

# CORPUS CHRISTI and ST. ANNE'S

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Saturday 13th - Sunday 21st May 2023						Second Collections	
Saturday Sunday followe	rday 13th 5.00pm Co lay 14th 9.00am Sa followed by Marian procession - p			People of the parish; Phillis Connaughton Mr & Mrs Sunday Achi; Alice Malone; Joseph McKeever		This Weekend M.S.F./ Parish Debt Next Weekend Catholic Communications	
Monday Tuesday	15th 16th	11.00am No Mass 5.00pm 10.00am 6.00pm	St Anne's Fune Corpus Christi	<b>ception</b> fo ral Mass Adoratio	onroy; Emmanuel Malize or <b>Margaret Flemming</b> for <b>Margaret Flemming</b> on & Benediction	<i>Extraordinary Ministers</i> and Readers 13th/14th May	
7.00pm Wednesday 17th 9.30am <i>followed by</i> Thursday 18th 9.30am THE ASCENSION 11.00am <i>7.00pm</i>			Corpus ChristiMrs KarGood Neighbours meeting with CaSt Anne's churchCorpus ChristiMary Sl		a <i>therine</i> a Dolan; pro populo	5pm Claire Reay; Marie Anne Bowell. 9am Jocelyn Gallen; Franklin Darko. 11am Gerard McAleese; Chukwudi Malize.	
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6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER Responsorial Psalm Cry out with joy to God, all the earth. Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! Jesus said, "If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him." Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!				Co First Collection Gift-Aided (+SOs) Non Gift-Aided Total Second Collection M.S.F./ Parish debt			

## 'The Father will give you the Spirit of Truth, whom the world can never receive.'

At the Ascension, Jesus goes from our eyes. He did this to the disciples, on the road to Emmaus. As soon as they recognised him, in the breaking of bread, he went from their eyes. But not because of any lack of commitment on his behalf. Or because he was going further away. But because he wanted to lead them, and us, into a spiritual life, of relationship, meaning and love. And that means us learning to live by what we can't see. Philip was able to see the devil's work, in the Samaritan town, and through Christ and his Spirit, was able to free the people there. Peter calls us to so live by the truth, that we can explain what we believe and why we hope. He also calls us to be able to suffer patiently, because the Spirit gives meaning to our suffering in trust and love.

The world cannot ever receive the Spirit of Truth, because it refuses to try and keep God's commandments. If we are the same, then we are closed to the Holy Spirit. It is worth reflecting on whether we truly believe Jesus to be more real that what we can see, or less real. Whether we think his truth and commandments are more relevant than worldly pressures, or given to us by someone who doesn't understand modern day pressures. Whether we see life as ultimately a battle between Christ and the devil, for human souls. Whether we truly believe all power in heaven and on earth has been given to the Risen Christ. The answer to these four questions will very much shape our faith and our life. Come, Holy Spirit.

#### Dear Parishioners,

**ASCENSION** is this Thursday 18th May, - a Holyday of Obligation, as we celebrate Jesus going to the Father: Masses will be 9.30am at St Anne's, and 11am and 7pm at Corpus Christi.

### MASS OF MANY TONGUES

Right! It's time to sign up. Good intentions don't get us anywhere. Please see Seamus or Mary at St Anne's, or Louise and Chioma at Corpus Christi about helping at our Masses of Many Tongues this Pentecost, 28th May. At Mass you can a) sing something; b) pray a bidding prayer; c) pray the Hail Mary in your other language; d) wear something from your heritage and bring up something that represents it, at the offertory; e) do something I haven't thought of! Try and include your children. For afterwards, you can bring some food and/or help with getting the hall ready, and serving. Please let us know today - it makes organising so much easier.

#### MAY THE MONTH OF MARY

I hope you've managed to pray five decades every day so far. if not, please start today. She is our queen and mother. If you are coming to any Mass, please come 20 minutes earlier so that we can pray it together. Thanks to those who have volunteered to help lead - you're always welcome to offer too.

Four of our May processions have gone well, including our lovely one at St Anne's school., on Wednesday. Though I have to hold my hand up and say I got it wrong which congregation would be better at remembering flowers at Corpus Christi - you 5pm lot were much better! This Sunday, we complete our honouring of Mary this way, with our mini-procession at the end of our 9am Mass at St Anne's.

#### MASS OF PRAYER PARTNERS

I thought the separate sessions for First Holy Communion children, and for their parents, went really well last Thursday. We had an honest and fruitful discussion, and Mrs Mattocks really helped the children grow. One last session - this Thursday, 18th.

This weekend the children will offer 8 prayer cards at the offertory, and then on the way out, you are asked to take one, and specifically pray for that child - and maybe even get them a card for the day. We'll do that outside at St Anne's, as we have the procession too.

### LINKLINE, ADORATION, GOOD NEIGHBOURS

Four ways you could help with our parish initiative to help the housebound: a) you could volunteer to join our team of callers; b) you could volunteer to pray in front of the Blessed Sacrament while they ring; c) you could donate a laptop (we need three) or a mobile phone (only simple ones needed); d) you could attend the Good Neighbours meeting after 9.30am Mass at Corpus Christi, this Wednesday, 17th.

#### **CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION**

We had our first Corpus Christi procession last year, and it went really well. Our First Holy Communion children led us in their Communion attire, and around 170 parishioners joined in. The deanery were so impressed that this year's procession will be for all the deanery. That's a great honour for our parish. So, firstly, I hope you have the date in the diary: Sun 18th June,3pm, starting from St Anne's. If you had a parish diary at Christmas, the date is in the front. We will process along a shorter route than last year, finishing at Corpus Christi for a short Benediction, ending at 4pm. You are then invited to share a picnic on the lawns. We will provide drinks and nibbles; you bring your picnic food. I'm not sure how many we'll get from the deanery, but it is our responsibility to put on a good show for them, so please be generous. Let's be proud of the Blessed Sacrament and of our parish. Anyone willing to help with refreshments or help the Knights of St Columba marshal the procession?

**AFTERNOON TEA** Our annual Afternoon Tea, at St Anne's, is on Saturday 24th June, 3pm. Tickets are £20. That's quite a bit, but not when you see what you get for it, and how much work goes into it. Tickets will go on sale soon. Please come if you can.

Are we allowed to pray that Coventry do well this Sunday, against Middlesbrough? Surely it's ok that we pray that they do their best...

Yours in Jesus and Mary,

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**Our Lady of Fatima** pray for us **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.

