## **CORPUS CHRISTI and ST. ANNE'S**

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Saturday 24th February - Sunday 3rd March, 2024						Second Collections		
Saturday Sunday	24th 25th	5.00pm 9.00am 11.00am	2ND SUNDAY OF LENT Corpus Christi St Anne's Corpus Christi	orpus ChristiJames Cannon; Mary Careyt Anne'sThe Fallan family; pro populo		This Weekend CAFOD Next Weekend CC Community Centre/ SA parish debt		
Monday Tuesday Wednesday	26th 27th 28th	1.00pm 6.00pm 7.00pm 9.15am 6.30pm	no Mass St Anne's Corpus Christi Corpus Christi Corpus Christi Corpus Christi	Funeral Mass for Philip George Adoration & Benediction Holy Souls Mrs Hatchadorian & Spyros Kareka Stations of the Cross		<b>Extraordinary Ministers</b> and Readers 25th February 5pm Caroline Ward;		
ST DAVID Saturday	29th t March 2nd	followed b 8.25am 9.00am follo 9.30am 6.00pm 9.30am	I by 7-8pm Café course: the mystery of suffering   Corpus Christi 10 min min-Stations of the Cross   St Anne's school Yvonne Young   bllowed by Stations with Y5 & 6 Tony Kavanagh   St Anne's Tony Kavanagh   St Anne's Stations & Adoration			John Fallan. 11am Chukwudi Malize; <i>Candy Enamaku</i> . <b>3rd March</b> 5pm Marie Anne Bowell;		
Sт Снад Saturday Sunday	<u>3RD Sunday of Lent</u> B2 urday 2nd 5.00pm <i>Corpus Christi</i> Walter & Kathleen Fearick; Nancy & Derek Watkins; Gillespie family				Helen Ward. 9am John Fallan; Jocelyn Gallen. 11am John Teeling; Maria Bloodworth.			
Confessions after any Mass on request, especially Tuesday 7pm and Saturday 5pm								
2NDSUNDAY OF LENT Responsorial Psalm I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the Land of the living Gospel Acclamation Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard: 'This is my son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!					Ci First Collection Gift-Aided (+SOs) Non Gift-Aided Total Second Collection Community centre/ Parish debt			

## 'THE SPIRIT DROVE JESUS OUT INTO THE WILDERNESS FOR FORTY DAYS, AND HE WAS TEMPTED BY SATAN.'

"God himself will provide the lamb" of sacrifice. Powerful words from Abraham - and he couldn't even dreamed of how true or profound they were. God did indeed provide the lamb for Abraham to sacrifice - in place of Isaac, whom Abraham was willing to sacrifice in obedience to God. But this was pointing to a much greater fulfilment when God sent his only Son into the world to be the lamb of sacrifice in place of all of us. The depth of Abraham's obedience, in being willing to sacrifice his only son helps us understand the depth of God's love in really sacrificing his Son.

The disciples had to do two things to begin to understand this truth and mystery. They had to go up the mountain. And they had to have the light of Christ revealed to them. In Lent, we go up the mountain. If we strive to bear our difficulties in trust and love, we go up the mountain. And there, when we least expect it, Christ will reveal meaning, love and sacrifice to us in a way we never expected.

**Safeguarding**: The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses 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,

**LENT** I think we're properly into Lent now. We had some very spiritual Lenten services at both schools on Monday, and our various Stations of the Cross are ticking over nicely. Of course, they'd all benefit from a few more of you joining in - maybe this week. Remember, there's Stations, 6.30pm Wednesdays at Corpus Christi, followed by our CAFÉ course on the mystery of suffering, 7-8pm; 8.25am Thursday for 10 mins; and 6pm Friday at St Anne's.

The Infant and Junior my Day by Day are now at the back of church - they're free if you use them. And some more adult my Day by Day also - with just a few **Walk with Me** booklets left, both £1 each.

**Mass and Adoration** One of the easiest ways of finding time for more prayer is coming to weekday mass or adoration. Tuesday evening is an opportunity: adoration at 6pm, Benediction 6.40pm, and then Mass at 7pm.

**FIRST CONFESSION AND HOLY COMMUNION** 5th prep session, this Thursday, 29th, 6-7pm, Corpus Christi. First Confession itself is Thursday **14th** March, 6pm at Corpus Christi Church. Smart dress.

**JOURNEY IN FAITH** This Thursday, 29th Feb, 7.45 - 9.00pm at **Corpus Christi:** Intellect, will and emotions.

**CORPUS CHRISTI COMMUNITY CENTRE** Good news! The diocese has now given its approval. This means we have everything in place for our two grant applications, so we just have to wait for those two meetings now - I think we'll know how successful we've been in both by 20th. Then, God willing, we can start work the end of April. We've still got our three things to do:

1) There's an appeal at the end of Mass today - for raising money to pay for the Centre or to pay off the parish debt. Please listen, and if at all able, be generous in playing your part. We need to raise £15,000 at Corpus Christi and £8,000 at St Anne's. Attached to the newsletter is a Gift Aid form and a Standing Order form. You could go for both! Or one of them. Or make a one-off donation, or fundraise, or give £5 more to the second collect when it's for these purposes. Please have a think.

Our Easter Raffle is starting today - £1 a strip, lots of prizes. Both churches are joining forces this year - and sharing the profits.

People have started handing their **pledges** in - thank you: we're up to £2,250 so far. Please put money or cheque in an envelope with your name and the amount on - or pay straight into the parish Account: RCA of Bham Corpus Christi, 56-00-45; 81100078.

2) Those who are helping with furnishings, or colour schemes and decoration, or with the management committee side of things, please continue to do your stuff. Our next joint meeting is 12 noon on Saturday 16th March, in the Fr Tuite Room.

3) The demolition team are still making good progress, and we are getting very efficient at 'skipping' the debris on Saturday mornings at 11am. Please help with this next Saturday, 2nd March - that might be the last one needed - we'll see.

**DECEASED PARISHIONERS** Please pray for all those who have died recently, including Philip George (Funeral, St Anne's, Tuesday 27th February, 1pm) Margaret Breedon (St Anne's, Wed 6th 5pm Reception; Thursday 7th 11.30am Funeral), Maureen Crawley (Corpus Christi, Thursday 7th, 5pm Reception; Friday 9.45am Funeral) and Ashley Ferrie (Corpus Christi, Wed 13th, 10.30am Funeral). May they all rest in peace, and the Lord be with their families.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER, 1ST MARCH, 2024**, 7pm for 7.30pm, at Baginton Road United Reform Church, praying for Palestine. wwdp.org.uk

**GOOD NEIGHBOURS VOLUNTEERING SESSION, WED 6TH MARCH**, Tuite Room, 10.15am. This is for anyone who would be interested in visiting a housebound person every week or fortnight. You'll be given all the training and guidance you need. Several parishioners already help out - and really get a lot out of it themselves. Give it a go.

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS' HALF DAY OF RECOLLECTION, SATURDAY 9TH MARCH,** Christ the King, 9.30am Mass - 1pm - you know the format by now!

**MULTICULTURAL QUIZ SATURDAY 23RD MARCH,** in Sacred Heart Church Hall. Quiz starts 7.30pm, £2 per person. There will be different rounds reflecting the heritage of various different ethnic groups. Food and teas/coffees available to purchase on the night. Raffle on the night as well. Everyone welcome

Yours in Jesus and Mary,

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**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.

