



CORPUS CHRISTI and ST. ANNE'S

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Saturday 29th April - Sunday 7th May 2023

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER: GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY A1

Saturday	29th	5.00pm	Corpus Christi	Frances Glancy; Christine Duffy people of the parish
Sunday	30th	9.00am	St. Anne's	Christina & Kazimir; John
		11.00am	Corpus Christi	Jacobus & Josefina Rahail;; Phyllis Kavanagh; Margaret Duddy
Monday	1st May	ST JOSEPH THE WORKER Mass at 10.00am		
Tuesday	2nd	6.00pm	Corpus Christi	<i>Adoration & Benediction</i>
		7.00pm	Corpus Christi	Maggie's family, and friends
Wednesday	3rd	9.10am	Corpus Christi	Thanksgiving
Ss Philip & James		<i>followed by Marian procession to school - please bring a flower</i>		
Thursday	4th	9.10am	St Anne's school	baby Isaac
		English Martyrs		
Friday	5th	9.30am	St Anne's	Tony & Phyllis Kavanagh
		6.00pm	Corpus Christi	Rosary & Adoration
Saturday	6th	9.30am	St Anne's	King Charles & Queen Camilla

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER A1

Saturday	6th	5.00pm	Corpus Christi	Sean Craig; Milo Carey; people of the parish
		<i>followed by Marian procession - please bring a flower</i>		
Sunday	7th	9.00am	St. Anne's	Margaret Flemming; Susan Boyle
		11.00am	Corpus Christi	Chris; Humberto Sagámaga
		<i>followed by Marian procession - please bring a flower</i>		

Please pray for **Melody Wallum** who will be baptised this weekend, that she and her family will be filled with faith and love through this great sacrament.

Second Collections This Weekend

Clergy Training Fund
Next Weekend
M.S.F./ Parish Debt

Extraordinary Ministers and Readers

29th/30th April
5pm Helen Ward;
David Haywood.
9am Mateusz Dabrosz
& Cedric;
John Fallan.
11am Patti Hynd-Anderson
& David;
Mary Pearson.

6th/7th May
5pm Caroline Ward;
Julie Martin.
9am Seamus Brannigan;
Jocelyn Gallen.
11am Emmanuel Malize;
Ann Malize.

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is my shepherd: there is nothing I shall want.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;

I know my own sheep and my own know me.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Financial Matters

	Corpus Christi	St Anne's
First Collection		
Gift-Aided (+SOs)	£336.40	£208.85
Non Gift-Aided	<u>£316.57</u>	<u>£140.86</u>
Total	£652.97	£349.71
Second Collection		
M.S.F./ parish debt	£319.64	£156.46
Thank you!		

'I am the gate. Anyone who enters through me will be safe.'

Today is Good Shepherd Sunday - the Gospel is always from John 10, where Jesus teaches about him being the Good Shepherd, the gate, and the one who will lay down his life for his sheep. It is important for us to reflect on this, asking ourselves if we indeed allow him to be our guiding shepherd, and our gate to eternal life.

But, unsurprisingly, this Sunday is always also Vocations Sunday, because God, in his wisdom, has given us bishops, priests and deacons to be our shepherds too: imperfect, unlike the Good Shepherd, but nevertheless given his power to heal and forgive, to be unique channels of his love, joy and peace. So, again, we are invited to ask ourselves if we allow our ministers to be our guiding shepherds. In both cases, sometimes we like the idea of a shepherd to comfort us, more than to guide us.

The Archbishop has given us a pastoral letter today - and there are copies of it at the back. He asks us to pray for vocations - all vocations, but especially to the priesthood. And to pray for those discerning their vocation and their response to their call. Our prayer should be given zeal by our realisation that without more priests the structure of the church in our diocese will soon be very different, whether we like it or not.

We are also asked to enter into the new initiative of each deanery having a particular month in the year where we pray for vocations - this is June for Coventry. And also to be generous in today's second collection.

Finally, he thanks us for allowing the voice of the Good Shepherd to stir our hearts and enabling his voice to stir others, too.

Safeguarding: Caroline Ward, Pat Timmons & Rosaria Petrucci

Dear Parishioners,

Had a lovely day trip to Harvington Hall this week with Y4 from Corpus Christi. We learnt a lot about the Tudors - including where the saying 'above board' comes from! But, obviously even more importantly, we saw the hidey holes where priests and their helpers would have to hide, for up to a week, while they were hunted down, knowing that being found meant the Tower of London, torture, then being hung, drawn and quartered. That's faith. And the faithful still went to Mass, despite the fines, the prejudice and the danger.

There are prayer cards for us all to **pray for King Charles** this week - please take one or more.

MASS OF MANY TONGUES

Please join in our Masses of Many Tongues this Pentecost, 28th May. We need help from people from as many different cultures as possible. In the Mass, you (as individuals or as a group) could sing a hymn, or a Mass part (like the Sanctus or the Kyrie), you could do a reading, or bidding prayer, simply pray a Hail Mary in your other language, join in the offertory - or if you have any other idea I'm willing to listen. Then, for after Mass, we need you all to provide food from your culture too - and we need help in organising the halls for eating it. Seamus and Mary will take a lead at St Anne's; and there'll be people at the back of church at Corpus Christi asking you what you might do, too.

MAY THE MONTH OF MARY

Let's all commit to praying five decades of the rosary for the month of May. It's not my favourite prayer - I'd rather just be still with God and Mary - but it is undeniable how helpful it is. And it is a clear request from Our Lady: to pray it so that she can help us to Jesus, her Son. If you are coming to any Mass, please come 20 minutes earlier so that we can pray it together. Could you volunteer to lead this sometimes?

We also have our May Processions. This week they're at Corpus Christi - following 9.10am Mass on Wednesday, with the school, then 5pm and 11am Masses next weekend. Please do bring a flower when you come. Parents, let's make it a proper family celebration by uniting parish, school and home in honouring our mum on Wednesday. St Anne's is the following week: our school procession is 2pm on Wednesday 10th May, at the school - again all welcome, especially parents. And on Sun 14th, we'll have a mini-procession to our marian shrine outside church, weather permitting. Again, please bring flowers. It all went very well, and was uplifting, last year - no reason why it shouldn't happen again this time.

LINKLINE, ADORATION, GOOD NEIGHBOURS

Next week the LinkLine team are going north to visit a team that already run a similar charity. That should really help us, by learning from their experience, so that we can start our own journey. As I said last week, I think there are two ways we could complement this: firstly by praying in church while the callers are ringing, and secondly by helping with the local Good Neighbours initiative. Catherine runs this, and ask for volunteers who can spare one hour a week. She's coming to Corpus Christi to talk to us 10am on Wednesday 17th May - could you come and hear what she has to say? Mass that day will be at 9.30am without the children, as they'll be coming for the Ascension the next day.

BAPTISM PREPARATION We've got quite a few baptisms coming up, but only one family turned up to the first prep session on Friday, and none to the second - so, could you let me know, parents, when you are attending, please?

PARISH COUNCIL I had a sudden surge of volunteers last weekend - a nice problem to have! So, the council will be slightly bigger than planned, but again, there's worse problems. I've just got to ask one more person, and get a reply from another and then we're sorted. Then we'll fix a date for our opening meeting. The process starts this week for our two volunteer governors for St Anne's, so please keep them in your prayers.

ASCENSION is Thursday 18th May: Masses will be 9.30am at St Anne's, and 11am and 7pm at Corpus Christi. Our first survey of the parish centre has been done - now I have various helpful people look at it to help me with their judgements. Prayers please!

Next **First Holy Communion preparation session** is this Thursday, 4th May, 3.45-4.45pm, at St Anne's Church. NB Our last session has been brought forward to 18th May, from the 25th.

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.

