbank each week - if you can help out in providing food, it really is needed.

DEANERY QUIZ Hey! We won! After retaining the shield for 4 years because of COVID, we now retain it for another year because we won! And no, it had nothing to do with the quizmaster being from our parish either. Well done to Michael, Seamus, Phyllis and Claire! See them with the shield below.

DIVINE MERCY Sunday 16th April is Divine Mercy Sunday. There is a service 2pm, at St Mary and St Benedict's Church. Poster at back of church for more details. There are also novena leaflets - the novena should start on Good Friday, ideally.

There is also an **IGBO MASS** at Christ the King, on Sunday 16th April, 2pm.

BAPTISM PREPARATION If you went to Sacred Heart for the second session last Friday, 24th, the I am so, so sorry. Friday 24th was the last Friday of February, so in my mind I'd got it that Fri 24th was the last Friday in March - but it isn't is it! By the time Fr Tony had put me right, I couldn't get in touch - so I had to do a session at St Anne's, and obviously couldn't manage both places. So, if you could try again this Friday, 7.30pm at Sacred Heart, I'd be grateful.

ALTAR SERVERS If you haven't, please take a letter about Holy Week and fill it in and return it asap. We meet **3pm at St Anne's on Palm Sunday**, for our practice and Seder meal with our families. Please do come to as many services of the Triduum as possible - not just to the ones at the church at which you normally serve.

MONEY We'll hopefully be getting our St Anne's debt sorted out this week, and also have the upper window frames repaired there shortly. We did also manage to get some money back from the diocese this week, for Corpus Christi, after too much had been taken in error.

A local church are interested in using our parish centre. And so are we! Also, an academy are looking into whether they could use it as a central hub too. It's early days yet, but all this does offer a way forward, as it will cost a considerable amount of money to make the centre usable again - more than we have as a parish. But if all three groups are willing to invest in it, then it becomes possible. Let's pray, keep the conversations open, and see what happens. These things never happen quickly!

Thanks to those who responded to my request for people to consider Gift Aiding and/or raising their weekly contribution. If you all do what you say, the parish will certainly gain.

PARISH COUNCIL It would be good to try and start one. We would benefit from a diversity of members - age, culture, gender, etc. Can you let me know of anyone you would nominate for the role? (I prefer this way much more than asking you to volunteer yourself.)

Both Masses next **Sunday** will start outside with the blessing of palms, weather permitting.

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.

