



CORPUS CHRISTI and ST. ANNE'S

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Saturday 6th - Sunday 14th January, 2024

		<u>EPIPHANY</u> B2		
Saturday	6th	5.00pm	Corpus Christi	Esther & Chris Cummiskey; Jim Fraser
Sunday	7th	9.00am	St Anne's	Angiolina Sciandro; pro populo
		11.00am	Corpus Christi	Fr Jesus Nogueiro
Monday	8th	10.00am	Corpus Christi	Fr Paul Lomas
BAPTISM OF OUR LORD				
Tuesday	9th	9.10am	St Anne's School	For all school staff
		6.00pm	Corpus Christi	Adoration & Benediction
		7.00pm	Corpus Christi	Mary Healy
Wednesday	10th	9.15am	Corpus Christi	Evelyn & Dennis Kenny
Thursday	11th	9.30am	St Anne's Church	Mrs Hatchadourian; Spyros Kareka
Friday	12th	9.25PM	St Anne's	Yvonne Young
		6.00pm	St Anne's	Adoration & Rosary
Saturday	13th	9.30am	St Anne's	Thanksgiving
<i>followed by adoration and Confessions until 10.30am</i>				
2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME B2				
Saturday	13th	5.00pm	Corpus Christi	Fitzgerald family; Walter & Kathleen Fearick
Sunday	14th	9.00am	St Anne's	Shaun & Ciaran Allsopp; Francesco Sciandro; people of the parish
		11.00am	Corpus Christi	Thanksgiving; Victoria Uche

Please pray for **Sabrina Pagliacci** 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
 M.S.F./ parish debt

Next Weekend
 Pax Christi

Extraordinary Ministers and Readers

Epiphany
 5pm Claire Reay;
Julie Martin.
 9am John Fallan;
Franklin Darko.
 11am John Teeling;
Chukwudi Malize.

14th January
 5pm Caroline Ward;
Pat Timmons.
 9am Seamus Brannigan;
John Fallan.
 11am Victoria Uche;
Mary Pearson.

EPIPHANY
Responsorial Psalm
 All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
 We saw his star as it rose
 and have come to do the Lord homage
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Financial Matters		
	Corpus Christi	St Anne's
First Collection		
Gift-Aided (+SOs)	£451.60	£191.29
Non Gift-Aided	<u>£220.55</u>	<u>£114.35</u>
Total	£672.15	£305.64
Second Collection		
M.S.F./ parish debt	£350.64	£195.20
<i>Crib collection is for Friends of the Holy Land</i>		

The sight of the star filled them with delight

What truly leads us to God fills us with delight. But that doesn't mean it's all plain sailing before or after. The journey of the Magi couldn't have been easy. They would have doubted their understanding of the star, especially when times were tough - maybe causing friction between them. Certainly, arriving at Jerusalem and finding they'd been so wrong about place, would have made them feel they'd been so wrong about it all. And then, they still have to be guided to not trust Herod, and then had to cope with the horror of the slaughter of the Holy Innocents, which was an outcome of their out-manoeuvring him. But, none of that changed the fact that the star filled them with delight - and finding the child Jesus and his mother Mary would have multiplied that joy ten times over.

The Magi are a good example to us in life. We need to remain filled with delight about the things that lead us to Christ. Even when it gets tough, tedious or scary. We will get things wrong in our understanding, but that doesn't make our basic understanding wrong. Following 'the stars' God gives us may lead to more suffering, not less. But it is better to journey in the Spirit, with struggles, suffering and some confusion, but with delight, joy and meaning - than to travel without him and just exist.

And of course, some very important things that lead us to God are each other. Trust God and take delight in each other.

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,

Since there wasn't a newsletter last week, can I repeat my thanks to all who made our Advent and Christmas services go so well. We had some amazingly inspirational services, helped by both churches looking so beautiful. Thanks all round! Today, the Epiphany, we begin Christmastide II, but it is the shortest possible season, as it finished tomorrow with the Baptism of the Lord. We have 10am Mass at Corpus Christi, Monday, to celebrate this great feast of the Lord - as that time produced a great turn out on New Year's Day.

Strictly speaking, you are asked not to take your decorations down until after the Baptism, but I'll let you off if you've kept them up till this weekend - but slapped wrists for anyone who has taken them down already. Christmas needs to be celebrated for at least 12 days!

Thanks also for your kindnesses to me, in cards, presents and generosity. Much appreciated. I did try and give a diary to all who help the parish in a particular way, but have failed - there's so many of you! So, if you do help, and didn't get a diary, I apologise.

Normal meetings start again - apologies for Thursday's Journey in Faith: I was still in holiday mode and thought we were restarting this week. Sorry. So...

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION This Thursday 11th January, 6-7.10pm, at St Anne's. Only two sessions to go. We have your Confirmation Cards to give you, to fill in for the Mass itself.

JOURNEY IN FAITH This Thursday, 11th, 7.45-9.00pm at Sacred Heart: Prayers & devotions: Liturgical Year.

FIRST CONFESSION AND HOLY COMMUNION Application forms and details are available at both churches - in the pouch on the notice board. Please do fill form in and **hand it in to me by Sunday 21st January**. Our first preparation session is Thursday 25th January, 6-7pm at Corpus Christi, for parent and child.

FINANCE COMMITTEE A reminder that our next meeting is Wed 17th January, 7pm, Corpus Christi Presbytery.

QUOTES AND GRANTS FOR CC COMMUNITY CENTRE We have sent all our grant applications off now. It looks like the first one hasn't been successful, but one of the others has suggested we ask them for the full £160,000 that we need, so that's bad news and good news. We won't hear from these remaining three until late March. In the meantime, this week and next week at the latest we are expecting all quotes to come in, so we should have a clear cost figure. Next Monday, I think, is the planning permission meeting at the Council. After we have full costings, we then have to quickly apply for permission from the diocese to spend such money. So, prayers please for all this. I'm confident all this renovation etc. is Our Lady's plan, so I'm quietly assured, but that doesn't mean we shouldn't pray!

Oh, by the way, we will have to severely cut the huge conifers in front of the centre before work starts - not only to avoid structural damage, but also so we can get internet to the centre.

READERS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS The Deanery Day for readers is in two weeks - 9.30am - 1pm, Sat 20th January, Christ the King. Fr Marco Egawhary and myself are giving the input. There's Mass and Holy Hour and soup and a sandwich provided. This really isn't optional - if you're a reader in our parish, the expectation is that you will come. The Deanery Day for Eucharistic Ministers is 9.30am - 1pm, Sat 9th March, also Christ the King. This fulfils the promise you made last Maundy Thursday, so please put the date in your new diary!

PARISH DAY RETREAT The Parish Council thought it would be good to have a parish day retreat. We have talked about pilgrimages - abroad to Rome, Lourdes or Fatima - or at home, maybe to Walsingham. But we thought we'd start smaller and build up if that's successful. So we've booked a day retreat to Mount St Bernard Abbey, near Leicester. It's on Saturday 14th September, 2024. More details to follow, but please make a note of it in your diary. It'd be great to be able to take a coach or two - and it is only an hour away.

PRAYER FOR PRIESTS Please do pray for a few priests in particular. Fr Paul Lomas, who served Atherstone in our deanery, Fr John Lungley and Fr Chris Greaney all died over the Christmas season. May they all rest in peace. Fr Michael Gamble has retired after so many years of faithful service at Bulkington. He has been a real inspiration in perseverance, coping so amazingly with his disability while faithfully serving for so long. Please pray for him as he adjusts to this new stage of his life. And belatedly, please do pray for Fr Des and Fr Sebastian who swapped parishes in Coventry, late last year.

Do remember 2024 is a **Year of Prayer** in preparation for the Jubilee Year of 2025 - focusing on the Our Father - happy to listen to any ideas how we could do this.

Yours in the Christ-child revealed to the wise men,



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.

