



## CORPUS CHRISTI and ST. ANNE'S

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### Saturday 16th - Tuesday 26th December, 2023

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<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> LAYING ON OF HANDS B2					
Saturday	16th	5.00pm	<i>Corpus Christi</i>	Mary & Neville Cherry; pro populo	
Sunday	17th	9.00am	<i>St. Anne's</i>	Patrick McSharry; Betty Lennon; Michael & Julia Johnston	
		11.00am	<i>Corpus Christi</i>	Bob Smyth; Susan & John Breslin Fr Jesus Nogueiro	
Monday	18th	7.00pm	<b>SACRED HEART</b>	<b>Penitential Service</b>	
Tuesday	19th	9.30am	<i>Corpus Christi</i>	<b>Mass:</b> Holy Souls; Spec. Int	
		6.00pm	<i>Corpus Christi</i>	Adoration & Benediction	
		7.00pm	<i>Corpus Christi</i>	<b>Penitential Service</b>	
Wednesday	20th	9.30am	<i>Corpus Christi</i>	Kath McNamara	
		6.00pm	<i>Corpus Christi &amp; St Anne's Churches</i>		
		<i>School Carol Services you're welcome at either</i>			
Thursday	21st	9.30am	<i>St Anne's Church</i>	Mary D; Greg Costa; Isaac	
		7.00pm	<b>ST THOMAS MORE</b>	<b>Penitential Service</b>	
Friday	22nd	9.30pm	<b>CORPUS CHRISTI</b>	Alan Stanley; Kathleen McKenzie	
		6.00pm	<i>Corpus Christi</i>	Adoration & Rosary	
Saturday	23rd	9.30am	<i>St Anne's</i>	Edna Kent; Anne & Maurice Donaghue <i>followed by adoration and Confessions until 10.30am</i>	
<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT B2</b>					
Saturday	23rd	5.00pm	<b>ST. ANNE'S</b>	Caroline Ward; Rudi & Patricia Agacy	
Sunday	24th	10.00am	<i>Corpus Christi</i>	Doreen & Tom Cadden; Christine Kent; pro populo	
<b>CHRISTMAS</b>					
Sunday	24th	5.00pm	<i>St Anne's</i>	<b>Carols by candlelight</b>	
		5.30pm	<i>St Anne's</i>	<b>'Midnight' Mass</b>	
					Margaret Fleming; the brady family
		<i>please do stop for a mince pie afterwards!</i>			
Monday	25th	8.00pm	<i>Corpus Christi</i>	<b>Carols by candlelight</b>	
		8.30pm	<i>Corpus Christi</i>	<b>'Midnight' Mass</b>	
					Special Intention; pro populo
Monday	25th	10.00am	<i>Corpus Christi</i>	Christina & Kazimir ; Fr Stephen	
Tuesday	26th	10.00am	<i>Corpus Christi</i>	All our altar servers	

### Second Collections

**This Weekend**  
M.S.F./ parish debt

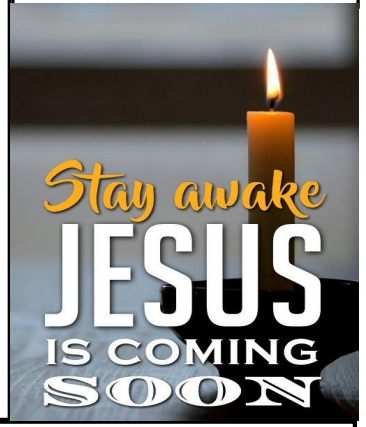
**Next Weekend**  
M.S.F./ parish debt

**Christmas Masses**  
your parish priest

### Extraordinary Ministers and Readers

16th/17th Dec  
5pm Marie Anne Bowell;  
*Caroline Ward.*  
9am Chuck McCaughley;  
*Jocelyn Gallen.*  
11am David/Patti;  
*Mary Pearson.*

23rd/24th/25th Dec  
*see separate sheet*



### 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**Responsorial Psalm**  
My soul rejoices in my God.

**Gospel Acclamation**  
**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me.  
He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor.  
**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

### Financial Matters

	Corpus Christi	St Anne's
<b>First Collection</b>		
Gift-Aided (+SOs)	£476.90	£178.00
Non Gift-Aided	<u>£180.12</u>	<u>£146.78</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>£657.02</b>	<b>£324.78</b>
<b>Second Collection</b>		
Poor parishes	£247.97	£140.24
<b>Thank you</b>		

### Be happy at all times; pray constantly; and for all things give thanks to God

Adding to St Pauls' 'to do' list: 1) receive the Spirit's healing today at Mass; 2) receive forgiveness for your sins this week at a Penitential Service; 3) do something for those less fortunate; 4) don't stress about presents for everyone - you're the best gift you can give to them.

**Safeguarding:** The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdiocesan policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives are Caroline Ward, Pat Timmons & Rosaria Petrucci. They can be contacted at: sg.ccandstanne.covty@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/ safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.

Dear Parishioners,

As we begin our last week of Advent, let's continue to try and focus on preparing for Christmas, above celebrating it prematurely; focusing on the spiritual more than the physical: stay awake! As Jesus keeps telling us.

Do not be afraid - and come up during Mass today for me to pray silently over you for a few seconds.

Do please dig deep and come to Confession, so as to receive absolution, healing and peace this week.

You are now welcome at either of our Christmas Carol Services, on Wednesday 6pm, at both our churches. Mince pies at St Anne's afterwards! There'll be mince pies etc after Christmas 'Midnight Mass' at St Anne's also, but not at Corpus Christi. Of course, that's because we haven't got the room; here's hoping this is the last Christmas we have to say that.

Please, please do remember the changed Mass schedule for next weekend: all the Masses have been changed for the weekend - either time or venue. Please do come for Sunday, and again for Christmas Day.

### **ALTAR SERVERS**

I need you, please, at weekend Masses, Christmas Eve Masses and Christmas Day Mass - not all of you, but between you. Parents, please get them to church Christmas Eve for 4.40pm at St Anne's; and 7.40pm for Corpus Christi.

This year, we'll also have our St Stephen's Day Mass, at 10am on 26th December, especially for servers at both churches - followed by bacon sandwiches and a present - so do turn up!

### **CONFIRMANDI**

No more sessions until 11th January, but could 12 of you help at the Carols by candlelight services? Six at each one? There's a poem to read during it, and it has six verses - one each, please see me after Mass today.

**JOURNEY IN FAITH** - also have a break until Thursday 11th January, 2024, at St Anne's.

This Thursday, 21st, at St Anne's, after 9.30am Mass in church, **Isaac invites you to celebrate his 1st birthday** with him. So many of you have prayed for him, and supported Sandhya and the family, in his difficult early life, that he wants to thank you with cake!

Both schools have been visiting elderly care homes to sing carols to them - it's been a beautiful thing. Well done! Corpus Christi also made parishioners very welcome on Wednesday, with some amazing singing and dancing, and with some very polite and friendly waiter service! There certainly could have been more parishioners turn up. I know plenty of you work; but plenty of you would have been free for that hour, but didn't come. There is nothing more important than our children, and this was such an easy way to encourage them. We did have a good number of volunteers at both churches to put the decorations up - thank you! Both churches look lovely now.

Also thank to Kevin, and then to Kyril and Andrey, our Ukrainian friends, with some advice from Dominic - together I think they have fixed the leaking roof at St Anne's, and for a lot less than it might have cost. Big thanks!

### **COMMUNITY CENTRE**

You may have seen the article in the Coventry Telegraph, or the online version, about the Community Centre. It got almost every detail wrong, but it was good to have a positive message going out to the city. Things are ticking along nicely now. We should have quotes in soon, and come to a final pricing by mid-January. By then we hopefully will have planning permission. It has been really encouraging that all three of our local Councillors have written letters of support for the centre. That should help both planning permission and grants. Oh, and we got our first 6 computers for Coventry Connect - and three dongles!

**READERS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** please be generous in responding to email request for 23rd-25th December, or let me know. Also, there's diary dates for you: Deanery Day for readers, 9.30am - 1pm, Sat 20th Jan, Christ the King. Deanery Day for Eucharistic Ministers, 9.30am - 1pm, Sat 9th March, Christ the King. Please put dates in your new diary!

Yours in Jesus and Mary,



### ***Prayer to St Michael***

*to protect the Church, our parish and our churches*

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.

